

# Airline Ambassadors



Helping Children in Need  
At Home and Abroad

Winter 2001

## Traveling to Share Love

### Airplanes of Aid to Haiti and Ecuador

American Airlines (AA) donated the use of **TWO** 757 airplanes to Airline Ambassadors to fly a total of 60,000 lbs of humanitarian aid to Haiti and Ecuador. William Dise, AAI's Denver Regional Director, coordinated these remarkable volunteer flights. Many thanks to AA's Senior VP, Bob Baker, who approved the use of the airplanes and to 90 volunteers who made these missions possible, including pilots, flight attendants, cargo and maintenance crews, a medical team and dozens of Denver AA'ers. The planes, filled to maximum capacity on each flight, carried food, medical supplies, wheelchairs, hygiene, newborn and school supplies, blankets and other humanitarian aid donations. Many thanks for the generosity of LDS Charities, who provided over two-thirds of both shipments.

The Haiti mission left directly from Denver, in June, and delivered rice, beans and dried milk that fed 1600 hungry children of the Mercy and Sharing Foundation for almost three months. The AAI team painted Mother Theresa's Home for Abandoned Babies in a rewarding day of service and camaraderie.



*William Dise and AAI Team  
Flying High to Ecuador*

The Ecuador trip left from Dallas in November with 70 volunteers including a medical team. Again, the plane was filled to maximum capacity with humanitarian aid to be given to the First Lady. Volunteers gave medical care, distributed aid, painted one facility and hosted parties for children. Thank you to Kiwanis Clubs of Ecuador for their support and to Maria Harrison for coordinating Ecuador logistics for the largest AAI mission to date!

Journalists, including Inside Edition and the Today Show, followed both missions. It was particularly touching when Fred Gerhard of Wheelchairs for the World Foundation gave the gift of mobility to 7 year old Maria; when AAI

youth volunteer, Lauren Aster, committed to finding prosthetic arms for Dianne, a young burn victim; and when pilots Sam Samuels and Rick Warner committed to helping two orphan boys become pilots themselves. More details on both of these miracle flights inside.

*As the sun  
illuminates  
the moon and  
the stars,*

*so may we  
illuminate  
one another.*

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# Humanitarian Aid Missions

AAI's humanitarian aid missions provide substantive aid to children in need. We coordinate 2 to 10 missions each month that bring medical and dental care, first aid supplies, baby supplies, clothing, school supplies, sports equipment and toys. These trips offer our members a way to travel and make a difference. Please join us on a "journey of the heart".

## Belise

Thank you Rachel Martinez for hand delivering school supplies and a Pentium computer to Belise. The donations were utilized by the New Horizons Program and enabled over 100 children to attend school.

## Bolivia



*Celebrating in Bolivia*

In August, Airline Ambassadors visited orphanages, hospitals and homes for abused and neglected children in La Paz, Bolivia. Volunteers delivered donations of clothing, towels, toys, school supplies and love and also visited Hogar Feliz, a private orphanage for children who have been sexually abused. AAI projects made two local papers.

In October, another team returned to La Paz to continue work with the children of Hogar Feliz and celebrated with an early holiday party. Volunteers brought medicine, clothes, first aid supplies and blankets to a hospital with approximately 200 handicapped children. AAI members worked with the San Francisco



*Linda Gansler and Jeni Guzman at Award Ceremony*

Consul General of Bolivia to deliver Braille paper to a school for blind children and also brought much needed blankets to children that worked and lived in the city's cemetery. Jeni Guzman Henning was honored by the Mayor of La Paz for her dedication to helping the children of Bolivia.

## Brazil

Thank you to Mary Ann Ireland and Angelica Metzger who led an AAI team, bringing first aid and school supplies, clothing and gifts to help children in Brazil. Their trip began in Rio de Janeiro delivering supplies to day care centers of the Legion of Goodwill and serving hot meals to families in the poor favellas (slums) surrounding the city. They then travelled to Ouro Preto, a picturesque town full of churches and cobblestone streets,



*Mi Kim with Brazilian Toddlers*

where Angelica grew up. They visited St. Anthony Educandario, a hundred year old orphanage and day care center run by Carmelite nuns. The nuns were thrilled with gifts of knitting needles and 300 lbs of donations as well as financial donations for the facility. The AAI team hosted a party for the children complete with music, dancing, face painting and treats for all.

## Costa Rica

In June, Airline Ambassadors traveled to Costa Rica and delivered wheelchairs, toys, baby supplies, blankets and other humanitarian aid. Glenda Johnson led this research mission, and the team visited orphanages for abused girls and handicapped babies where much of the humanitarian aid was donated.

