

# Airline Ambassadors

Helping Children in Need  
At Home and Abroad

Spring 2000

*"I slept and dreamt  
that life was joy,  
I awoke and found  
that life was service,  
I acted and behold,  
service was joy!"*

*Rabindaranth Tagore*

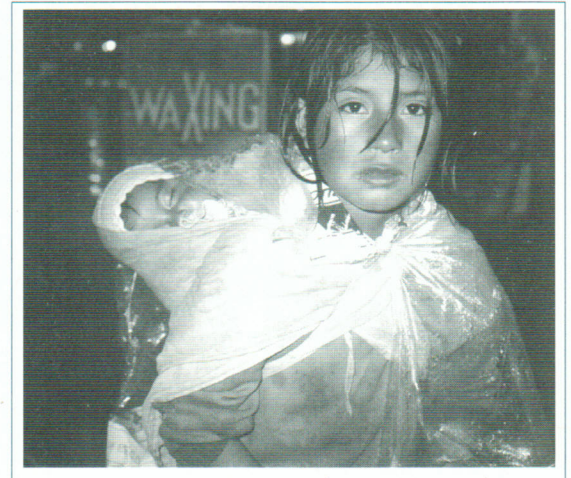
## **Service is Joy!**

There are angels of mercy flying around the world bringing comfort and joy to children in need. No one can measure the joy of helping an orphan, of returning a child home after successful medical treatment, of giving food to the hungry, or a blanket to the cold....but it is there – undeniable and unparalleled. The delight of these small miracles is the spirit that drives Airline Ambassadors. Thank you to all of you who have supported us. May you live with your heart wide open and eyes full of wonder, with a smile on your face and hands that reach out to those in need.

## **Disaster Relief in Ecuador**

Airline Ambassadors hand delivered hundreds of boxes, over 2,000 pounds, of medicine, medical supplies, blankets and emergency supplies to help those made homeless by torrential downpours in the capital city of Ecuador. NBC sent a TV camera and local media covered the story of two AAI teams who responded to a call for help from the Mayor of Quito. The Mayor's wife and the First Lady of Ecuador met with the group and applauded our work.

Linda Gwynn and Maria Harrison led 14 volunteers on back-to-back missions delivering emergency supplies and providing medical treatment for more than 200 people (thanks to Dr. Mike Tolle, Joanna Truelson and Cameron Gray). They hosted Easter parties for orphans, cheered children in shelters and hospitals (with face painting and gifts), involved school children writing letters to their peers in the US and visited the dump site near Quito which is home to hundreds. Residents live in cardboard boxes and meals are cooked by lighting methane gas that seeps from the ground. Airline Ambassadors contributed money to create a small store on the site that will sell items for a few pennies and will also serve as a medical and educational facility (thanks to the efforts of Penny Rambacher). They also planned for a medical visit here in August.



*Airline Ambassadors brings aid to flood victims in Quito*



*First Lady of Equador thank's Airline Ambassadors team for helping the sick in her country*

**22 Humanitarian  
Missions to 14  
Countries.**

**Children's  
Escorts**

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# Humanitarian Aid Missions

AAI's humanitarian aid missions provide substantive aid to children-in-need. We coordinate two to five missions per month that supply medical and dental care, medical and first aid supplies, baby supplies, clothing, school supplies, sports equipment and toys. These missions also provide our members the opportunity to travel and make a difference in the world. We are reporting on 22 recent missions, and we encourage you to join us on a "Journey of the Heart".

## Brazil

Thank you to American Airlines which shipped 1,300 pounds of school supplies from Toronto to Rio de Janeiro enabling 925 Brazilian children to attend school! The supplies were collected by a Toronto non-profit called *Free the Children*. The founder, Craig Kielburger, was 12 years old when he read an article about a boy his age in Pakistan who had been killed for speaking out on child labor. Craig traveled to Pakistan himself to see what his counterparts were experiencing. AAI is committed to helping his efforts to protect children. You may have seen Craig on 20/20 or the Oprah Show.

