

# Airline Ambassadors



*"Caring and Sharing for Each Other & The Earth"*

## TWO MILLION BY 2000



THE PRESIDENTS' SUMMIT  
FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE  
MENTOR PROTECT NURTURE TEACH SERVE

Four U.S. Presidents and many other national leaders met in Philadelphia for the "President's Summit on America's Future" April 26th through the 28th.

The conference brought the nation's leaders together to promote volunteerism in America.

Seven Airline Ambassadors were among the volunteers ushering summit leaders to the conference's opening ceremony at Freedom Hall.

The Summit, led by Colin Powell, proved to be a ground swell of corporate volunteerism.

More than three-thousand people from all 50 states addressed issues facing the nation's youth, in hopes of rescuing "at-risk" kids.

Help plans included an increase in mentoring, tutoring and other citizen services that bring caring adults into the lives of children.

The goal of the Summit is to reach two million kids by the Year 2000.



*Kathy Johnson, Robin Riley, Stephanie Shur,  
Mike Albers, Ande Roth and Eileen Hudnall*

## Youth Art Competition

Each year Airline Ambassadors co-sponsors a youth art competition on a global issue. Many Airline Ambassadors promoted this years competition - Food for All to school children throughout the nation and had a very rewarding experience. We have just signed an agreement with the World Tourism Organization to base the 1998 competition on "Traveling to Make a Difference". We hope many Airline Ambassadors will get involved promoting the competition to local schools. Mr. Francesco Frangialli, Director of the World Tourism Organization will be at our Roundtable.

## FOUNDER OF AIRLINE AMBASSADOR TIES THE KNOT

Taking a break from the Summit Activities, 4 Airline Ambassadors headed- over to the Church of the Holy City in Washington, D.C., where they were joined by 8 others to attend the wedding of the founder of Airline Ambassadors. The bride, Nancy Larson married her groom, David Rivard, on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony included a song composed for them by Franko Richmond.

Congratulations to the happy couple.



*Airline Ambassadors*



*Couple*

## ESCORT THE KIDS

Airline Ambassador escorts continue to reach around the globe to help kids in need.

The volunteers accompany young orphans and ill children as they wing their way to new homes and advanced care facilities from all over the world.

Dedicated escorts took 82 rescue trips last year.

People like Judy Haggett, an American Airlines captain's wife, who not only headed to London to pick up a sick child, but stayed an extra day when visa problems held up the girl in London.

Eventually the young Romanian girl cleared customs and made it safely to the U.S. with Haggett in time for heart surgery.

Seattle's Barbara Garcia filled a foster home in Cali full of Christmas presents, clothes and toiletries in December.

Garcia heard there was a nun in that city who gave shelter to 14 street kids.

The concerned ambassador arranged for flight attendant Mike Gottsche to deliver the packages in time for the holidays.

Many ambassadors helped the program by donating American Airlines tickets to escorts in 1996.

The group has many more trips ahead in 1997, mostly organized through the "Healing the Children" organization.

To be an escort or coordinator call Margaret Whitehead at (770) 487-9212 for more information.



*Escorts Myra Emreck and Nancy Larson with Maria Jose after heart surgery*

*Tourism is the largest industry in the world, surpassing auto, steel, petroleum and weaponry. By the year 2010, it is expected there will be a million travelers in the air each day! It has a great potential to positively or negatively impact the global environment. Join the Sustainable Travel Caucus launched by this Roundtable and help develop formal recommendations for the Sixth Session of the CSD. Sponsored by Airline Ambassadors International.*

## FOOD FOR ALL

Hunger is a deadly problem that continues to plague many peoples' lives around the world. At United Nations Headquarters in New York, the "Food For All" program is in place.

In February, several Airline Ambassadors looked on as Spanish Ambassador Carlos Westendorp and actress/model Lauren Hutton announced a new world-wide competition to raise hunger awareness.

The contest invites school kids to draw posters and write essays on hunger. Teachers are encouraged to create new classroom programs, using the theme: "The right to food: creating a hunger-free world in the new millennium."