Glenda also coordinated a follow-up mission in September. This medical mission of doctors and dentists treated over 150 patients. The volunteers also visited three orphanages and delivered aid to delighted children.



*Peg Meyer Delivering AA Blankets*

## Dominican Republic

The International Medical Educational Foundation delivered 20 boxes of backpacks, medical and school supplies through Airline Ambassadors to the poorest of the poor at a cinderblock school in the Dominican Republic. Many thanks to Glenda Johnson for her help with the shipment. We need more Ambassadors to help deliver aid to the Dominican Republic this winter.

## Ecuador

70 volunteers delivered a plane full of medical and school supplies, food, beds, quilts, clothing, blankets and even beds for the First Lady of Ecuador to benefit the children at INNFA facilities throughout the country. Many thanks to Maria Harrison who coordinated the in-country logistics for this mission. The flight was dedicated to honor her son, Robert Chindamo, who passed away recently. Thank you also to Amparo de Paez, AAI member from Quito, and the Kiwanis Clubs of Ecuador who provided transportation for the group, a night tour and a lovely reception.



*Maria's Gift of Mobility*

Glenda Johnson led activities for a medical team who treated hundreds of patients at the clinic of ABEI and at the Women's Prison. Besides important preventive care, the team saved several lives. The Denver volunteers, led by William Dise, who also coordinated the donation of the airplane, painted the facility of ABEI Infantil, brightening the atmosphere. Other volunteers hosted a party there and at a school and day care center and distributed supplies to ABEI's facilities for the elderly and the terminally ill, as well as the Women's Jail, a Maternity Hospital and the Zambiza Dump. The volunteer team included the President of LDS Charities, Mr. Garry Flake; Executive Director for Wheelchairs for the World Foundation, Mr. Fred Gerhard; Robert Stoessel of Rotary International; and Chris Clark of Wyndham Hotels.

## El Salvador

AAI has coordinated several medical missions to San Salvador to provide care and deliver supplies to the people in need. The team delivered an incubator to a cancer hospital and were shocked that the patients had to eat with their fingers as there was no money even for utensils. Patients were so grateful to receive Beanie Baby gifts from the team!



*Cheerleading Class*

They set up a temporary clinic in a local village and doctors even made house calls to huts to treat those who could not walk. They distributed clothing, blankets, gifts and played games with villagers. Peg Meyer read stories to the children, and Tana Edwards taught cheerleading to delighted girls. Many thanks to Sandra Garcia for hosting the group, as well as assistance from Rotary and the 20/30 clubs. AAI volunteers have returned to El Salvador each month, checking up on patients and delivering aid.

Many thanks to the Kiwanis Clubs of El Salvador who arranged medical follow-ups for three critical patients and hosted the team on a later humanitarian visit. Thank you to Cameron Gray who provided a whole medical pallet for a new children's clinic in Santo Tomas. He is also leading a monthly AAI mission to participate with "Christ in the Streets", a program to hand deliver food, blankets and clothing to the homeless of San Salvador.

## Guatemala

When AAI volunteers, Donna Murphy and Barb Brown, were offered wheelchairs from a basketball team, they soon found themselves packing a 40-foot shipping container destined for Guatemala. Their motto: "You don't have to be big to make things happen." Seven NGO's, including Froedtert Hospital of Milwaukee and the Wheelchair Recycling Project of Madison, filled the donated container with computers, medical and rehab equipment and wheelchairs, which arrived in Guatemala in August for distribution to Transitions Disability Association and the surrounding community.

Barb Brown hand-delivered 60 lbs of HIV medicine to an AIDS clinic in Guatemala as well as 30 school kits to delighted children at Vamos Adelante. She shared a D3 pass to fly Juan Chiti of Transitions Disability Center for life-saving surgery in Portland. Thanks to Rotary Clubs of Portland for arranging the surgery and to John Bell, Director of Transitions, who accompanied him.



*Barb Brown Delivers School Supplies*

## Haiti

A Medical Mission, coordinated by Glenda Johnson, set up a clinic in the remote village of Juampas. The accompanying physicians and dentists treated 630 people, saved at least three lives, rescued accident victims, pulled hundreds of teeth and even gave a graduation speech!

