

## **ENCHS Students Return Triumphant from a Week of Volunteering in Nicaragua**

East Harlem, New York – On November 11th, 2007 twenty low-income high school students and 3 adult chaperones from the Emily N. Carey Harbor School in East Harlem return home to Harlem from a life-changing journey in Guanacastillo, Nicaragua. Guanacastillo is a small rural community located in the outskirts of Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. Most of its 1500 residents work in nearby garment factories, also called maquiladoras and live on an average of \$2 a day. On Sunday, students returned triumphant from a week of building houses, enhancing their understanding of the global community and perhaps a little soul searching and fun.



Founder and Head of School, Mr. Hans E. Hageman accompanied the students during this trip. Mr. Hageman co-founded the East Harlem School at Exodus House, and is also co-founder of the Sulaxmi School for Girls in Lucknow, India. In 2005 he founded The Emily N. Carey Harbor School (ENCHS) at Boys and Girls Harbor Inc. The Mission of the Emily N. Carey Harbor School is to prepare teenagers from underserved communities for success in college and life. We seek students of diverse abilities who have the desire and seek the preparation to make a difference in the world.

Over the past two years, ENCHS students led an environmental clean up project in Ghana and built microgardens for Aids patients in Senegal. Locally, they have completed survival trips in the Utah Desert and Alaska. The international service travel is one way the school inspires students to become lifelong learners with strong moral and ethical values.