

Airline Ambassadors



Helping Children in Need
At Home and Abroad

Winter 2000

President of El Salvador Honors Airline Ambassadors

In December, Airline Ambassadors brought humanitarian aid and holiday cheer to more than 1,000 children in six orphanages in El Salvador. The team of 27 included Dr. Patch Adams and three "clown doctors."

Alexandra de Quintanilla, wife of the Vice President of El Salvador, helped to plan our third annual series of Christmas parties for children at five orphanages of the Instituto de Proteccion de Menor. She attended the festivities along with the First Lady, Lourdes Rodriguez Flores, and hosted a lovely reception for the group.

The President of El Salvador, Francisco Flores, received the Airline Ambassador team at the Presidential Palace and honored each team member with a special certificate of recognition. The First Lady presented a beautiful wooden plaque to Mission Coordinator Kathy Savage, honoring AAI's valiant, altruistic spirit and our work bringing human compassion to disadvantaged boys and girls in El Salvador.



President of El Salvador and his family present Kathy Savage with a plaque honoring AAI's work in El Salvador.

Holiday Parties In Eight Countries

More than 100 Airline Ambassador members brightened the lives of thousands of children with holiday parties in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras and the United States. They hand-delivered toys, gifts, clothing and supplies and hosted parties that included music, pinatas and sometimes even Papa Noel! This is the fourth year that Airline Ambassadors has held holiday parties and delivered substantive aid, toys and love to children-in-need, most of whom are orphans. (See page 2 for details.)



Irene Logan with orphan in Honduras

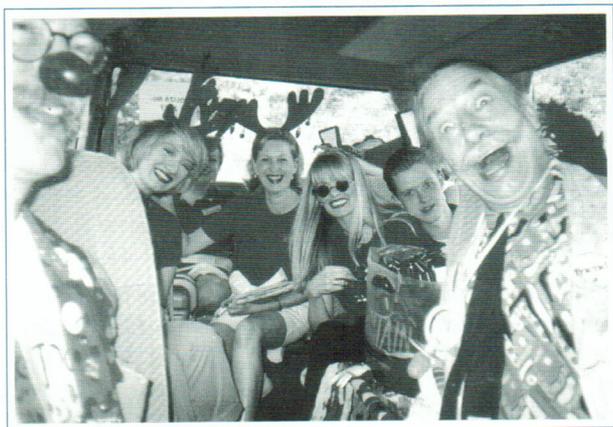
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Holiday Orphanage Parties

Holiday Orphanage Parties have become annual events for Airline Ambassadors International (AAI). We provide substantive aid on these holiday missions, including medical and first aid supplies; however, the focus is on providing toys, love and attention that the children rarely receive the rest of the year. Our parties this year in eight countries are a record, and thousands of children benefited thanks to hundreds of Airline Ambassador volunteers and financial support of our members.

El Salvador

Dr. Patch Adams and three "clown doctors" joined the Airline Ambassador team hosting parties at five orphanages of the Instituto de Proteccion de Menor and a facility for the severely disabled, Hogar del Nino Minusvalido



Noelle Knapp, Kathy Savage, Leeanne Hansen with Dr. Patch Adams and "Clown Doctors"

Abandonido. Each party featured music, dancing, face painting, gift giving, as well as Papa Noel. Kathy Savage and Gloria Reid coordinated the trip and arranged for a TV, VCR and a video library to be delivered to the orphanages as well as gifts for 1,000 children. Patch gave a talk at Bloom Children's Hospital and the team delivered gifts and holiday cheer to the children there as well. A TV crew filmed the trip for a PBS Special to air this spring *The Promise of Play*. Many thanks to Sandra Garcia, David Trejo and the Kiwanis Club for hosting the team in style.

Bolivia

Jeni Guzman led an Airline Ambassadors team that delivered 1,100 pounds of medical supplies, clothing and gifts to three hospitals and to more than 1,000 street children in La Paz. They hand-delivered medical supplies to Hospital General, Los Altos and the Salvation Army Hospital, and clothing to a women's prison. They hosted a festive holiday party at Alburgue Home for abandoned and abused children and also gave gifts to 350 children at the Salvation Army orphanage.

The team also brought a special surprise to David, a young boy with epilepsy. They had met him on their previous

mission to Bolivia in October, and on this trip they delivered a badly needed wheelchair to his home (thanks to Paula Moran). Local TV and press covered the mission and Paula presented another wheelchair to a child on the TV show *Tribuna Libre*. Thanks to Jeni Guzman who led this mission and helped coordinate our trip in October. She saved at least five lives by providing necessary shunts for hydrocephalus.