## Costa Rica

Glenda Johnson led this delightful mission to Costa Rica. The team visited two orphanages, two schools and a clinic delivering clothing and toys, school supplies and first aid. Annette Gardiner and Patrice Mariano coordinated student participation in the AAI 2000 art competition. Congratulations to 7 year old Anthony Conejo Solauo who produced the winning local entry. The team also identified a need for a medical mission to treat Nicaraguans in Costa Rica (Jan – June) during sugar cane planting.

## Ecuador

Penny Rambacher was deeply moved to learn of the desperate situation of children living in a local dump on her layovers in Quito. She coordinated a remarkable relay effort utilizing daily flight crews with Quito layovers. Flight crews "check out" a box of

donations (clothes, blankets, school supplies or linens) in Miami operations and carry that box to their layover hotel in Quito. There they leave it to be "checked out" by organizations we are assisting in Ecuador. Many thanks to Ana Burke Leon in Miami and the manager of the Hilton Hotel, Mr. Sebastiao Nunez for donating a storage room for these efforts and for providing rooms for the recent humanitarian teams.

## El Salvador

Kathy Savage led two trips to El Salvador to revisit the children we have grown to love. The first team brought boxes of shoes, clothes, wheelchairs, Beanie Babies and videos for children at Hogar Infantil and met with officials of Blooms Hospital to conduct a general needs assessment. Bibiana Velarde accompanied the group to



*Noreen Rambacher gives a Hershey Kiss to a boy living at a dump in Quito*



*Kathy Savage at Blooms Hospital in El Salvador*

participation of 500 children from the orphanage in our annual AAI Youth Art Competition, "Ideas for Peace". The AAI team brought art supplies for the competition and the kids participated eagerly, creating posters and slogans on the theme of peace and non-violence. Some of these children will be selected to visit the UN in New York.

## Guatemala

Barb Brown led missions to Guatemala in February and May delivering wheelchairs, school supplies, medical supplies, warm blankets and much needed raingear to three facilities and thousands of children. You may

finalize paperwork and to visit baby "Maritza" who she met at the AAI Christmas party last December. She had always wanted to be a mother, and when she saw little Maritza in the orphanage her heart melted. Congratulations to Bibiana and her husband Orlando who will take their little girl home in June.

On the second trip, Kathy coordinated the

have seen her at the airport selling Guatemalan jewelry or coffee (all proceeds go back to help the local people). Her own passion to help is infectious and she is becoming well known in Guatemala. The April issue of "Revue," a Guatemalan English magazine features her efforts.



*Guatemalan girl with new boots*

In February she was joined by youth ambassador Kori Smith. The two attended Spanish classes each morning and dedicated afternoons and weekends to delivering supplies to Transitions Disability Association, Zargossa Orphanage and Jospice San Jose. They also visited Vamos Adelante, a project run by former Pan Am

flight attendant, Nina Jorgensen. They learned that in the spring rainy season, roads are wiped out and most children will not make the trek to school because they have no shoes to walk through the mud. Barb decided to help and in May returned with boxes of raingear, shoes, clothing and basic medical supplies to 1,000 children living in the very poor rural communities of the project. More people are needed to bring supplies to Guatemala on a regular basis. For information contact Barb Brown at 831-394-6353 or [bbrown830@aol.com](mailto:bbrown830@aol.com).

## Haiti

Glenda Johnson led a team of 26 volunteers on a dramatic mission to Haiti in January. Haitian TV cameras met them on arrival and their efforts were featured in the local press. They gave "Christmas in January" to orphans at Mother Theresa's, Sister-Sister's and Eden Orphanage in a rewarding few days of gift giving, clowning, music and dancing. The team then continued to the remote mountain community of Jaumpas where they conducted a medical and dental clinic in a church and refurbished a local school. A doctor, nurse, dentist and hygentist joined the trip and were able to see hundreds of patients. The village has no clinic of its own, and this was the first time many had received dental care - 350 teeth were pulled in two days. Volunteers helped the doctors, painted and refurbished a local

elementary school and entertained the villagers (Many thanks to Beach Clown and the Clown Doctors.) Thanks to the dedication of Marline Olivier and Glenda Johnson - many lives have been improved and some saved in this village. One lady even named her newborn after Glenda!



