

Airline Ambassadors



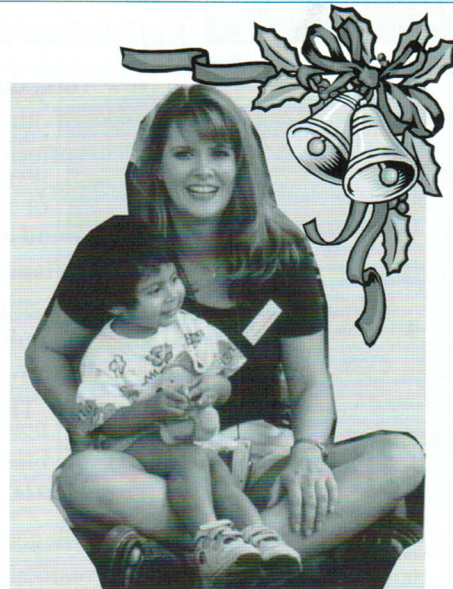
Bringing Compassion into Action
At Home and Abroad
Winter 2001

PEACE ON EARTH GOODWILL TO ALL

Angels of Mercy are flying around the world this holiday season bringing food, warmth and good cheer to children and families in need in Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Romania, Russia, Pakistan and even Afghanistan. We have proven that the world's airways can be used as arteries of goodwill and sharing. Airline Ambassadors salutes our members who are bringing love into action through travel, the partners who have supported us with aid and the generous donors who have allowed our work to continue.

May this season light your heart with renewed hope and joy.

Happy Holidays to all!



*Experience the Spirit of the Season at an
AAI Orphanage Holiday Party.
www.airlineamb.org*

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Airline Ambassadors in New York decided to channel the pain and grief that filled their hearts after the World Trade Center disaster towards helping... giving coffee to a rescue worker, listening to a distraught family member, bringing a blanket to a child cold from the rain. The outpouring of human goodness was inspiring. This newsletter is dedicated to those who lost their lives on that day and the days that followed, in New York, Washington and around the world.

Dozens of AAI'ers volunteered at the Armory the week following the tragedy comforting families of victims, serving policemen and volunteers. Barbara McDonald became the darling of the soldiers, coordinated thousands of dollars worth of donations and was the first of our team to be escorted to Ground Zero, bringing coffee and comfort to the heroic relief workers. Within two days Airline Ambassadors had 200 members certified to work with the Red Cross. Loretta Swit, AAI's



AAIers in Red Cross Gear—Ready to Volunteer

International Spokesperson, was performing in New York.... yet she was there at Ground Zero and the Javits Center in a hardhat and gas mask.

Thank you to LDS Charities whose generous donation allowed us to establish a New York office, to Hunter Public Relations, Smile Train and UNIFEM who provided radio donations and temporary office space, to Sharrye Moore and Christina Andersen who have assisted ongoing volunteer efforts in New York, to Esra Dogrameci and Cara Acker for initiating our Adopt a Family Program, offering ongoing assistance to victims families and to Eileen Vaquilar and Tom Kelly for coordinating a spring gala event to honor United and American Airlines and the New York Heroes.

*The only thing necessary for the triumph
of evil is for good men to do nothing.*



Nancy Rivard, President

Airline Ambassadors

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reflections on September 11th

In New York, during the week following September 11th, I had the same experience as I have had in the wake of other disasters, Hurricane Mitch, Kosovo, and the El Salvadoran earthquake. Despite the pain and suffering—people's hearts opened and the outpouring of sharing and unconditional love was extraordinary. Why must catastrophe be the catalyst for appreciation of our oneness?

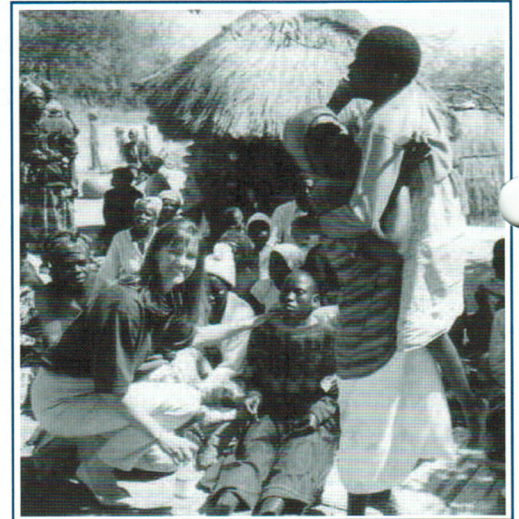
This profound experience can be a daily experience... if we would only take the time to help one another. When we bring love into action, we are in alignment with a higher part of ourselves. The result of that alignment is always... joy. As Airline Ambassadors we build bridges of caring between peoples and cultures.... we are also Ambassadors of a new way of Being. If we allow our lives to be the crucible through which Love can act...we are helping to build a New World, and potentially, a new civilization. Those of us in service are paving the way for a tidal wave of global change.