Brazil

Actor John Amos joined an AAI team to help children in Brazil and assisted with a documentary film on the humanitarian efforts of the Brazilian organization Legion of Goodwill. Special thanks to John and Janeen DaPrima and to Miles and Angelica Metzger for distributing toys and gifts in Rio de Janeiro and identifying orphanages near Oro Preto that need our assistance. The Rosie O'Donnell dolls and Beanie Babies were a big hit with the Brazilian children.

Colombia

Our third Christmas party at Hogares Luz y Vida orphanage went off without a hitch. Airline Ambassadors hand-delivered toys, orphanage supplies, medical supplies (including wheelchairs), clothing, educational supplies and musical instruments. The children were especially excited about the instruments, including dozens of harmonicas, recorders, drums, bells and xylophones. Thanks to Colleen Morey, who has coordinated previous AAI missions to Colombia, and to the students of Greenwich High School in Connecticut who mobilized young people in their town to support the project. The *Greenwich Times*, *Darien Citizen News* and the *Fairfield Citizen* reported their fabulous work. (See Youth Programs, page 8.)

"My travels to Bogota, now numbering six, have led me to find 140 orphaned children, abandoned or discarded by their families. So transforming are my visits with these little ones, that I have stopped to wonder whether the world's most brilliant minds could teach me the essence of life with the depth of wisdom as have the orphans living in this humble dwelling."

Colleen Morey

Guatemala

AAI Youth Directors Kori Smith and Natalie Alhonte helped Mission Coordinator Barb Brown produce parties at

Zargossa Orphanage, Jospice Internacional and Transitions Disability Association. Each party included a pinata, face-painting, Papa Noel, presents and clowns! In addition to presents for each child, the team contributed money for new mattresses and delivered cards from students in Michigan. At Jospice Internacional, Kori Smith helped design a beautiful palm tree mural to help brighten the facility. Thanks to John Bell from Transitions (a Guatemalan organization that works with the disabled) and to the seven young people who helped host three days of fun-filled fiestas for the children of Guatemala. John Bell



Celebrating at Zargossa Orphanage

wrote, "You were all a blessing to our Christmas season. You reminded us all how important it is to remember the small things and have a good time."

Haiti

A Channel 7 News Team from Miami accompanied the Airline Ambassadors mission to Haiti that brought gifts to the Good Shepherd Boys Home, School of Serviability, St. Gerard's and St. Rose of Lima Orphanage. Jennifer Butler led the AAI team, which included two teachers and three students, and it delivered gifts and love to almost 500 children. Miami's Channel 7 TV aired a touching story on the holiday parties on December 16 and 17. Thanks to the American Airlines team in Port au Prince.

Honduras

A team of 22 Airline Ambassador members, including two mother-daughter teams hosted our second holiday party for the children living at the Amor y Vida HIV Home and at Hogar Emmanuel Orphanage. The mission (nicknamed "Operation Santa Claus") delivered wheelchairs, medical supplies and 35 boxes of toys, clothes, shoes, candy and orphanage supplies to the

children who were thrilled to see their old friends and make new ones.

Thanks to Irene Logan and M.J. Manocchio for coordinating these parties and to students from Sandpiper School in San Mateo who made decorations and cards that were hand-delivered to children at Hogar Emmanuel. Ken Keys and a team from the organization Missions Unlimited, helped host the parties and created a sponsorship program that will provide ongoing financial support to the HIV Home. Thank you as well to the Founder of Amor y Vida, Maria Elena Michiletti, who hosted an elegant party for our team.



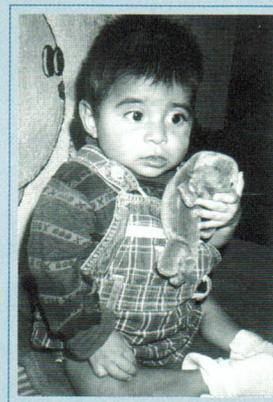
Leanne Crocker with Jamie in Honduras

United States

This was a holiday party with an airline flair for 5,000 handicapped children in New York City. The event took place in a Tower Air Hangar at JFK Airport. Bagpipes played and children cheered as Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief and Santa Claus and his elves stepped off an airplane to begin the party. Airline Ambassadors helped the Community Mayors of New York with this event, and made sure that each child had a gift. Special thanks to John De Prima, Monica Lunser and Sharrye Moore.