*Beach Clown entertained children waiting for the doctor.*

William Dise led another mission to Haiti to assist the Mercy & Sharing Foundation and brought thousands of pounds of food, diapers and orphanage supplies for facilities run by Susie Kraybacher. A Colorado TV team followed the crew. William then arranged for American Airlines to donate A WHOLE 757 AIRPLANE to deliver aid to Mercy & Sharing and AAI orphanages in early June! Story next newsletter.

## India

Thank you to Judy Ferrell who used her vacation time to escort feeder chairs and supplies to Airline Ambassador Rosalie Giffoniello at Mother Theresa's facility in Calcutta. A year ago Rosalie quit her job as a physical therapist in Philadelphia, gave away her possessions and went India to help the children. She has been called a "Mother Theresa" herself. You can help by writing, visiting and bringing supplies to her at the Daya Dan Orphanage for handicapped children. AAI volunteers can stay guest house nearby



*Rosalie and Deepak playing together*

for \$10 per night. Escorts are also needed to deliver supplies to Calcutta and to New York. Rosalie would love to receive mail. You can send postcards to: Rosalie Giffoniello @ Daya Dan Missionaries of Charity, 58/1 Nimtalla Ghat St., Calcutta 700 006 India or email her at giffoniello@hotmail.com.

John Melnychuk traveled to Bombay in January and handed out donations to those in need while consulting with our Asia Pacific Director, Air India Flight Attendant, Nishikant Wahgmare. Volunteers are needed to escort medical supplies to Bombay and Delhi.

## Jamaica

Sharrye Moore led a mission to Jamaica in March delivering gifts, supplies, aid and joy to hundreds of institutionalized children at Bustamonte Children's Hospital, Marigold Day Care Center, Maxfields Children's Home and Mustard Seed Community.

Thank you also to Wendy Gadd and Todd Johnson who both traveled on their own to help Mustard Seed.



Sharrye Moore & AAI team with Jamaican children

In January Wendy brought ceiling fans, pampers, wheelchairs, soft toys, cookies and candies to delighted children and in May, Todd arranged the installation

of a hot water system for the new ward for HIV children. Moved by the need for cleanliness, Todd and his brother, Jay coordinated donations and designed and installed a system to provide clean and hot water to the facility. Thank you Todd and Jay!

## Mozambique

Bravo to Ken Keys of Missions Unlimited who could not sleep when he received an email from his colleague near Mozambique. Catastrophic flooding had left thousands homeless and babies were dying daily without food or clean water. In a heroic effort,



Ken Keys with 20,000 lbs of humanitarian supplies ready for shipment

Ken worked all of his contacts to help. He identified water purification equipment from Samaritan's Purse, baby food from Feed the Children, as well as medical packs, baby bottles, blankets and diapers. When American Airlines agreed to fly the emergency shipment Ken coordinated a volunteer team who worked night and day to prepare almost 20,000 pounds for shipment. Many thanks to Glenda Johnson of DFW Cargo who helped arrange the transport (adding AAI donations of diapers, blankets, Beanie Babies) and to American Airlines, British Airlines and the Oneworld Alliance for their heroic contribution to ease suffering and save lives in Mozambique.

## Mexico

Erin Isebrands of Northwest Airlines (NWA) honored Mayor Marcelino "Chuc" Matos with the Airline Ambassadors Sustainable Tourism Award for the Year 2000 to acknowledge his work in establishing the first ecological port in the Mexican Caribbean. The AAI team also brought donations of school supplies and invited local students to participate in our 2000 art competition "Ideas for Peace." Julia Morton Marr joined the group and surveyed the Peace Garden planted two years ago with her inspiration. They also delivered seeds, shoes, clothes and school supplies to the Cozumel Chrysalis project, helping local students. Many thanks to NWA ground staff in Minneapolis and Cancun.