Deadline for the contest is July 1st, 1997. So get those entries in fast. For more information call Airline Ambassadors at 202-872-9390.



*Nancy Larson, Sharrye Moore, Lauren Hutton and Stephanie Shurr*

## CLOSE TO HOME

Sometimes ambassadors don't have to travel far to lend a helping hand. San Francisco ambassadors spent May 3rd in Fremont, California, brightening the lives of abused and neglected children.

The group grabbed paint brushes and gardening tools and used them to beautify a Rubicon Home. The Rubicon Children's Center operates five homes for kids in need.

The Ambassadors organized a group of local volunteers and collected donations for supplies. Kelly-Moore Paint in Fremont sent over some cans of paint. Four Winds Growers donated

some fruit trees for the kids' yard. Local delis supplied a picnic for the workers.

By the end of the day, the volunteers had the home in picture-perfect condition.



*Airline Ambassador  
Elizabeth Donovan*



*Local Volunteers*

## HUMANITARIAN AID



*Dexter Sullivan, Stanford's Lucille  
Packard Children's Hospital & Ande  
Roth Humanitarian Aid Director*



*Linda Gwyn Chicago Regional  
Director and Orphan*

Boxes filled with medical supplies continue to make it to places where advanced medical care is rare.

In January, volunteers sent at least ten boxes of sterilized syringes, neo-natal items, centrifuges, rubber gloves, medicine and clothes to a burn unit and orphanage in LaPaz, Bolivia.

In February, Ambassador Nancy Berg had to do some investigating after arriving in Guatemala.

Berg had two boxes of supplies to deliver to an assigned hospital, but that hospital could not be found!

Rather than giving up, Berg located an alternative hospital nearby that also needed the supplies.

Ambassadors have delivered a new resource to the kids of the Fraternite Notre Dame orphanage in Haiti.

The kids now have their hands on a new computer.

The orphanage was the site of the 1996 Airline Ambassador Christmas Party.

Another shipment of supplies is scheduled to be sent to Mexico City in the coming weeks, with the help of coordinator Ande Roth from Stanford Hospital.

If you'd like to arrange a donation from your local hospitals, or help to deliver supplies to those in need, call Ande Roth at (415) 854-5252 for more information.

## INAUGURATION WEEKEND

It was an exciting weekend in Washington, D.C. as Airline Ambassadors welcomed in the last president of the 20th century. More than 20 ambassadors served as volunteer security agents and hosts at five of the eight official Presidential Balls and at the Inaugural Gala for President Bill Clinton.

The parties lasted until dawn.

After working (and dancing) all night, tired but happy volunteers headed straight for the airport to catch the only available standby flights home.



*Mr. & Mrs. Scwartzie Robin Riley - Kathy Johnson -  
Stephaine Abernathy - Barry Sultanoff*

## *Airline Ambassadors address the issue of responsible tourism at the United Nation's, June 24, 1997.*

Travel and tourism is one of the only industries identified in Agenda 21 as having the potential to make a positive contribution to a healthier planet. Tourism is the world's largest industry and is expected to triple in size in the next 25 years - reaching 5 million international tourists per day. The Airline Ambassadors have come to the United Nations to help assure that tourism development is directed toward sustainability. HOW ARE THEY DOING THIS?

The Sustainable Tourism Caucus will meet 3 times prior to the June 1998, "Earth Summit II," where they will present the recommendations from all sectors of the sustainable tourism industry - private. NGO public - to the Government leaders attending "Earth Summit II."

## THINGS TO COME

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| June 11-27       | Earth Summit II - at United Nations<br>contact Alex Wahl (212) 633-1866            |
| June 24          | Roundtable Airline Ambassadors<br>on sustainable tourism                           |
| July 26, 27, 28  | Guatemala-Paint A Playroom<br>contact DeAnne Craig (817) 275-2561                  |
| August 12        | Airline Ambassador Executive Meeting-Atlanta<br>contact Lynda Gwynn (770) 424-6065 |
| September 26, 27 | Native American Event-Washington, D.C.<br>contact Robin Riely (619) 569-5093       |

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