Wheelchair Foundation

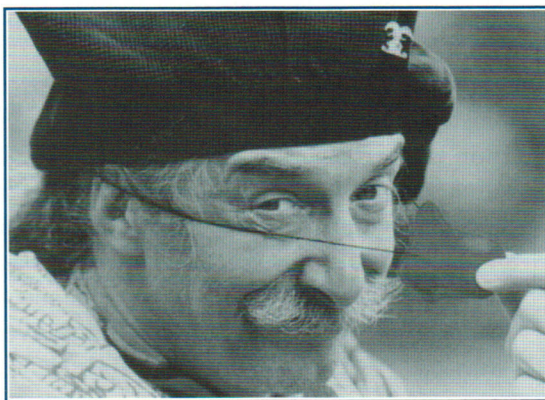
I was privileged to join Ken Behring, Wheelchair Foundation President, and his staff on a trip to deliver wheelchairs to South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Namibia. We met Nelson Mandela—What an honor. At the "Last Destination" village, the scene was right out of National Geographic—residents had been drumming for three days waiting for our arrival. They danced and sang in an unforgettable colorful show of appreciation.

Thank you to A Special Donor!

A huge thank you to one of our Board of Advisors, Dr. Patch Adams, who donated \$20,000 to support our humanitarian efforts around the world and hosted the Airline Ambassador "Clown Training" mission to Cuba in December, bringing love and laughter as well as hurricane relief to thousands.



Nancy in "Last Destination," Zimbabwe



Patch Adams: "Its our job to be Radiant Service."

Join Us

There is an ache in the heart of humanity to make a difference. Most of us simply don't know how. Airline Ambassadors is helping our members to be a human link connecting world resource to world need. Having a personal experience of helping others has inspired hundreds, and they in turn have inspired hundreds of others. Read about our accomplishments in our 2000 Annual Report at www.airlineambassadors.org. We invite you to join us. Have the adventure of a lifetime helping our planet and its people.

BOARD OF ADVISORS

Dr. Patch Adams

Founder and President
Gesundheit! Institute

H. E. Inocencio Arias
Ambassador of Spain

Dr. Noel Brown
Former Director
U.N. Environment Program

Lou D'Amore
President, Int'l Institute
for Peace Through Tourism

Garry Flake
President
LDS Charities

Francesco Frangialli
Secretary General
World Tourism Organization

Millard Fuller
President and Founder
Habitat for Humanity

Fred Gerhard
Executive Director
Wheelchairs for the World

Kumar Ketkar
Editor
Maharashtra Times

Annette Lantos
Director, Congressional
Human Rights Caucus

Representative Tom Lantos
U.S. Congressman

Geoffrey Lipman
President
World Travel and Tourism

Dr. Rashmi Mayur
President, Int'l Institute
for Sustainable Development

Bob McGreggor
Past President
MinnesotaCenter for
Corporate Responsibility

Dr. Robert Muller
Under Secretary General
United Nations (Ret.)

Dr. Wally N'Dow
Secretary General
United Nations Habitat II

**Mrs. María Isabel
Baquerizo de Noboa**
First Lady of Ecuador

Dr. Elizabeth Sahtouris
Author, Biologist

Hiroo Saionji
President
World Peace Prayer Society

Humanitarian Aid Missions

AAI's humanitarian aid missions provide substantive aid to children and families in need. We coordinate 2 to 10 missions each month that supply 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" bringing Compassion into Action.



Penny Rambaucher riding a mule

THESE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS...

Airline Ambassadors supported Francis Dixon's Adopt-A-Village school in a remote site, a three-day trip including a mule ride, from Guatemala City, where a small team of AAIers hand-delivered aid. During this particular mission, the team even brought a globe—it's important to show these children all the places around the world where Airline Ambassadors hand-deliver aid and love to families in need.