Erin Isebrands presents the Mayor the AAI award for "Sustainable Tourism".

## Nepal

Namaste to Erica Reed who led a group of 15 volunteers to Nepal and on an unforgettable trek into the Himalayas delivering medical supplies to remote clinics. In Katmandhu they delivered school supplies to 70 children at Child Haven Orphanage where Deborah Quigley delighted the little ones with mask making! They learned by coincidence of the Nepal Children's Welfare Center and arranged a special visit to deliver aid. The darling children met them laden with flower malas to place over the necks of their new Airline Ambassador friends. Many thanks to David Jose who arranged to purchase warm blankets for each child and made a large donation for the purchase of medical supplies for delivery on each of six stops on the trek.



Supplies were delivered to Tibetan refugee centers in Pokhara and remote villages in the Anapurna region where some clinic shelves were bare. Responding

to a plea for help from a desperate father, the AAI team arranged for transport of a five month old baby with severe burns to a hospital in Pokhara. Erica and Cathy Pyke visited the baby after the trek and she was recovering well. *"It was the best trip of my life"* said Erica.

## Peru

Thank you to American Airlines which shipped 1,300 pounds of school and health "kits" to Lima, Peru for distribution to children-in-need. The "school kits" each include a notebook, pencils, ruler, pencil sharpener, eraser, construction paper, scissors and a ball. The "health kits" each include a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, nail clipper, hand towel, washcloth and comb. *Free the Children* organization in Toronto coordinated the donation. We need trip leaders to coordinate AAI missions to help their projects in Peru, India and Nicaragua. Call the AAI office at 415-398-7100 if interested.

## Turkey - "Cruise for a Cause"

260 passengers aboard the Peace Boat sailed from Athens to Istanbul with relief supplies for Turkish earthquake victims. Coordinator Andreas Larentzakis, Australian Director of AAI, is also the Managing Director for Kompas Holidays. Thank you



*Gail Lima delivers teddy bears to Turkish refugees.*

Andreas for providing a real example of your vision that *Travel Promotes Peace*. A team of Airline Ambassadors joined the cruise and assisted in delivering the supplies to refugees still living in tent cities. Gloria Reid, AAI's National Coordinator, presented at a press conference and to cruise participants at a special evening concert coordinated by AAI members. Gail Lima acted as hostess and Franko Richmond, entertained the participants on the piano. They coordinated heartfelt renditions of their original children's theme song *"The Time Has Come"* with cruise participants and with Turkish children still living in tent cities.

## US - South Dakota

*"As we drove through the vast rolling hills of grassland, echoes of the past surrounded us. We were entering the land of the Sioux, of Crazy Horse and Chief Sitting Bull."* began an email from Kathy Coffman, coordinator for this trip to Pine Ridge



*5th grade class of Little Wound Elementary on the Lakota Sioux Reservation*

Indian Reservation. The team delivered blankets, clothing and school supplies and visited the Little Wound Elementary School, inviting the class to correspond with students in Michigan. The

children were shy at first, but Polaroid pictures broke the ice and they eagerly agreed to participate. The AAI team attended a dinner at the school and a real Indian Pow Wow. The experience was humanitarian but also a chance for cultural exchange. Many thanks to American Airlines for blanket donations and to Northwest Airlines for shipment to South Dakota. Fifty boxes of clothes and 380 blankets were delivered. *"Being on the Rez was a magical experience, I will never forget,"* Kathy said.

