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## Quick Facts

- Rockin' for Nicaragua begins at 7:30 p.m. in Tillman Auditorium. It is a cultural event.
- Tickets are \$2.
- Associate professors Ginger Williams and Wendy Campbell will team-teach a class about the history and environment in Nicaragua this spring.

ROCK HILL, S.C. — In 2007, Winthrop University [Associate Professor of History Ginger Williams](#) and several students traveled to **Rocha, Nicaragua**, on an international service-learning trip. While they dug for artifacts and planted gardens, they decided they wanted to give back to the community.

[The Rocha Nicaragua Project](#) was born. Over the years, students and faculty have returned to Nicaragua and planted community gardens, provided a dental clinic, reconstructed roads and taught English lessons. In addition, the groups raised money to construct a one-room school for the community.

The service-learning continues Oct. 2 with [Rockin' for Rocha](#), a benefit concert that will raise money for the project. Tickets are \$2. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in [Tillman Auditorium](#). It is a cultural event.

**Kelsey Timmerman**, author of the 2012 Common Book "[Where Am I Wearing?](#)" will make an appearance.

As the project continues, several goals still remain: advancing education, reducing poverty and helping Rocha become a sustainable community. In the winter 2012 term, Williams will take students on a trip to the area, planned for late December or early January. In the spring, she and [Associate Professor of Social Work Wendy Campbell](#) will team-teach a course on the history and environment of Nicaragua, entitled **PEAC 550/ HIST 550: International Service learning in Nicaragua**.

For more information on the concert contact Breanne Karow at 770/789-6331. For information on the **Rocha Nicaraguaproject**, contact Ginger Williams at 803/323-4680 or e-mail her at [williamsv@winthrop.edu](mailto:williamsv@winthrop.edu).

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