Toy Bank Donates Beanie Babies

Many thanks to Nancy Butner and the International Toy Bank for providing Beanie Babies for the Airline Ambassadors Holiday Parties in eight countries. More than 1,000 orphans hugged their new pets - Beanie Baby kitties, puppies, geese and even walruses. The Toy Bank International has donated over 25,000 Beanie Babies to AAI to hand-deliver on future missions.



Guatemalan Orphan with Walrus

Humanitarian Aid Missions

AAI's humanitarian aid missions provide substantive aid to children-in-need. On every mission we seek to provide 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 14 recent missions, and we encourage you to join us (see page 11 for details).

Bolivia



Linda Gansler delivering wheelchairs in La Paz

Linda Gansler and Jeni Guzman led a team of nine Airline Ambassadors to La Paz, Bolivia on a rewarding visit to help children-in-need. The team visited the Children's Neurology, Thorax and Burn Hospitals and the Women's General Hospital, and delivered 11 wheelchairs, 25 boxes of medical supplies, dental supplies, walkers, canes, stoves and blankets.

Many parents in Bolivia do not even have the one peso per day needed to hospitalize their child. Linda and Jeni had coordinated a Golf Fundraiser in Grand Rapids, Michigan before their trip and used the funds to help eight children receive necessary medical care and cleft palate, bowel and spinal operations. The team met the Mayor and received a special blessing by a native shaman. Their story was featured in the Bolivia press with a full-page story in *El Diario* and they made an appearance on the *Tribuna Libre* TV show.

Cambodia

Airline Ambassadors provided a truckload of medical equipment to a hospital in Cambodia with the assistance of Rotary Clubs of Castro Valley and Hayward. Special thanks to Hannah Schmid who helped organize the donation from Eden Hospital, and who regularly collects and ships humanitarian supplies for our missions.



Hannah Schmid delivers aid

Colombia

Colleen Morey coordinated this special medical mission to Hogares Luz y Vida orphanage in Bogota. Last year FOX TV News aired a story on our Christmas party, and the report featured two little girls who suffer from a painful and debilitating skin condition called "epidermolysis bulosa dystrophica." Their skin is so sensitive that if touched it bruises, and breaks into painful sores. A mother in Los Angeles saw the TV show and called to inform AAI that her son suffers from

the same condition and that the Deborah Foundation was created to provide care for children with this illness. We contacted the Deborah Foundation and they agreed to help.



Glenda Johnson, Colleen Morey, Leeanne Hanson delivering wheelchairs in Colombia

In July, we sent a specialist doctor and nurse with the Airline Ambassadors team to the orphanage to treat the girls and provide training for the staff in their special care. Airline Ambassadors also delivered 16 wheelchairs, toys and supplies and conducted a comprehensive "needs assessment" for future missions.

Ecuador

Maria and Bob Harrison braved an erupting volcano in late September to hand-deliver 33 boxes of children's clothes, toys, lab supplies, "Peace Cereal" and 10 wheelchairs to Hogar



Maria Harrison with Orphans in Ecuador

Infantil in Quito, Ecuador. The team's departure was delayed 10 days when the volcano (Guagua Pinchincha) erupted and the airport was closed. Fortunately, participants returned safely and children at the orphanage suffered no harm. Local press covered the humanitarian mission in the newspaper HOY. Thank you to Glenda Johnson, Sharrye Moore, Linda Gwynn as well as Ned Argonza and Jim Wright for transporting the supplies.

Guatemala

Barb Brown and Nancy Gregg trekked the last half mile on foot through the Guatemala Highlands to hand-deliver seeds, clothing and supplies to a remote Mayan village of Batzula in August. Hundreds of indigenous Mayans are living in the village as refugees, displaced from their ancestral land. Their crop of corn had been wiped out by



Barbara Brown delivering a sweater to Mayan women

severe storms, and without seeds they would miss the planting season and have no food for the winter. The delivery of seeds was greatly appreciated. American Airlines sweaters and Peace Cereal were a big hit with the "abuelas," and children. Thank you to Francia Ala and Tek Itzep Pasa of the Mayan Connection for their assistance.

Haiti

Mission Coordinator Glenda Johnson coordinated two medical missions bringing nurses, healthcare practitioners and homeopathic doctors to Haiti. Both missions visited children at Eden Orphanage, "Sister-Sister" and Mother Theresa's Orphanage delivering supplies, diapers, clothing, vitamins and toys. The AAI teams then traveled to the mountain village of Jaumpas. Many residents had never received any type of medical treatment and a local church was used as a makeshift clinic. From morning until night the medical team provided health examinations and treatment, in many cases by candlelight. Mission participants who were not health professionals helped also, taking blood pressure, examining skin, washing wounds and dispensing medicines. They also gave out food, clothing and vitamins

to local villagers. When three villagers were diagnosed with critical illnesses, treatment was arranged at hospitals in Port au Prince.