Kids enjoying fun packs

In October, the AAIers traveled to a 7 day-care centers in Quito, **Ecuador**. These children received school supplies and "fun packs" filled with toys. These members loaded trucks with humanitarian aid for these adorable Ecuadorian children. 100 cases of aid were delivered to the children living at the Quito Garbage Dump.



AAI team present check to Auntie Fe

The mission to the **Philippines** arrived in Manila on September 11th to find out of the tragedy unfolding in the U.S. Since AAI has an ongoing relationship with three facilities, the distribution of dozens of boxes of supplies was welcomed by each host. An additional \$3,200 was brought to Auntie Fe, the mother at our special orphanage, Shepherd of the Hill. Our hearts go out to the children there, especially now, since Auntie Fe passed away soon after our visit. At each location, the team was greeted with banners such as, "Welcome Our Beloved Airline Ambassadors...Glad to See You Again." So during our nation's greatest tragedy, AAIers were doing something great for some deserving people who's future may be just a little brighter as a result.

During Cameron Gray's monthly visits to **El Salvador** he has hand-delivered hundreds of thousands worth of humanitarian aid. Some of his mission activities include feeding the homeless through a program he funds, Christ in the Streets, and hand-delivering aid to remote communities rarely visited where military escorts are sometimes needed. Lately he has scheduled an 8 hour guided tour at the end of the mission, giving visitors an opportunity to do some shopping, and visit Mayan archaeological sites, art galleries, and attractions one should not miss when visiting El Salvador.



Join us on a mission!

Thank you also to those who have brought hope and supplies to the refugees in Pakistan and Afghanistan these last several months, as well as Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Romania, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Mozambique, Lebanon, and Thailand.

JOIN US

TRAVELING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HELPING CHILDREN AND

FAMILIES IN NEED.



Cameron Gray in El Salvador

Youth Program

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.

SAN MATEO, CA SCHOOL KIDS

HELP SALVADORAN FAMILY

Since the earthquakes devastated El Salvador, over 500,000 people lost their homes. One particular family, the Avelos had caught the eye of an AAI team who had previously brought aid to them. With the news of their one-room adobe hut collapsing during the earthquake, Michaela Maychrowitz, Walter Benitez and Jackie Torres (AAI volunteers) were spurred into action. Jackie is a third grade school teacher in San Mateo, CA. Michaela and Walter presented the story of this unfortunate family to her class. Jackie enrolled her class in fundraising efforts. With a yard sale, by selling cookies and cupcakes, and collecting coins, they raised enough money to get the Avelos a house!

GREENWICH STUDENTS HELP LAUNCH

2001 ART COMPETITION AT UN



Jennifer Consalone, Debbie Chauvin, and Dierdre Arcuri

Thousands of children from 84 countries participated in the 2001 Annual School Competition Co-sponsored by Airline Ambassadors on Volunteerism entitled "Together We Can Do It." Judging took place on October 19th in Madrid. The winner of the Extraordinary Award was from Islamabad Pakistan for her poster "Prayers for Peace." The Award Ceremony will take place on January 30th in Mallorca, Spain will be dedicated to children victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Airline Ambassadors is providing tickets for two winners to attend the event and bringing two children who lost their parents in the disaster to attend the ceremony and receive tribute from a delegation of youth from around the world. All AAI members are invited to join the festivities.

High five to students from Broad Meadows Middle School in Quincy MA who coordinated a Kids Fair to Benefit Children Victims of September 11th. Hundreds of people

BROAD MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

HONORS RELIEF WORKERS

visited the fair, which raised \$3,142 to educate, provide counseling and housing for the American orphans of terrorism. Thank you to Nancy Halpin, from United Airlines who opened everyone's heart with her tears, and to Cassie Flores and Judy Merrill who attended the Fair as well as AAI's Boston Regional Director, Noreen Hayes, who added special remarks and dedicated the Award she was given to her friends and co-workers who had lost their lives on American Airlines Flight 11.

visited the fair, which raised \$3,142 to educate, provide counseling and housing for the American orphans of terrorism. Thank you to Nancy Halpin, from United Airlines who opened everyone's heart

with her tears, and to Cassie Flores and Judy Merrill who attended the Fair as well as AAI's Boston Regional Director, Noreen Hayes, who added special remarks and dedicated the Award she was given to her friends and co-workers who had lost their lives on American Airlines Flight 11.