## Venezuela

Armed with shovels and pickaxes, AAI volunteers stood with Jose Estevez and half a dozen neighbors at the door of what used to be his home and contemplated the dried mud and debris that filled the building to the ceiling. With a shrug he called out *"Let's go folks,"* and began to dig. January brought the worst natural disaster in modern Venezuelan history, a 25 mile strip of Caribbean coast just north of Caracas was inundated by floods and mudslides. But government relief was slow in arriving, so AAI sent a mission to help. Many thanks to Glenda Johnson and Ken Keys of Missions Unlimited who led the mission to deliver assistance within a week of the airport opening.



*AAI members deliver American Airlines blankets in Venezuela.*

# Children's Escort Program

AAI members who work for airlines use their flight privileges and tickets donated by their airlines to escort children who need medical care not available in their home country and orphans to new homes. Margaret Whitehead, Director of the Children's Escort Program, arranges about 15 escorts every month. Contact her at [Tomar269@cs.com](mailto:Tomar269@cs.com).

## Letter from Margaret Whitehead

The new year promises to be the busiest one yet for our Children's Escort Program, with 76 kids being escorted either for medical care or to their adoptive parents just in the first five months. For me, it has been an especially exciting time, as we used escorts from American, Northwest and Delta Airlines. On one trip, Brenda Smith, a Delta reservations agent, brought a baby from Savannah to Atlanta, then handed her to Liz Wilson, a retired AA employee for the remainder of her trip to her adoptive parents in Seattle. Also, we began using the Northwest Airlines Kid Cares Program when NW flight attendant Nancy Harness

brought Maria from Tegucigalpa to Richmond where she would have surgery that would enable her to walk normally.

These next few months will bring many more Latin American escorts plus those to Russia, Romania, Uzbekistan, Frankfurt and Dubai, to name a few. Please let me know your availability ahead of time and I will ensure you will be the first called when we have a trip that fits your time schedule. You can email me at [Tomar269@cs.com](mailto:Tomar269@cs.com).

Many thanks to Paula Latshaw and Masako Fett who have helped me and all those who have volunteered with the escort program. You were a very



Linda Gwynn escorting five year old Stevens home to Haiti after successful surgery.

important link in the healing chain for a child in need. For those of you who played stork and presented a precious little newborn baby to very excited adoptive parents, can you imagine anything more exciting and rewarding?

## Cathy Orten

Seated on the plane next to me is Levi, a 6 year old boy from the lush Caribbean Island nation of St. Lucia. Levi was born with cataracts, which had severely limited his eyesight and prevented him from fully appreciating the beauty of his homeland. As an Airline Ambassador I was privileged to accompany Levi to Richmond, Virginia where he obtained a sight restoring surgical procedure unavailable to him in St. Lucia. On the way to Virginia, Levi pulled down the window shade because the light hurt his eyes and he could not see beyond the wingtip anyway. Today, I am blessed with the opportunity to accompany him back home to be reunited with his family after a successful operation. I notice that now Levi is gazing out the window. "What

do you see?" I ask him "I can see the world!" he replies with joy. My heart is warm, and even though my sight has always been perfect, I think I see the world better now too.



Cathy Orten, returns Levi to his family in St. Lucia.



Lucy White and Belisa Wing, with baby Shaina and baby Alexis

# Youth Programs

*Airline Ambassadors involves United States school children in its projects. Members periodically visit U.S. schools to teach students about AAI's work and children-in-need abroad. They show videos of AAI missions and explain how the students can make a difference in the lives of these children. After these presentations, hundreds of U.S. students have joined AAI's work by obtaining donations of supplies by raising funds to purchase aid and by writing letters to their counterparts abroad. Dozens of students have personally participated in AAI missions, and have hand-delivered this aid directly to the children who will benefit. Their experiences have often been life changing.*



*Kori Smith painted this mural at Shepard of the Hills Orphanage in the Philippines.*

## Kori Smith

Kori Smith just turned 17, but she has participated on nine Airline Ambassadors missions that have dramatically changed her perspective. Kori heard about AAI through her dad who is a pilot for American Airlines when she was 15. She promptly joined the August 1998 mission to Brazil as a "youth ambassador." Since then she has delivered supplies, helped orphans and doctors and painted murals on missions to the Philippines, Haiti, Jamaica, Colombia and Guatemala. She has spoken on radio and TV and was recognized at the U.S. Congress for our Youth Art Competition. Kori agreed to serve as an AAI Youth Advisor along

with Natalie Alhonte. She and Natalie have co-founded their own organization "Teens for Humanity" which has raised hundreds of dollars to help children-in-need in other countries, and co-led several missions for youth ambassadors.