Many thanks to Marline and John Olivier who hosted the group in the mountains and who helped Glenda with arrangements and with health education classes.



Marline Olivier giving medicine in Jaumpas

India

John Melynchuk conducted an AAI research mission to Bombay, India, in early January. He delivered gifts and identified orphanages and clinics needing assistance. John previously volunteered and offered his expertise as a homeopathic doctor on Airline Ambassador missions to Colombia, Haiti, Jamaica and Macedonia. The story of his efforts with AAI made the cover of *Homeopathy Today* Magazine.

Jamaica

An AAI team delivered 16 wheelchairs and 25 boxes of medical supplies to Bustamonte Children's Hospital and additional supplies to children at Maxfield Childrens Home and Marigold Day Care Center. After delivering these supplies, they visited with the children and volunteered at the orphanages, cleaning and sterilizing beds and equipment. The mission featured four youth participants and two homeopathic doctors. Thank you to Sharrye Moore who coordinated this trip and to Robin Horner and Bill Weaver for donations of clothing and supplies, as well as ABC/Disney for Hercules buckets and socks.

Thanks also to AAI member Glenda Johnson and American Airlines in Jamaica. American Airlines raised money to help pay for a tutorial program for the children at Maxfield Childrens Home. Glenda flew back to Jamaica to help present the check to the orphanage at a special press conference.

Kosovo

Rae England led an AAI mission to Bosnia and Kosovo just before Christmas and viewed firsthand the devastation of the war. They arranged the delivery of two 40-foot containers of food, medical supplies, clothing and toys worth \$80,000. Consigning it to Mother Theresa's Mission for distribution to those in greatest need. They conducted an

itemized "needs assessment" for future missions. AAI member Andy Houghten, in a wheelchair himself, gathered information to help the disabled and plans to return to Kosovo in February.

Nicaragua

Airline Ambassador Janet Weinger coordinated the donation and delivery of \$70,000 worth of medicine to Nicaragua in November. She delivered the medicine to the remote village of Bocay where residents still suffer in the aftermath of a painful civil war.

Philippines

In October, a team of 15 Airline Ambassadors revisited children at Shepherd of the Hills Orphanage north of Manila. The team distributed clothing and gifts, played with the children, ran a daily crafts class and hosted an early Christmas party complete with a Christmas tree, gifts, music and fun.

Until this mission, some of these children had been sleeping



Leanne Hanson, Sharon Stein, Mattie Simoese and Dennis Estes presenting a check to Auntie Fe

on hard cement blocks, and others on filthy, mite-infested foam pads. Airline Ambassador members raised nearly \$7,000 in a raffle (thanks to Mattie Simoese and Sharon Stein) and used this money to buy new mattresses for 69 children as well as material for new sheets. The team took turns at the antique sewing machines until new sheets and beds had been provided for all the children. Many thanks to Leanne Hansen and Anne Demarais for coordinating this rewarding trip and to Orphanage Director Auntie Fe for hosting the team.

Tanzania

What an adventure to escort 1,000 pounds of medical supplies, school supplies, clothing, shoes and gifts to Mbhae village in Tanzania at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro! The AAI team stayed with families and learned about Masai



Janet DeShon with locals in Tanzania

culture. Many thanks to Simon Mtuy.

They delivered school supplies at the primary school, and were welcomed in each classroom by children singing. Each child and teacher received a gift and kindergarten children received individual chalkboards, thanks to Eric Scholtz. "It was like Christmas that they had never known," said Suzanne Nolan who coordinated the mission. School officials were thrilled with gifts of tools (from The Home Depot) to build a more stable structure. The walls were made of sticks and the winter wind blows through them, so many children get pneumonia. The team also visited Kilema Hospital, where they delivered medical supplies, and Mkombozi Center for street children where they delivered art supplies, crafts and sports equipment.

Turkey

As soon as AAI member Nick Cheema heard of the devastating earthquake in Turkey, he began gathering supplies to help and within a week he was on an airplane to hand-deliver the aid himself. In addition to delivering supplies, he met with disaster relief organizations that helped channel the aid to many homeless victims living in "tent cities" in and around Istanbul.