United and AA Flight Attendants Receive Tribute from Broad Meadows School

CARE BAGS

Many thanks to 12 yr old Annie Wignal and the Care Bags Foundation that she started last year. Annie and her mom, Cathy, hand make beautiful Care Bags for children of all ages and fill them with donated books, toys and toiletry items which Airline Ambassadors hand-delivers to needy children on humanitarian missions and escort trips. Thank you to AAI members Maria and Bill Harrison for delivering these special gifts to children at St. Agnus Church in Brooklyn after the terrorist attacks. Annie is a semi-finalist of the Seventeen Magazine Volunteerism Award for 2001.



Thank you to AAI members Maria and Bill Harrison for delivering these special gifts to children at St. Agnus Church in Brooklyn after the terrorist attacks. Annie is a semi-finalist of the Seventeen Magazine Volunteerism Award for 2001.

KIDS CARE CARDS

Bravo to Karen Conlin from United Airlines Cargo who coordinated thousands of "Kids Care Cards" that were hand delivered (thanks to Christina Andersen and Sharrye Moore) in New York to families of fire-fighters and rescue teams. The Mayor's office displayed many of the cards and helped to distribute them. When Karen heard a New York firefighter say how the cards had touched his life in a simple and profound way, "It was so worth it," she said.

Children's Escort Program

Airline Ambassadors' Escorts bring children to the U.S. for adoption or for medical procedures that cannot be performed in the child's home country. They provide a warm and comforting presence.

A NOTE FROM MARGARET WHITEHEAD, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Many of our escorts call expressing how rewarding it had been to escort a child; yet, there have been a few who have reported some negatives. Escorting is simply not for everyone.

It isn't easy having to deal with late or canceled flights, sick or crying children, carrying a baby or toddler plus sometimes two carry on bags through the Miami airport, finally arriving in a foreign city with nobody there to meet you...these are just a few of the problems that our escorts have encountered.

One absolutely MUST be flexible and resourceful. Go with an open mind and expect the unexpected. The escort is a very important part of the healing process for the child. The little glitches that sometimes occur during a trip mean very little when compared with the good health and the new life given a child who had no chance before coming to the United States.

Finally, I would like to simply say "THANK YOU," to those members who on days off, could have taken a little fun trip somewhere or simply stayed home and relaxed. You knew there was a little one waiting and you said, "What can I do to help?" You have made a huge difference in that child's life.



Escort, Pam Maloof

GOING TO GUATEMALA

I arrived at the Guatemala City airport at 5:00 AM to escort 6 year-old Juan Carlos to Chicago, IL for surgery. He was leaving his family for 10 months. As I took his hand and he bid farewell to his family, tears and whimpers

could be seen and heard as we walked down the jet bridge. The cabin crew was wonderful. They welcomed him warmly and the first officer who spoke Spanish invited him into the cockpit. He put Juan Carlos in the Captain's seat with the Captain's hat on and the frown turned into a big smile.

As I escort children, I am so appreciative to the cockpit and cabin crews who make these frightened, home-sick children feel so very special.

MY FIRST ESCORT

I really took to heart to little 2 ½ year old Winny (Windolyn). She was absolutely adorable. Before the flight even took off from Newark, N.J. Winny had already adapted to me and our relationship was as if we



Escort, Eddie Rudi

Airline Ambassadors

had been long time friends. Noemi a 15 year old burn victim whom I was also escorting spoke Spanish and was able to translate for me when necessary, especially once we arrived in Santo Domingo.

Everything was just wonderful for my first escort experience!

FROM NEW DELHI, INDIA TO PORTLAND, OREGON

All the way from New Delhi, India Nancy Harness escorted a 3½ year old boy with stops in Amsterdam, Boston, and Minneapolis. In Minneapolis, Lynne Halterman



Escorts, Lynne Halterman & Nancy Harness

took the 3½ year old the rest of the way to Portland, OR to meet his family.

When they exited the plane, a large group of family and friends were anxiously awaiting, many holding 8 x 10 photos of the latest addition to their family. After the joyous exchange, Lynne waited to board her return flight to Minneapolis. As she boarded, she glanced over, for one last glance at this wonderful site of a new family beginning. The entire group was waving and saying "thank you".

Lynn reminisces, "This one moment will stay with me forever. Escorting children through Airline Ambassadors is an experience I will do again!"