Glenda has pioneered the medical aspect of Airline Ambassadors' missions. In Haiti, she is coordinating the establishment of a permanent medical clinic. It is being built by Mt. Carroll Construction. Bill Tim, a school teacher, is volunteering to coordinate the construction. The breaking ground and pouring of the foundation is planned for February 2, 2001, which coincidentally is Glenda's birthday! This clinic will be staffed by two local women, who are studying to become Registered Nurses (RNs). Ten cents is charged per patient and that money is applied toward the education of local girls to become RNs, who will work in the clinic.

For those who would like to help, contact Glenda at 817-467-7290.

## Jamaica

"Appreciation Day" was held for Airline Ambassadors this summer by the Maxfield Children's Home which included a special All-Star Croquet Fundraising Game. American Airlines' Station Manager of Kingston, Carl Burnett, provided two AAI volunteers, Sharrye Moore and Glenda Johnson, with VIP ticketing and lodging. Sharrye and Glenda were invited as guests of the country for their dedication and work for children in Jamaica. While there, they delivered humanitarian aid, played games with the children, distributed dozens of videos, Disney T-shirts and sneakers.



*Glenda Johnson - Caring and Sharing*

## Nepal

In September, 17 Airline Ambassadors traveled to Nepal to deliver medical and first aid supplies, school supplies and toys. In Katmandu, they visited the Child Haven Orphanage and Nepal Children's Welfare Center. The group traveled to Patan to deliver toy donations to delighted children at the Tibetan Camp Day Care Center. They then began a seven day trek in the Everest Region delivering medical supplies to remote clinics from Lukla to Tengboche Monastery. Nancy Butner, of the International Toy Bank, brought hundreds of toys for distribution. Carre' Otis, supermodel, also volunteered on this mission. Back in Katmandu they met with Sarki Lama and promised to return in April with supplies for his orphanage. Please see the Upcoming Missions List.



*Kirt Van Dyke and Lisa Czeck at the Nepal Children's Welfare Center*

## Philippines

On July 25th, Deborah Quigley led an expedition to the Philippines to transport supplies for the children at Mother Theresa's Sisters of Charity Mission. Robert Blake brought hundreds of rosaries made by his wife's church group. Other needs still include children's vitamins and cough syrup. At Shepherd of the Hills



*Deb Quigley with Child*

Orphanage, in Quezon City, Ambassadors delivered boxes of clothing, toys and amenities and were treated to an exhibition of traditional dancing performed by some of the older teenage girls. The group also organized boxes of children's books and painted a sign to create a new "Shepherd of the Hills Children's Library." AAI is planning to provide a brand new plumbing system

here on our next mission. Please contact Deb Quigley at 808-536-9033 if you are interested in helping.

## Romania

AAI volunteers traveled to Bucharest, Romania with medical and first aid supplies, baby items, linens, clothes and toys. Cherrie Smith coordinated this mission and Dr. Teleki of the Municipal Hospital in Bucharest introduced the group to the pediatric ward and the abandoned babies' unit. They provided aid as well as time and love for these children. The group visited the AMURT Orphanage for girls, run by Buddhist Monks. Mother of the house, DiDi, provided a wonderful atmosphere for children ranging in age from 18 months to 16 years. The group also left aid for the hospital in Saska in the North of Romania and for the ProFamilia Program in Bacu.

## Russia

Twin Clown Stewardesses joined Clown Doctors in bringing love and laughter to thousands of children in Moscow and St. Petersburg. Leanne Hansen and Kathy Savage joined Beach Clown and the Gesundheit! Institute's Annual Clowning Tour of Russia. The Institute, formed by Patch Adams, is dedicated to bringing fun and laughter to healthcare. Forty clowns performed daily

for children in pediatric hospitals, many orphanages and even at an elderly home, all of whom delighted in their antics. Leanne and Kathy concurred as their adventure came to an end, "Our faces and bellies ached from laughing so hard!"



*Clowning Around in Russia*

## Tibet

Robert Rosoff led a team of 10 Airline Ambassadors into Tibet to deliver hundreds of pounds of aid to children in need. This humanitarian mission brought supplies to the Tibet Child Nutrition and Collaborative Health. Dr. Harris, who heads the project, has documented that severe malnutrition exists and serious health problems occur because of the lack of vitamins and minerals in their everyday diet. The AAI team raised funds, purchased aid and delivered medicines, medical supplies, clothing and toys to Tibetan children.

## Vietnam

Seventeen Airline Ambassadors with 55 boxes of donations taxied into the airport in Ho Chi Minh City to the sight of nine Buddhist Monks in bright yellow robes jumping up and down and waving their Airline Ambassadors sign. The monks represented the Buddhist Council of Charity who hosted the group and coordinated visits to eight orphanages, daycare and handicapped centers, and even a canal trip to see the poorest rural conditions. They delivered school and hygiene kits from LDS Charities, Beanie Babies from the Intl. Toy Bank and children's vitamins from Manotech Corporation as well as other gifts.