Venezuela

Three "skids" of relief supplies were delivered to Venezuela after the torrential rains that left thousands homeless, thanks to the heroic efforts of Ken Keys and Glenda Johnson. Over 1,000 personal hygiene packs designed for disaster relief were donated by Ken Keys of Missions Unlimited and delivered days after the airport opened due to the hard work of Johnson in American Airlines Cargo.

Children's Escort Program

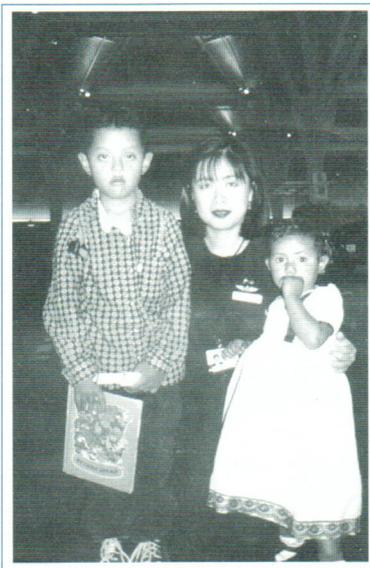
AAI members who work for airlines use their flight privileges, and tickets donated by their airlines, to escort (1) children who need medical care from the developing world to hospitals in the United States and (2) orphans to new homes. In the last three years AAI has provided escorts to more than 500 children, and many of these escorts have led to medical care that has saved children's lives. For more information about escorting, please call 415-398-7100.

It is impossible to summarize the experiences of the dozens of Airline Ambassador members who have conducted escorts in the last few months, so we have selected three recent stories.

Masako's Story

Masako Fett has helped to coordinate the Children's Escort Program this past year and often escorts herself. In August she escorted Luis and Milber from Honduras to Washington, D.C. for badly needed intestinal surgery. It was hard for the children to leave their parents but soon they bonded to Masako who tenderly cared for them as a mother. When the trio arrived in D.C., Milbur wouldn't let go of her finger and Luis kept looking back for reassurance. *"I felt like I touched them and they touched me,"* she said.

In September she traveled all the way to Moscow to pick up 6 year-old Inna who had been born without a foot or a leg. Masako entertained her halfway



Masako Fett with Luis & Milber

around the world to her foster family in Seattle, none other than Carl Boyer, the President of Healing the Children. Inna now walks almost like a normal little girl. More recently, Masako picked up 18 month old Yeshua after successful open heart surgery in New Mexico and returned him to his grateful family in Nicaragua in time to celebrate Christmas together.

"Escorting isn't for everyone," Masako said. *"It takes someone mature, courageous and quick thinking, ideally with medical background, but the feeling you get when you deliver a child is so very rewarding...I think I'm addicted."*

A Child Returns

In 1998, Escort Coordinator Margaret Whitehead was asked by Healing the Children to arrange an escort for a 10 year-old boy named Elias from the United States back to a remote village in Panama. The boy had lived with a tracheotomy since infancy, and he was brought to the U.S. for tests to determine if the tracheotomy could be reversed. Unfortunately, this proved impossible and the AAI members who escorted him back home reported he was quite sad. He just wanted to be a normal boy, but was being sent home in the same condition as when he arrived.

Then, last year, Margaret received a call from a different organization, Medical Care for Children in Virginia. They were looking for an escort who was also a nurse, because the child (from Panama) had a tracheotomy that would probably need suctioning during the trip. It was Elias! Margaret found Laura Latham, an

AAI member who is a nurse, to conduct the escort from Panama to Richmond, Virginia. In Richmond, Elias underwent very delicate surgery. After his operation, to reattach his trachea, he was put into a semi-comatose state for 21 days while it healed. Three months later, Laura escorted Elias back to his home. The surgery had been successful and he could talk.

After their arrival in Panama, Dora Perez-Billardez, the First Lady of Panama who had taken a special interest in his case, met Laura and Elias. She arranged a special meeting at the Children's hospital in Panama where she presented gifts to Elias and to the other hospitalized children.