*The teenagers we've inspired are spending the money they've saved for car stereos and new clothes on plane tickets and supplies to give service. My experiences have helped me to know the world situation and made it easier not just to turn my head away. They have also made me grateful for the country I live in and the things so many take for granted - a wonderful and caring family, medical care and the privilege of attending school.*

## Thailand

Dr. Nina Lynn Meyerhoff and Chava Golden represented Airline Ambassadors at the Maha Cetiya Youth Conference in Thailand on February 19th. There were over 3,000 monks and 100,000 lay people in attendance and the Buddhist Foundation honored the establishment



of a Culture of Peace advocated by the United Nations. More than 2 million Thailand youth participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> Ethics Quiz Contest. AAI sponsored one of the awards and Nina and Chava presented it to the delighted students.

## Travel for Peace

Thank you to Edith Bramerie for facilitating a youth exchange between students in France and the US. She arranged for French students from Prema Association, who had designed art sculptures of huge wooden birds, to display their



*Airline Ambassadors with Mrs. Kofi Annan at the United Nations Gardens.*

artwork at the United Nations Gardens. The Association Cultural Francophone (ACF) co-sponsored a press conference and student presentation of music and poetry around the theme "travel for peace." The wife of the Secretary General, Mrs. Kofi Annan, cut the ribbon to unveil the student's sculptures.

The students then spent the week sharing with their counterparts at Harlem's Wadleigh High School. The Wadleigh students plan to complete the cultural exchange in July when they meet their French friends in the south of France representing the USA at the World Festival for Children, a gathering of 2,000 youth delegates from around the globe sponsored by UNESCO and the Trinational Association.

## 2000 Youth Art Competition

Students and teachers throughout the world are encouraged to participate in our annual Year 2000 Annual Art competition "Ideas for Peace." Posters should be designed on the theme of building a culture of peace and non-violence and include an allegorical slogan. Paints, crayons, pastels or any medium can be used and computerized drawings are accepted as well. Winners will receive the Peace and Cooperation School Award 2000 and airline tickets to the award ceremony in Madrid. Send entries to AAI Headquarters, World Trade Center, Suite 268, San Francisco CA 94111.

## Dental Group Adopts Airline Ambassadors International

Alexandria based dentist Russ Phillips had the "trip of a lifetime" on the AAI mission to Haiti in

January. He told his colleagues at Prism Dental about the trip and the whole group decided to support our work! Glenda Johnson presented to the group in May and invited them to participate on upcoming missions.

Thanks also to Todd Purring, who donated 1,000 toothbrushes to our Guatemala mission.



*Russ Phillips working on patients in Haiti*

## Thanks to Andre

Many thanks to Andre Murad once again for his steadfast work in collecting donations from

Walgreens stores for Airline Ambassadors missions. Sometimes we use these donations abroad and sometimes they are given to

children in local U.S. facilities such as the Felician Sisters at Good Counsel.



*Andre' at Good Counsel, with Felician Sisters*



# Special Events

Members of Airline Ambassadors participate at conferences and volunteer to assist at charitable and civic events dedicated to building a better world. We do this in order to network with others dedicated to helping children-in-need and to raise our own awareness of global issues.