Special Events

Airline Ambassadors members participate at conferences and volunteer at charitable and civic events dedicated to building a better world. Presence at international conferences enriches members' awareness of social issues and provides opportunities to network with others helping children and families in need locally and internationally.



New York Region Celebrates Walt Disney's 100!

FOCUS ON NEW YORK

Thank you to Sharrye Moore Airline Ambassador Volunteer Coordinator for our New York office. She has channeled volunteers to help with:

- New York Red Cross Relief Efforts— 500 AAI members so far.
- United Nations Annual Conference for NGO's
- The International Day of Tolerance
- National Wheelchair Awareness Day
- ABC Disney Events
- Halloween Party at Central Park, Children's Museum
- 100 Year Birthday Party at the River Bank State Park
- Operation Santa at JFK Hangar (AAI worked with the Community Mayor's Office to turn the airplane hangar into a "winter-wonderland" for 4,000 handicapped children.)

Thank you also to the International Toy Bank who helped deliver 40,000 beanie babies for the NY Relief effort, Operation Santa Claus, and for AAI efforts helping children around the world.

SPIRITUALITY AND TOURISM

Janeen McCallister, MSP Regional Director represented AAI in Assisi, Italy for the International Peace Through Tourism Conference. The topic, Spirituality and Tourism commemorated the 90 religious leaders from all faiths brought together in the same location in 1986 and acknowledged the central role of all religions in promoting tolerance, understanding and peace among all nations.

Guided walks in "the footsteps of St. Francis" set the tone for this special gathering where participants contemplated

the global perspectives on Peace through Tourism as well as potential projects in Africa. Janeen and several other conference participants were able to attend the Pope's weekly audience and present him with a panel from the "Ribbon Project". Since 1982 panels for this project have been created by individuals throughout the world, tied together in a ribbon and encircled many places such as the Pentagon and the Atom Bomb Dome in Hiroshima.

OF HOPE IN AFRICA

Airline Ambassadors was a co-sponsor of a beautiful event at the Caring Institute in Washington DC focusing on the need for aid in Africa. Thank you to Dr. Christine Warnke who

put together an inspiring program. Famed basketball star, Dikembe Motumbo spoke about the hospital he is building in his native country the Congo, Dr. Patch Adams spoke on behalf of Airline Ambassadors and Ken Behring, President of the Wheelchair Foundation announced his goal to deliver 1 million wheelchairs to Africa. Congratulations to Ken who later received a Caring Institute Award for 2001.



AAI looks forward to helping Dikembe support his hospital in the Congo



Conference Participants Display Ribbon Panels

BRAVO TO ICAO

"I strongly condemn the use of civil aviation as a weapon of destruction." Stated the President of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Dr. Kotaite on Sept. 12, it is in the power of civil aviation to preserve friendship and understanding among nations, upon which the peace of the world depends."

LORETTA SWIT

Mea culpa. Loretta, we know your name is SHORT and SWIT. Forgive us for a misprint on a recent mailing.

Airline Ambassadors

Upcoming Events & Missions

New York Ongoing Trained volunteers are needed to work with the Red Cross helping families in the aftermath of the Sept. 11th tragedy. For details and info, contact Sharrye Moore via email at airlineamnyc@nestscape.net

Pine Ridge Rsrv Ongoing Clothes (jeans, flannels, sweaters) are needed for children from kindergarten through high school. Contact Kathy Coffman 847-884-8835, or at Kathymerry@aol.com. Send clothes to Clarice Mesteth, Red Cloud Building, C/O Secretary's Office, Main Street, Pine Ridge, SD, 57770.

Calcutta Ongoing AAI member, Rosalie Giffoniello, will be working in Calcutta at Mother Teresa's orphanage helping handicapped children. She welcomes volunteers. Email her at giffoniello@hotmail.com

Pakistan Dec. 10-19 Join this research mission to get warm clothes, blankets and tents to the Afghan refugees near Peshawar and plan for return missions. Contact Mary Ann Havryluck at victoryvoyage@hotmail.com

Cuba Dec. 13-20 Join Patch Adams, AAI on a clown training mission to Cuba. A \$200 cost is associated with the training portion of this mission. Contact SFOffice@airlineamb.org

Turtle Mt. Rsrv Dec. 15 -19 Help distribute supplies and gifts to 100 Native American families in Turtle Mountain N. Dakota as they move into new homes just before the holidays. Contact Nancy Butner at nanitb@aol.com

Honduras Dec. 20-22 Bring gifts and love to orphans at Amor y Vida HIV Home. Experience a family style Christmas with individual gifts for each child. Contact Liz at lmilne@dellepro.com or 703-481-1691.