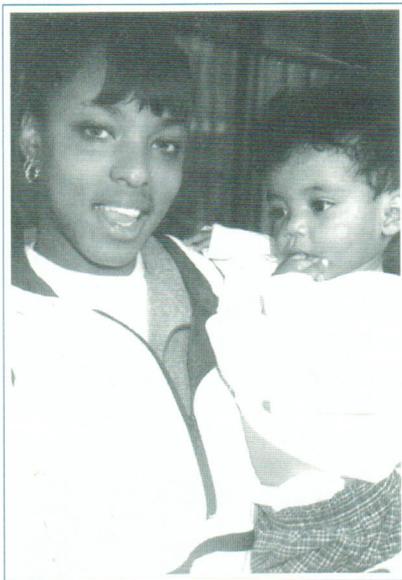
"Relay" Escorts

In November, AAI coordinated an unusual "relay" escort of five Ethiopian children to new homes. AAI members Kathy Savage and Margarita Czaia met the five children in Newark, NJ and escorted them on a flight to Dallas. Once in Dallas, Margarita escorted three of the children (Mulubrahan, age 8; Dewitt, age 10; and Fasha, age 14) to their adoptive family in Seattle; Peg Meyer escorted Hailiemariam (age 2) to his adoptive parents in Los Angeles; and Michelle Stoa escorted Hiwot (age 18 months) to her adoptive parents in Salt Lake City.

This story was reported in *The Dallas Morning News* in a large article that ran the following Sunday. Many thanks to Paula Latshaw for helping to coordinate such a complicated escort while Margaret Whitehead (AAI's Escort Coordinator) was on vacation. Thanks also to Kathy, Margarita, Peg and Michelle who conducted the children to their new homes and new families.

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.



Naemah Spooner and Diana

Report from Colleen Morey, AAI Youth Program Coordinator:

Airline Ambassadors' Youth Program has evolved from simple "pen pal" letter writing and the collection of pennies by U.S. students to full sponsorship by a school class of an orphanage and participation by students on humanitarian aid missions. As they become more involved in AAI's work, the participating students are experiencing a wide variety of life-changing, educational experiences.

An example of what these experiences mean is reflected in the college application of Naemah Spooner, a high school student in Greenwich, Connecticut. Naemah has been involved for the last three years in AAI's Christmas celebrations at the Hogares Luz Y Vida Orphanage in Bogota, Colombia. What began, in her first year, as a last minute two-week drive to collect clothes and toys for

the orphans, has turned into a full semester commitment and an deep desire to make a difference.

I first met Naemah more than three years ago. Her parents and teachers were expressing frustration at her attitude toward school, her parents, and the world. Nothing seemed to satisfy her, her grades dropped, friendships disappeared, and her enthusiasm for athletics diminished. When space became available on an Airline Ambassador medical mission to Bogota, I invited her to join us, thinking it may give her a new perspective.

Naemah's experience with AAI has changed her view of the world. In her college application essay, she explained her experience this way:

"I met little Claudia, a vibrant seven year old girl who is covered with scars from her father's attempt to kill both her and her mother in a house fire. The scars will always be her constant reminder of the tragedy that befell her, as will her missing fingers and the facemask she wears to hide her embarrassment. For some, her image is startling at first -for me, it was her beautiful smile that caught my attention. It lights up her whole face. I watched her feed the other children at lunchtime, making sure they were taken care of before she ate her meal. She is truly a 'mother' of the younger children running to their rescue when they fall or cry, holding them, soothing them -she truly touched my heart with her spirit.

"Then there is little Diana -she is about two years old, and does not walk. She remains withdrawn, frequently sitting

in a corner, observing the others. I wondered what passed through her little mind as her big brown eyes scanned the room. Was she wondering about the mother who gave her up?

"These are but a sampling of the children who will probably never know a mother's touch, never know what it is like to be held and comforted after having scraped a knee. They will probably never be able to call anyone mommy or daddy, and as a result, they face a huge disadvantage in their uncertain future. To know where you come from, can sometimes help you to figure out where you are going...."

"It pains me to know that the children in the orphanage will never know the wonderful life I have known...."

This past fall, Naemah took full responsibility for coordinating the Bogota, Colombia, Christmas party donation drive. Her efforts included rallying her classmates and other high school students, giving presentations to elementary and middle school students, coordinating candy and bake sales, and corresponding with diaper companies, Rosie O'Donnell, local vendors and community agencies for donations. The fruits of her dedication resulted in a tractor-trailer truck full of clothes, diapers, medical supplies, toys, and joy for the 150 children at the Hogares Luz Y Vida orphanage in Bogota.

Through AAI, Naemah learned that she can make a real difference in the lives of others and it has changed her. This is an experience we are trying to bring to many other students in the United States.

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.