Enlightenment Magazine followed their activities daily. "It was a spiritual awakening for all who participated," said Leanne Hansen, who coordinated the trip.

# Children's Escort Program

*Airline Ambassadors works with adoption agencies and non-profits to provide volunteers to escort orphans to new homes or children in need of medical care not available in their home country. A special thank you to Margaret Whitehead, Paula Latshaw, Pam Gange and Dan Cullen whose tireless efforts to coordinate this program are deeply appreciated.*



*Martine Grost Escorts Baby Home to Honduras After Heart Surgery*

## Letter from Margaret Whitehead

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered with our Children's Escort Program. I appreciate Paula Latshaw who coordinated the Children's Escort Program while I was on leave. As a special request, please contact Paula to let her know when you are available to take trips; this will save us countless hours of calling to find escorts. Her phone number is 214-341-2229; e-mail [palatshaw@aol.com](mailto:palatshaw@aol.com).

Northwest employees should contact Pam Gange (651-994-0235) and Dan Cullen (651-405-0091) for escort opportunities. At the present time, many trips involve traveling to India to bring babies and toddlers to their adoptive parents in the U.S. To begin with, plans call for four to five trips per month. Thanks to all of the Northwest employees who have been GREAT escorts for our program.

## Heidi's Trip Home, By Angel Dunklin

Pulling Heidi away from her foster parents was one of the hardest things I have ever had to do. She kicked, screamed and hit as we headed down the jetbridge. When she got a good grip on my hair, it took a passenger to hold her down so that I could get free. She cried for at least 30 minutes...but guess what?! Things got better. All of a sudden she looked up and smiled at me. My heart melted as I thought of all the things that this little girl had gone through over the past few months. Heidi and I bonded during our trip, we made a puppet out of the airsickness bag and named her "Rosa." Rosa went with us everywhere...to the bathroom; she sat with us while we ate, and went on to Miami and the Dominican Republic.

Upon arrival in the Dominican Republic she was quite hesitant to leave my side, but Heidi knew that she had to leave. When she asked for a "besito" (a kiss), my heart went out to this child who has already gone through more than I could ever imagine. Although we had a language barrier, I know that I was of some comfort as I rocked and sang to her during our journey. This little girl who was such a challenge initially, turned out to be such a blessing who touched me deeply.

## Ethiopian Trip, By Ken Williams

I just returned home from a wonderful adventure. After arriving in Atlanta, Kim and I picked up three special children (Tamrat, Zakaris and Wophat) to fly them home to their new adoptive parents. Kim took the little girl to Miami and I started my journey to Seattle. My little boys were adorable and called me Daddy. I fell in love instantly! They were full of energy, and it was so much fun seeing them experience things for the first time. Zekarias even spoke a little English.

Since our first flight to Chicago arrived late, I only had ten minutes to make my connection to Seattle. I had to carry Tamrat, who was asleep, along with five bags. Needless to say, I was a little stressed. We made the flight, and the crew and passengers were great. When we got to Seattle, the boys' new mother, Anne, and her family were there to meet us. Tamrat was sleeping in my arms again as we deplaned. I gave Anne a big hug along with her two precious boys. Tamrat didn't want to leave me. He cried, and I did also.

When I returned to Dallas, I called Anne to check on the boys. She said they were adjusting well. She has one boy of her own and two others, one from Jamaica and another from Haiti, along with a beautiful house on Bainbridge Island. Can you imagine the special life they have been given? We take so much for granted. Thanks for letting me be a part of this organization!



*Ken with Ethiopian Orphans*

# Youth and Special Programs

*Airline Ambassadors involves United States school children in its projects. Hundreds of these students have joined AAI's work by obtaining donations of supplies and writing letters to their counterparts abroad. Some volunteers initiate special projects for children which involve their local communities.*

## Youth Leaders

Thanks Brittany Roach! At 12 years old, she is our youngest coordinator for Airline Ambassadors. She packed over 300 airline blankets to go the Pine Ridge Reservation and coordinated a school and clothing drive to help children who live in South Central Los Angeles. Brittany's efforts produced enough shoes and clothing to outfit over 75 families. She is now coordinating a stuffed animal drive with the goal of collecting 500 toys to hand deliver to orphans in Poland this summer.