## Earth Charter

*"It is imperative that we, the people of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations"*

Preamble, Earth Charter. Eileen Hudnall represented AAI at the National Earth Charter meeting in D.C. along with parliamentary, business, youth, academic and spiritual leaders to discuss global ethical framework for sustainable development. Queen Beatrix will attend the official launch at the Hague on June 29, 2000 by Michael Gorbachev and Maurice Strong. (See Upcoming Events)



*Eileen Hudnall at Childrens Hospital  
Baca Ortiz-Ecuador*

## California

Dennis Estes coordinated for Airline Ambassador volunteers to regularly assist with the children's cancer ward at Cedar Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. Leeanne Hansen and Dennis escorted Dustin Hoffman and Selma Hiatt at the Revlon/ Run/Walk for women and thank you to the 25 Airline Ambassadors who helped at Multiple Sclerosis in Los Angeles, Cystic Fibrosis, and Pediatric Research benefits.

## New York

Bravo to Sharrye Moore and Edmund Eng who coordinated two dynamite World Rhythms jazz concerts at St. George's Church in Manhattan that raised money for seven New York youth ambassadors to "Travel for Peace" in June. (See Youth Section) Thank you also to AAI members who volunteered at seven special events in New York and to John DePrima who met with St Mary's and coordinated students participation with AAI programs. John also arranged for a tour of Wall Street and for wheelchairs to be delivered to disabled students there.



*The Keisha St. John Concert*

## Florida

Thank you to Cherrie Smith and Colleen Morey who represented AAI at a special ceremony in Miami where the director of one of our most beloved orphanages, Hogar de Luz y Vida in Bogota, Colombia was recognized for her dedication and service and Knighted by the Queen of Malta – her new name is now "Lady Valeriana Isabella Garcia Martin".

## Texas Dallas Blooms

April 8<sup>th</sup> was a day of bright sunshine, cool temperatures, lots of excitement and good times for DFW members. Twenty six participants toured the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens amidst azaleas, spring annuals, flowering trees and bulbs – all bursting into bloom. This fundraising walk raised \$1,800 for this year's humanitarian missions! Thank you to DFW Regional Director Carol Schaper for organizing the event which planned again for next year.

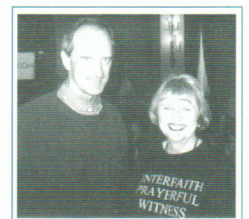


*Carol Schaper & Kelly Lee*

DFW Airline Ambassadors visited the Jeffries Street Learning Center in South Dallas in May. The Center serves economically deprived residents and provides a computer based learning environment that reinforces basic learning skills. Many thanks to Chuck Wilson for coordinating a grant of \$1,000 from IBM to purchase a copier for Jeffries Street Center on behalf of AAI.

## Washington DC

Diane Sherwood, of AAI's Board of Directors, opened the Earth Day Ceremonies to 100,000 people in front of the Nation's Capitol on April 21 with an inspirational interfaith prayer. Diane was followed by Al Gore, David Crosby and other leaders and musicians who entertained all day at one of the largest expositions of environmentally friendly technologies ever produced. That evening Airline Ambassadors was a co-sponsor of the International Space Sciences Organization (ISSO) reception at the National Air and Space Museum. AAI members welcomed almost 2,000 guests at this elegant event where the Silicon valley professionals met with political and activist leaders from Washington. Many thanks to assistance to the Prism Dental Group and their families!



*Diane Sherwood with  
Dennis Hayes, Earth  
Day Coordinator*

## Thank You to the Recent Airline Ambassador Volunteers

### **Costa Rica**

Glenda Johnson  
Annette Gardiner  
Patrice Robinson  
Bill Baker  
Jodi Bird  
Jeff Birdie

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## Upcoming Missions and Events

### June 19-28 Romania

Join this mission to help orphans and children in Romania. Bring needed supplies and love. Call Cherrie Smith at 718-805-8892.

### June 19-23 Mexico

Join this mission to visit an orphanage, school and clinic in La Paz, Mexico. Call Jane Helzer at 734-997-0823.