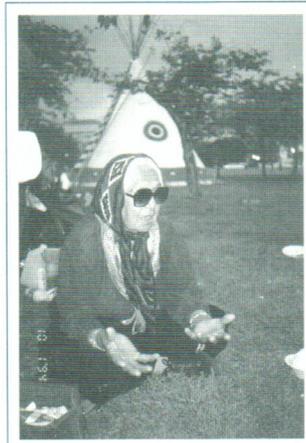
In the last quarter of 1999, Airline Ambassadors participated at the United Nations Conference for non-governmental organizations, in New York, at the State of the World Forum in San Francisco, the Conference of Sustainable Tourism in Glasgow, and in several other special events including:

Parliament of World Religions

Glenda Johnson represented Airline Ambassadors at the Parliament of World Religions in Cape Town, South Africa. She led a workshop on "Travel in Service to Humanity," and presented our humanitarian missions as a "Gift of Service" to the Parliament. At the inspiring event she met fascinating people, from Zulu dancers to Nelson Mandela and the Dalai Lama (picture, back page). Thank you to American Airlines Cargo for supporting this important trip.

Native American Prayer Vigil

Airline Ambassadors helped co-host this annual event in Washington D.C. that takes place in a circle of tipis under the Washington Monument. On September 26 and 27, Native American elders and representatives of many religious traditions gathered to pray together for the earth and her peoples. They met with White House officials before the Vigil and were honored with a Congressional Reception coordinated through the Office of Congressman Tom Lantos. Thank you Sharon Franquemont, From the Circle, and Robin Riley for special assistance.



Roberta Blackgoat, Navajo Elder

International Day of Tolerance

Airline Ambassadors assisted at the 1999 Global Peace & Tolerance Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Plaza Hotel in New York City on November 15. Awards were given to such luminaries as Mikhail Gorbachev (for political leadership), Arnold Schwarzenegger (performing arts) and others who were honored for their lifetime commitment exemplifying the United Nations Charter "to practice tolerance and peace as a good neighbor." The next day, Airline Ambassador volunteers also assisted at a United



Airline Ambassadors at Global Peace & Tolerance Awards

Nations luncheon honoring Award winners and recognizing the peace efforts of young people through the Youth Peace and Tolerance Awards.

Dallas Fundraiser

Thank you to Carol Schaper and Carl Oates for coordinating Airline Ambassadors' fundraising event at the lovely Northwood Country Club in Dallas. Franko Richmond, internationally renowned pianist and composer, provided music at the elegant event that raised \$5,000 to help children-in-need. Many thanks to American Airlines and the Airline Employee Travel Service who donated tickets and vacation package for the raffle, to all attendees, and to Jane Allen, Vice President of American Airlines who supported the event.

Chicago Marathon

Megan Healy finished the Chicago Marathon (her first) in excellent time and used the opportunity to raise money for Airline Ambassadors. Megan is a first year flight attendant for Delta and used the opportunity of the marathon to solicit sponsorships from family and friends to help children-in-need. Thank you Megan!



Megan Healy

Thank You to the Recent Airline Ambassador Volunteers

ESCORT PROGRAM

Margaret Whitehead
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250 Wheelchairs!

Many, many thanks to Glenda Johnson who single-handedly arranged for the donation and delivery of close to 250 wheelchairs to children-in-need in Bolivia, Colombia, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, Kosovo, Jamaica, and Russia.



*Glenda Johnson
delivers another chair*

Special Thanks

to Andre Murad, father of Airline Ambassador Rachel Martinez, for his ceaseless work to help collect toys and goodies for our trips. We appreciate these donations that have brightened the lives of children the world over. Thank you also to our many generous members who supported our work with financial donations.



*Dan Sloan, Manager of
Wallgreens with Andre*

Upcoming Missions and Events

February 17-22: Thailand

Airline Ambassadors is participating at this important youth conference coordinated by the Dhammakaya Foundation. Call Nina Lynn at 802-365-7616.

February 21-27: Jamaica

Join this mission to help children in Bustamonte Hospital, Marigold Center and Maxfields. Call Sharrye Moore at 917-925-8831.

March 23-27: Mexico

Join this mission to help children in the village of Puerto Morelos, 10 minutes south of Cancun. Trip Coordinator needed. Call Nancy Rivard at 650-685-6262.

April 1-7: India

Help children in DayaDan Orphanage of Mother Theresa in Calcutta. Need physical therapist to help multi-handicapped children abandoned by their families. Call Edith Bramerie at 212-663-1284.

April 6 -14: South Africa

Join this mission to help orphans in Cape Town orphanage and a tribal village in Durban. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

April 13 -17: S. Dakota

Deliver supplies to children in need on the Pine Ridge Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. Call Kathy Coffman at 847-884-8835.

April 15 -22 Ghana

Help Queen Nana Aapeadu by joining this exciting mission to Adambrobe, a village outside Ghana's capital, Accra. Adopt a whole village of children in need. Call Nina Lynn at 802-365-7616.