*Brittany Roach Collecting Donations*

## Touched By an Airline Angel

You may have seen her in Miami Flight Services. She is not wearing angel wings, only flight attendant wings. And instead of carrying a harp she is likely to be carrying jumbo trash bags full of toys, toothbrushes and T-shirts. But this angel is not acting alone. She is one of many crew members who participate in the Airline Angels' Program to fly in supplies to needy children while on work trips.

Miami-based flight attendant, Penny Rambacher started the program when she noticed crew members taking their used clothing and shoes on layovers in developing countries and passing them on to children near airports and hotels. Then, while vacationing in Ecuador, Penny learned of the children born and living at the Quito garbage dump, and it touched her heart. "There had to be a way to connect our over-abundance with the desperate need of these children via American's regularly scheduled flights to Quito." Penny met with the hotel manager of the layover hotel and asked for assistance so that crew members could drop off supplies.



*Penny Rambacher*

*AAI Miami Regional Director & Airline Angel*

So began Airline Angels, a huge success! Donations are collected, sorted and bagged in Miami, delivered to the airport, picked up by crew members and taken with them to the layover hotel. Hotel Bellman take the bags to a locked storeroom for pickup later by approved charities who distribute the donations. The system works so well in Quito, that in August, Airline Angels began deliveries to the Guatemala City Marriott where supplies have assisted families at the dump, Safe Passage children and several orphanages. AAI has recently partnered with Miami Kiwanis members who will manage the collection and delivery of supplies to the airport. Thank you Angels!!!

**On the Road to Safe Passage** Airline Ambassadors visited with 75 children enrolled in a school promotions program at the Guatemala City dump. In Dec. 1999, the Safe Passage was created by Hanley Denning, of Maine, to promote education for children living in the most desperate of conditions - the garbage dump. Sponsors "adopt" a child to cover the cost of public school, books, uniforms and an afternoon program. Volunteer teachers and social workers assist children with homework, tutoring, games, sports and reinforce school attendance. Children earn attendance points to "buy" clothing, toys and food assistance to their families.

MIA Airline Ambassadors have adopted this program to help children break away from poverty through education. They have planned a holiday celebration for 60 Safe Passage children. AAI members will travel to Guatemala, meet the children, give them baths, outfit them in new clothes and escort them to the Marriott Hotel for an unforgettable holiday party. Thank you to the Marriott Hotel and Toys for Tots for donating toys. If you are interested in Safe Passage, contact Penny ([AirlineAngel@hotmail.com](mailto:AirlineAngel@hotmail.com)).



*Out of the Dump*

*Some poor villages lack fresh fish or flowers...all can share this moon.  
- Saikau*

## Local Events and AAI News

*Airline Ambassadors volunteer to assist civic and charitable organizations in their home communities, giving an opportunity for members to match their unique skills and talents to help children and bring compassion into action. AAI volunteers work in 15 regions throughout the United States.*

### Dalai Lama Event in LAX



*The Dalai Lama and Nishikant Wahgmare*

Airline Ambassadors were honored to help host a fundraiser for the Dalai Lama sponsored by the International Committee of Lawyers for Tibet in Los Angeles. Whoopie Goldberg served as Master of Ceremonies for the star-studded event held at the Omni Hotel. Many thanks to Leeaanne Hansen and Robert Rosoff for coordinating the event with His Holiness.

### International Day of Tolerance

AAI volunteers helped host this prestigious Award Ceremony coordinated by Friends of the UN and opened by Dr. Noel Brown of AAI's Board of Advisors. Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations, and Bill Clinton, President of the United States, gave messages for the occasion. Award presentations were made to UNIFEM for (Humanitarian Service) SHOAH Foundation (Education) and the YWCA for Community Activism. The Global Tolerance Awards recognizes individuals and institutions who have significantly advanced the follow-up plan of action of the International Year for Tolerance by their determination to combat racism, prejudice, anti-Semitism and hate crimes.

*From joy I came. For joy I live.  
And in sacred joy I shall melt again.*

*-Yogananda*

### Wyndham Hotels Donate 12,000 Beds!



*Chris Clark Helps AAI Bed Delivery*

Wyndham Hotels International donated 12,000 beds to Airline Ambassadors International, and thanks to Roger Brown of LDS Charities, these beds were kept from local garbage dumps and delivered to families in need throughout the world. American Airlines flew some of these beds to Ecuador on the November mission, and Chris Clark of Wyndham International joined the mission and personally helped set up beds for children at ABEI Infantil.