### June 29 The Hague – Netherlands Earth Charter Initiative

Join the AAI team at the launching of the Earth Charter with Mikahail Gorbachev, Maurice Strong and Queen Beatrix. Call Nancy Rivard at 650-685-6262

### June 29 – July 2 Costa Rica

Assist doctors on this medical mission to treat Nicaraguan farmers at San Carlos clinic. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### July 10-15 Colombia

Return to Amor y Vida Orphanage to deliver supplies and love. Call Colleen Morey at 203-259-6266.

### July 14-17 El Salvador

Join this medical mission to help orphans and children in El Salvador. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### July 15 – 22 Brazil

Deliver supplies to orphanages, schools and day care centers in Rio de Janeiro and Ouro Preto. Call Angelica Metzger at 707-963-0297.

### July 24-31 Philippines

Join our mission back to help children at Shepherd of the Hills Orphanage. Call Deborah Quigley at 808-536-9033.

### July 27 – August 1 Dominican Republic

Help children and bring supplies visit hospitals and orphanages in Santo Domingo. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### August 7-10 Belize

Join this mission to bring school supplies to help For Children Inc. project in Belize. Call Rachel Martinez at 305-461-0358.

### August 12-18 Bolivia

Join this mission to visit hospitals and clinics near La Paz and in a remote mining district in Bolivia. Call Linda Gansler at 734-453-2754.

### August 12-15 Ecuador

Help children living at the dump near Quito on this medical mission. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### August 28 – September 4 Tibet

Help deliver medical supplies to the Tibet Child Nutrition Project outside Lhasa. Visit clinics and deliver aid in this fascinating country. Call Robert Rosoff at 415-398-7100.

### September 12 –16 Switzerland

Assist at the Conference on Human Survival in the New Millenium in Geneva. Call Nancy Rivard at 650-685-6262.

### September 21-28 Brazil

Join this mission to help facilities of the Legion of GoodWill in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Call John de Prima at 631-956-7576.

### September 21-26 Nepal

Bring supplies to Tibetan refugees in Katmandu. Spend time at Kopan Monastery or join a rigorous trek to bring medical supplies to the Everest Region. Contact Erica Reed at [free2@compuserve.com](mailto:free2@compuserve.com) or 305-531-1339.

### September 22-29 Ghana

Help Queen Nana Aapeadu by joining this mission to Adambrobe. Adopt a whole village of children-in-need. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### September United Nations – New York

Assist at the Millenium General Assembly and the People's Assembly. Call Sharrye Moore at 917-925-8831.

### October 3-7 Haiti

Join this medical mission to the remote community of Jaumpas and also orphanages near Port au Prince. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### October Philippines

Join our mission back to help children at Shepherd of the Hill Orphanage near the South China Sea. Call Leeanne Hansen at 312-650-3153.

### November Jordan 8-11 Jordan

Assist at the Global Summit on Peace Through Tourism. Call Nancy Rivard at 650-685-6262.

### November South Africa

Join this medical mission to help children at a Childrens Cancer clinic and an AIDS clinic. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### December Holiday Orphanage Parties!

## Orphans of the World Partners with AAI

Thank you to Cameron Gray, President of Orphans of the World, who has donated office and warehouse space to Airline Ambassadors near DFW Airport and has been of much assistance on recent humanitarian missions. Glenda Johnson, Humanitarian Coordinator, will be working closely with Cameron.



*Cameron Gray with Airline Ambassadors at Orphans of the World warehouse.*

## Rosie Travels Abroad

Rosie O'Donnell supports children around the world and we take her spirit with us by delivering Rosie dolls on many of our missions. These "cutie petuties" are bringing delight to children in Brazil, India, Haiti, Ecuador and Turkey.

*Rock On Rosie!*



*Gloria Reid delivers Rosie doll to Turkish refugee*

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Northwest Airlines Inflight Services has adopted Airline Ambassadors as its charity of the year for the Year 2000. Posters, videos, fliers and information are available in Northwest Airlines Operations areas at all bases. Northwest Airlines is making fee waived passes available to all those volunteering on Airline Ambassador missions. Thank you, Northwest!



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