

## Did you know?

AMIGOS now posts weekly community updates and project pictures on the website when we have volunteers in Latin America. Remember to check it out next summer, or read more about the completed 2004 projects today! Visit [www.amigoslink.org](http://www.amigoslink.org) and click on "Project Updates".

### *Project Plans cont'd*

digital photography, the recording of oral histories, translation, and the development of town histories.

### **YOUTH-TO-YOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

(Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay)

Volunteers will co-facilitate workshops for children and young people that focus on team-building, creative expression, environmental health, and healthy habits. In addition to the workshops, volunteers will assist the community youth and adults in the implementation of community improvement projects that may range from the construction of parks and sports fields to the formation of service clubs and art groups.



*Photo of the Year Runner up – Julian LeFevre, Honduras 2004*

O P E N I N G N E W D O O R S

## The FOUNDATION for AMIGOS de las AMÉRICAS

A new and exciting opportunity for positively impacting and strengthening the AMIGOS organization has arrived! The Foundation for Amigos de las Américas was established in December 2003 with the strong support of the AMIGOS International Board. Working together with alumni, parents, chapters, and volunteers, the Foundation will enable AMIGOS to strengthen the volunteer experience, enhance relationships with Latin American communities and partner agencies, and expand the reach of the AMIGOS mission.

The central objective of the Foundation for Amigos de las Américas is to build a \$10 million endowment by AMIGOS' 50th anniversary in 2014. This strong financial corpus will allow the Foundation to support a wide variety of AMIGOS initiatives, including project grants, chapter development, staff and volunteer scholarships and support of specific AMIGOS international programs.

In addition to serving the long-term needs of the AMIGOS program, the Foundation for Amigos de las Américas pioneered a series of nine \$1,000 special grants to the 2004 programs. These grants were made in response to requests from the project directors, who provided written grant requests and project monitoring. The dynamic grant projects demonstrated that the Foundation can leverage gifts from donors to create a significant impact in project communities in Latin America. The 2004 grant program enjoyed great success because of the energies and ingenuity of the AMIGOS volunteers, their host communities and the various partner organizations that participated.

The Foundation for Amigos de las Américas has been established as a legally separate 501(c) (3) corporation, with independent trustees, to provide appropriate legal protection for the corpus. The Foundation is led by an exemplary group of initial Trustees, all of whom have held senior leadership positions with AMIGOS: Elizabeth Abernethy, Bill Arnold, Stephen Cook, Walter Cook, Margaret Guerriero, and Doug Paisley.

In order to obtain more information or to inquire how you can get involved in supporting the success of the Foundation for Amigos de las Américas, please contact Erin Eldredge at the AMIGOS International Office, 800-231-7796 ext. 115, or via email at [eeldredge@amigoslink.org](mailto:eeldredge@amigoslink.org). Opportunities exist for planned long-term gifts, including gifts of securities, insurance policies and charitable trusts.

*Photo of the Year Runner up – Natasha Azad, Mexico 2004*