### Baby B'Airs Take Flight

Thank you to Greg Nieberding and Jim Moritz for donating "Baby B'Air" Lap Vests to Airline Ambassadors for use on escort flights for orphans or children in need. These darling red vests have been designed and approved for use as an in-flight

garment to protect lap babies from the unexpected dangers of turbulence. By utilizing these, AAI escorts help to



market this useful product to the public, and keep the babies safe. Visit [www.babybair.com](http://www.babybair.com).



## 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.*

### Kiwanis International Meeting



*AAI'ers with Kiwanis Intl. Leaders - President, Bo Shafer & Miguel Clare*

Thank you to Armando Bukele, President of Kiwanis Clubs in El Salvador, for inviting Airline Ambassadors to present at the International Kiwanis Convention in Miami. It was rewarding to develop strategic alliances and plans in El Salvador, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, the Philippines and more. Thank you to the Kiwanis Clubs in El Salvador and Ecuador who have since hosted AAI missions! It is such a pleasure to work with local civic leaders also dedicated to the welfare of children.

### Netherlands - Earth Charter Initiative

Airline Ambassador Board Members were special guests at the launching of the Earth Charter with Mikhail Gorbachev, Maurice Strong and Queen Beatrix at the Hague last summer. Gorbachev called it the equivalent of a New Magna Carta for Humanity. Rudd Lubbers, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, encouraged the nations of the world to adopt this document based on an understanding of the interconnectedness of all Life. AAI continues to support this historic initiative which will be included in every national legislative agenda.

### United Nations / State of the World

Airline Ambassadors participated at the United Nations Conference for NGO's (non-governmental organizations) and the State of the World Forum, where Dr. Wally N'Dow, AAI's Board of Directors' member, and Mikhail Gorbachev served as Convening Chairs. These annual conferences provide a forum for the networking of organizations and exposing the private corporate sector to the UN Conference series over the last decade.

*Help us keep our ears to the Earth  
and our eyes to the Stars.* -Navajo Prayer

### Peace Through Tourism Summit in Jordan

Gloria Reid, AAI's National Coordinator, presented at the first Global Summit on Peace Through Tourism sponsored by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. AAI is a founding member of the "Coalition of Partners" building the idea of Peace through Tourism. Seven volunteers assisted the conference Secretariat and met such luminaries as Harvey Golub, CEO American Express, and Prince Albert of Monaco. Gloria announced our Millennium Project to involve every major airline in our work helping peoples of the world. "This backdoor kind of travel," she said, "provides opportunities for the ordinary person to make a difference and affect this world with peace and goodwill".



*Gloria and Lou D'Amore*

### Native American Prayer Vigil

Airline Ambassadors co-sponsored the Annual Vigil for Native American Elders. All faith traditions gathered within a circle of tipis in the shadow of the Washington Monument to pray for our Mother Earth and her peoples. Thank you to Congressman Lantos and his wife Annette, who have supported this event for 7 years and hosted a special reception at Congress. Thank you also to Kathy Coffman who shared a buddy pass and personally escorted one of the Mohawk spiritual elders - Grandmother Sara to the event. Kathy is leading an upcoming mission to help the Lakota Sioux.



*Kathy and Little Bear at the Vigil*

# Thank You to Recent Airline Ambassador Volunteers



*Thank you to Maria Isabel de Nobua, First Lady of Ecuador, for overseeing the distribution of aid and joining AAI's Advisory Board. Thank you also to Maria Harrison, Mission Coordinator, and Amparo de Paez who assisted with Ecuador logistics.*

## Belise

Rachel Martinez  
Susan Rickman

## Bolivia

Linda Henning Gansler  
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Michaela Maychrowitz  
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Paula Moran  
Ruth Olinger  
Erik Raubitschek  
Steven Richardson  
Sharon Walsh  
Eric Woodson  
Lisa Varner

## Brazil

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Angelica Metzger  
Maria Jose  
Mi Kim  
Maria Malaman  
Gabiella Metzger

## Costa Rica

Glenda Johnson  
Jodi Byrd  
Annette Gardiner  
Jeff Pagni  
Patrice Robinson  
Lorena Garcia  
Dominique Giovanni  
Peg Meyer  
Jeff Morrison, DDS  
Victoria Stowes  
Mike Tolle, MD