El Salvador Dec. 27-30 Help feed the homeless in San Salvador with Christ in the Streets and deliver aid to remote, rural areas where mission participants will be exposed to extreme poverty and malnutrition. This mission is only for the adventurous. For volunteers who want to stay one extra day, an 8 hour guided tour will be available to Mayan archeological sites etc. Contact Cameron Gray at ow1@ix.netcom.com.

Russia Dec. 30-Jan. 7 Join AAIers visiting 6 orphanages and hand-delivering aid, and help run a one day winter camp for these children 8 hours north of Moscow. Contact Cheryl.Mitchell@aa.com

El Salvador Jan. 5-9 Join Elaine Osborne bringing presents and love to children in San Salvador orphanages on 3 Kings Day. Watch their little faces light with joy>Contact ieosborn@aol.com

Mexico Jan. 11-13 Join an AAI team to bring much needed aid to the community and children of San Quintin. Please contact Marty Mercado at npfmarty@cs.com or Molly Post at 011-52-615-5-0384.

Haiti Jan. 17-22 Join Glenda Johnson on an incredible medical mission bringing aid to children and families in Jumpsas. Hundreds of patients will be treated. Contact Glenda at zeffie@flash.net

Thailand Jan. 20-25 Join AAI Rep, Debbie Blackmore in Bangkok and Baan Beung, bring supplies to a crippled children's home, a babies' orphanage, and a preschool. Email debbie_blackmore@yahoo.com

Colombia Jan. 21-24 Bring holiday cheer to the orphans we know and love at Airline Ambassadors' Annual Christmas Party at Hogar de Luz y Vida Orphanage. Contact cemorey@aol.com

El Salvador Jan. 24-28 Join AAI team for a construction mission to help build a 300-home community for homeless earthquake victims, and bring supplies and aid to children. Contact info@airlineamb.org

Ecuador Jan. 24-28 Join this mission to bring prosthetic equipment to Fundacion Hermano Miguel and humanitarian aid to children in Quito and Loja. Contact Maria Harrison at mhwh@juno.com

El Salvador Jan. 24-27 Help feed the homeless in San Salvador with Christ in the Streets and deliver aid to remote, rural areas where mission participants will be exposed to extreme poverty and malnutrition. This mission may require security from armed guards. For volunteers who want to stay one extra day, an 8 hour guided tour will be available to Mayan archeological sites and shopping. Contact Cameron Gray at ow1@ix.netcom.com.

Spain Jan. 30 All are invited to attend the awards ceremony in Mallorca, Spain for our international youth art competition. This year's ceremony will honor the children orphaned by the Sept. 11th tragedy. Contact William Dise at disesw@qwest.com

El Salvador Feb. 21-24 Help feed the homeless in San Salvador with Christ in the Streets and deliver aid to remote, rural areas where mission participants will be exposed to extreme poverty and malnutrition. Only for the adventurous. For volunteers who stay one extra day, an 8 hour guided tour will be available to Mayan archeological sites, etc. Contact Cameron Gray at ow1@ix.netcom.com.

Senegal February 2002 Assist AAI efforts helping to establish a school in rural Senegal. Aid and supplies will be brought. Contact Julie Horan jlhoran@hotmail.com

South Africa Mar. 3-7 Join the 1st African Peace Through Tourism Conference in Mpumalanga Province to help promote rural and community based tourism in contributing to a "culture of peace." Contact info@airlineamb.org

Algeria Mar. 2002 Join this trip over the Easter Holidays to visit the Sahrawi refugee camps and bring aid. Christians will gather to pray for 200,000 Muslim refugees to return to their homeland. Contact CarlosWilson at (858) 458-9191 or csahrawi@aol.com

Nepal May 5-15 Join one of the favorite Airline Ambassador missions and trek medical supplies, toys and love to Tibetan refugees and Nepalese children. Contact Erica at free2reed@cs.com

