University Briefs: Items sought for donation

MENOMONIE — If you have toys, sporting goods, stuffed animals or arts and crafts supplies to spare, a group of UW-Stout students would love to have them.

The Stout Pre-Health Society is collecting those items to send to needy children in Nicaragua.

Items should be either new or gently used. They can be put in drop-off boxes on both floors of the UW-Stout Memorial Student Center through Wednesday.

Students in the group developed a Nicaraguan connection in January when 10 of them traveled to the impoverished country in Central America as part of the Physiology of Disabilities course taught by biology Professor Ann Parsons. They visited hospitals and clinics to volunteer and observe, donated medical supplies and taught general health to residents at the headquarters of Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas. They also donated toys and crafts to children.