## Dominican Republic

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Lauren Aster  
Judy Aster

Ann Best

Christina Best  
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Brad Buck

Jodi Byrd  
Frank Chindamo

Peggy Clark

Jessica Egdorf

Rick Flintoff

Garry Flake

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Kathy Hartung

Leeanne Hansen

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Sheila Mayers

Peg Meyer

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Pete Ward

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F/A Danica Anderson

F/A Annette Gardiner

F/A Nancy Gregg

F/A Diego Mantillo

F/A Carlos Rivera

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Mike Tolle

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Bobbie Faas

Donna Murphy

Shelly Mullins

Penny Rambacher

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Heath Aster

Tonya Astin

Bill Baskerville

Barbara Benner

Ann Best

Christina Best

Brad Buck

Peggy Clark

Doug Cole

Karon High

Chad Helmke

Jodi Eisenberg

Jim Gaydos

Nancy Gregg

Meghan Keller

Kevin Kistner

Liz Kistner

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Carey Keith

Daniella Longo

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## Jamaica

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Temple Israel

## Nepal

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Nancy Butner

Christina Bautista

Lisa Czeck

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Masako Fett

Cheryl Hiser

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Kathy Kridel

Nancy Law

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Cesar Bellista

Robert Blake

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Jordan Marcy

Jeannie Stokowski

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Cheerie Smith

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Anne Demaras

Pat Giarrusso

Michaela Hollendonner

## Tibet

Robert Rosoff

Marcie Adamski

Terry Holbrook

Karen Leuer

Arlene reiss

Spencer Seidman

Kitt Sherrill

Gregg Sherrill

Diane Smith

Thomas Theodores

## Kiwanis Meeting

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Kathy Savage

## Earth Charter Initiative

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Wendy Gadd

Eilleen Vaquilar

Carolyn Goldman

Monica Lunser

June Baptiste

Merlina Rich

Carrie Hammond

## Dalai Lama Event

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Leeanne Hansen

Mattie Simoes

Victor Archuletta

Joe Umbrino

Julie Barnard

## Jordan

Gloria Reid

Maryanne Havryluck

Gurmail Manhas

Patrice Robinson

Larry Smith

Eileen Vaquilar

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Erin Beyers

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Pam Dunlap

Judy Gin

Kelly Lee

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Korina Smith

Sharon Stein

Jim Talbott

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Steve Tate

Joanna Truelson

Christina Yi

## Escorts

Margaret Whitehead

Paula Latshaw

Pam Gange

Dan Cullen

Susan Baker

Pete Bampton

Hillary Breen

Barb Brown

Charma Buttgen

Marcyne Cahill

Fran Daniel

Masaki Fett

Fernando Garcia

Christine Gonzalez

Martine Grost

Lynne Halterma

Nancy Harness

Ann Hood

Kim Hooper



*Fill my heart with love, that every teardrop may become a star.*  
-Hazrat Inayat Khan

## Escorts (continued)

Megan Healy

Tyra Jones

Murielyn Howerton

Eleanor Krausse

Kim Leppert

Desiree Lowrey

Meridith McCoy

Annalisa McKellar

Teri Martin

Tony Mazze

Peg Meyer

Laurie Milton

Toni Nasco

Yoshiko Niimi

Katie Olmsted

Johanna O'Neal

Cathy Orten

Tee Phan

Linda Rankin

Darlene Rau

Gloria Reid

Sonia Saenz

Tricia Sharp

Sadee Soderlind

Randa Talley

Theona Torbin

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# Airline Ambassadors

## Upcoming Events & Missions - 2001

### January: El Salvador

Join Airline Ambassadors monthly missions, bringing relief supplies to marginal communities and homeless children in the streets. Call Cameron Gray at 972-264-6614.

### January 4-7: Dominican Republic

Bring Christmas cheer to the poorest of the poor at an AMURT Cinderblock School and a hospital near Santo Domingo. Call Dr. Yvonne Thomas 916-788-7120.

### January 5-8: Peru

Join efforts with volunteers from Motorola Corporation to bring holiday cheer to two orphanages to Lima, Peru. Contact AAI SF Office 650-347-3500.

### January 5-8: El Salvador

Help host our fourth annual Christmas party for children we know and love at Instituto de Proteccion de Menor. Call Gloria Reid at 817-268-2410.

### January 15-20: Croatia

Join this mission to assist mentally and physically challenged children at two orphanages in Zagreb. These children need love and hugs in the aftermath of the war. Contact Rae England 214-503-6110.

### January 12-14: Haiti

Give "Christmas in January" to children at Mother Theresa's, Sister-Sister and Eden Orphanage. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### January 15-20: Haiti

Join a medical mission to the remote village of Juampas, Haiti. Provide needed medical care for these people. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### January 26-29: Guatemala

Join MIA AAIers taking 100 children from the city dump Safe Passage Program on a field trip to the zoo! Contact Penny Rambacher [airlineangel@hotmail.com](mailto:airlineangel@hotmail.com).