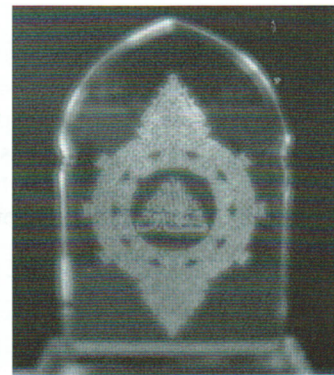
Brazil June 2002 Join this AAI mission to Rio de Janeiro and the surrounding area helping children and assisting Red Cross efforts. Contact Valerie at vvbeauchamp8@msn.com

United States July 11-August Participate with this Youth Inspiration Run with the American Flag from Boston, NY, DC, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Check www.yirun.org or email Eric at memalon@worldnet.att.net

Dates and locations may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Visit our website for updates at www.airlineamb.org

AWARD FROM THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

It was a special honor for Airline Ambassadors to receive a Humanitarian Award from the Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago. On November 4, 2001 a beautiful award was presented to Nancy Rivard, President, for Humanitarian Efforts to the Children of the World. Many thanks to Mr. Talat Othman, who saw Airline Ambassadors highlighted on the back of Reader's Digest this summer. He also helped identifying contacts for AAI's missions to help Afghan refugees in Pakistan.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ AIRLINE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to:
Airline Ambassadors, 19 South B Street, Suite 1, San Mateo, CA 94401.
Or you can sign up on line at www.airlineamb.org. THANK YOU!

_____ \$35 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ other

MEDICAL WINGS

As a partner of Airline Ambassadors, Medical Wings will provide medical care and supplies to indigent communities around the world, by organizing teams of doctors, dentists and other health care professionals to travel to areas in need. Medical Wings will establish on-going relationships with the communities it serves. This long-term commitment to a community will distinguish Medical Wings from other organizations providing health care in the developing world.

ERICA'S STORY

By Glenda Johnson

I met Erica one year ago at a local children's hospital in El Salvador. She was 7 months old, weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces. Her mother had abandoned her because



Glenda, Santos & Erica

she had been born with clubbed feet. No one knows how many days poor little Erica laid hungry and crying before a woman named Santos washing clothing, heard God's angel crying. She searched the riverbank, discovering Erica wrapped in brown paper with her little body covered in ants and maggots. Santos took her home. The family cleaned her up and built a wooden box to bury little Erica, figuring she would not live through the day.

God had different plans for His little angel. The next two days were touch and go. Santos and her husband, who were very poor, mashed beans to feed her. Although it was difficult, they raised the cash needed to take her to the hospital.

AAI was in El Salvador on a medical mission. Our group, hosted by Sandra Garcia, received a phone call about little Erica and the plight of her story. A group of us immediately went to the hospital. The first sight of this baby brought tears to our eyes, as she lay crying without tears. I went to her bedside, her little arms reaching to be picked up. Holding her little frail body stole my soul. Her new adoptive mother, Santos, was frightened that we would take Erica from her.

Airline Ambassadors is a non profit organization dedicated to bringing compassion into action by hand delivering aid and love to children and families in need. It is made up of almost 4,000 members who volunteer as Ambassadors of Goodwill in their home communities and abroad. Members escort children in need, hand-deliver humanitarian aid, assist at special events and involve youth in our programs worldwide.

For more information or to join Airline Ambassadors visit our website at www.airlineamb.org

or call 650-347-3500 .

The next morning Sandra took AAIs shopping to buy baby food and bottles and clothes. Carmen and Bernardo Sequeira were there to meet the AAI medical mission. Carmen promised to take care of little Erica on behalf of AAI.

Since then, Dr. Mike Toll has arranged surgery at Scottish Right Hospital in Dallas. I escorted both the mother and Erica to Dallas for the reconstructive surgery.

PRAYER AT THE PENTAGON

Dr. Diane Sherwood, of AAI Board of Directors gave the following prayer to launch a March for Unity at the Pentagon on Sept. 22 to an estimated crowd of 6,000.

*Holy One, Great Mystery,
Known by a thousand names,
We come today as a grieving family,
a grieving nation, a grieving world,
We open ourselves for deep healing,
courage and wisdom,
We are Sikhs and Muslims, Christians
and Jews, Mormons, Bahais, Hindu's, Buddhists
and those on a hundred paths to Truth,
We ask for Compassionate Hearts,
Sorrowing, but rejoicing always,
Dying but behold we live,
With a unified and humble voice we pray...
God Bless America*



Airline Ambassadors

19 South B Street, Suite 1
San Mateo, CA 94401

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
BURLINGAME, CA
PERMIT NO. 417