### February: Mexico

Deliver supplies and aid to the Mizteca Indian Village of San Quintin. Due to water and employment shortages, these people are desperate for food, clothing and medical supplies. Call AAI 650-347-3500.

### February 20-28: Brazil

Join this trip to deliver toys from the International Toy Bank to children in Brazil. Celebrate Christmas in February. Call Nancy Butner at 310-457-0467.

### February: El Salvador

Join Airline Ambassadors monthly missions, bringing relief supplies to marginal communities and homeless children in the streets. Call Cameron Gray at 972-264-6614.

### February 2-7: Haiti

Join AAI's mission to Juampas. Assist in the construction of the first medical clinic. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### February 14: New York

Join AAI's annual United Nations Press Conference to launch 2001 Youth Art Competition on volunteerism. Call AAI Office 650-347-3500.

### February 22-26: Costa Rica

Bring medical supplies, humanitarian aid and medical care to the people of San Carlos, Costa Rica. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### March: El Salvador

Join Airline Ambassadors monthly missions, bringing relief supplies to marginal communities and homeless children in the streets. Call Cameron Gray at 972-264-6614.

### March 7-14: Chile

Delivering supplies to the indigenous Mapuche people who live within, depend upon and take care of the oldest forest on the planet. Call Rick Klein 707-923-4475.

### March 29- April 2: Ecuador

Join this medical mission back to Quito, helping children at ABEI Infantil as well as bringing needed medical care to families in the city dump. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### April: Bolivia

Join Airline Ambassadors trip back to La Paz to deliver humanitarian aid as well as medical care. Contact Linda Gansler at 734-524-0561.

### April 15-21: Ecuador

Bring needed supplies to indigenous people in the Ecuadorian Amazon and help local efforts to protect endangered Amazon River dolphin. Call Dave Walsh 707-923-3015.

### April 24-30: Nepal

Bring humanitarian aid and join this research medical mission to Nepal. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### May 10-14: Guatemala

Bring humanitarian aid & join this medical mission giving care to the people of Antigua. Call Glenda Johnson 817-467-7290.

### May 24-28: Haiti

Join this medical mission to help the people in the remote village of Juampas, and aid in the construction of their medical clinic. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

### June: Poland

Join this research mission, bringing supplies and humanitarian aid to children near Warsaw and Krakow. Contact Leeanne Hansen at 323-650-3153.

### June 1-8: India

Help the people of Calcutta on this medical mission, bringing supplies and giving care. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

**Dates and destinations may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Visit [www.airlineamb.org](http://www.airlineamb.org) or call 650-347-3500 for updated info.**

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If you don't have time to go on a mission, you can help by sharing a buddy pass. Call the office (650-347-3500) for info.

Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to:

Airline Ambassadors, 19 South B St., Suite 5, San Mateo, CA 94401. Thank you!

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## Rosie Goes to Guatemala



*Marta Hugs Her First Toy*

At 11 years of age, Marta would like to attend school, but she can't. Her parents have abandoned her and she must care for her elderly abuela (grandmother) who is suffering from tuberculosis. Marta cooks, cleans and cuts the firewood. Marta has never

owned anything pretty or new, or ever had a doll. Her eyes glowed with delight when she received two beautiful dresses, little red shoes that she loves to dance in from Airline Ambassador volunteers, and now she has a best friend...her beloved Rosie doll.

*Oh Great Spirit of Surprise,  
Dazzle us with a day of  
amazing embraces,  
Capricious, uncalculated caring,  
Great hearts, kind souls and  
doers of good deeds.*

*-Molly Fumia*



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*To join Airline Ambassadors or to learn more visit our website at [www.airlineamb.org](http://www.airlineamb.org) or call 650-347-3500.*

## Thanks to LDS Charities

Many thanks to Latter Day Saints Charities for their generous contributions to Airline Ambassadors. They provided most of the aid for two airplane shipments (to Haiti and Ecuador) as well as food, medical supplies, school, hygiene and newborn kits, blankets and quilts for many other missions. LDS also coordinated the logistics for the pick up and delivery of 12,000 beds to families in need, a feat AAI could never have managed alone. The President and Public Relations Director of LDS, Garry Flake and Neil Newell joined AAI's recent mission to Ecuador personally. When Garry heard the doctors lamenting that they had run out of medicine to treat the crowd, he ran to the closest pharmacy, bought out the store, and returned with all the medications that the doctors needed. Bravo, Garry, for bringing compassion into action!



*Garry Flake Holds Baby Michaela, Born in the Quito City Dump*

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