April 15 "Dallas Blooms" Fundraiser Walk

Enjoy springtime at Dallas Botanical Gardens. Walk through beautiful flower gardens and help raise money for AAI. Call Carol Schaper at 214-361-6945.

April 19-28: Peace Cruise

Sail from Athens to Istanbul with Kompas Holidays and deliver relief supplies to those still homeless from earthquakes. Call Nancy Rivard at 650-685-6262

April 24-29: Colombia

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

April 27- May 10 Nepal

Bring supplies to the Tibetan Refugee Center in Katmandu and trek medical supplies to remote clinics in the Himalayas. Call Erica Reed at 305-531-1339.

May 5 - 6: Haiti

Join this special mission with students and teachers of St. Rose of Lima School to help children at four orphanages. Call Jennifer Butler at 305-374-4146.

May 8 - 12: Ecuador

Join this mission to deliver supplies to help children in Ecuador. Call Linda Gwynn at 312-663-4346.

May 16- 17: New York

Meet the French Travel for Peace youth team at the unveiling of art sculptures at the United Nations Gardens. Help host youth during their visit to New York. Call Edith Bramarie at 212-663-1284.

May 18- 22: Costa Rica

Join this mission helping children and the environment. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290

June 19 - 28 Romania

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

June 19-23: Mexico

Join this mission to visit an orphanage, school and clinic in La Mision, Mexico. Call Nancy Rivard at 650-685-6262

June 28 - July 4 Brazil

Join this youth mission to deliver school supplies and help orphanage of the Legion of Goodwill in Glorinha. Call Natalie Alhonte 718-232-2551.

June 29-July 9: France

Join AAI youth delegates from Harlem as they visit their counterparts in Nice, France. Call Edith Bramerie at 212-663-1284.

July 6- 11: Haiti

Join this mission to help orphanages and remote communities in Haiti. Call Glenda Johnson at 817-467-7290.

July 24 - 31: Philippines

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

August 12 - 19: Rwanda

Join this mission to help children in Rwanda. Call Manuela Godhino at 416-367-8855 or 416-822-3802.

August 15 - 21: Bolivia

Join this mission to visit hospitals and clinics near La Paz and in a remote mining district in Bolivia. Call Linda Gansler at 580-351-0096.

No Date Set - China, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Venezuela and Vietnam.

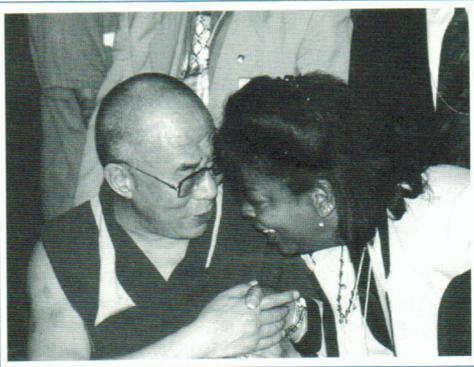
Dates or destinations may change due to unforeseen circumstances. If you know of children-in-need who could use our help, contact Robert Rosoff, AAI Executive Director at 415-398-7100: rrsoff@igc.org. Updated information is always available on the AAI website <http://www.airlineamb.org>

Credo of the Peaceful Traveler

*Grateful for the opportunity to travel and to experience the world,
I affirm my personal responsibility and commitment to:
Journey with an open mind and gentle heart.
Accept with grace and gratitude the diversity I encounter
Revere and protect the natural environment which sustains
all life.*

*Appreciate all cultures I discover.
Respect and thank my hosts for their welcome
Offer my hand in friendship to everyone I meet.
Support travel services that share these views and act upon
them.*

*And in my spirit, word and actions,
Encourage others to travel the world in peace.
International Institute of Peace Through Tourism*



Dalai Lama acknowledges Glenda Johnson and Airline Ambassadors

Airline Ambassadors International is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to helping children-in-need at home and abroad. It is made up of more than 1500 airline personnel and others who volunteer as "Ambassadors of Goodwill" in their home communities and abroad. They hand-deliver humanitarian aid, escort children-in-need, assist at special events and involve youth in humanitarian projects to provide assistance and build cross-cultural friendships. Through service and compassion they are raising awareness in their industry and in the world.

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Airline Ambassadors Honored at Global Tourism Conference

Airline Ambassadors was honored with the *Ambassador for Peace Award* at the Conference on Sustainable Tourism in Glasgow, Scotland, in October. The Conference was coordinated by the International Institute for Peace Through Tourism and attended by such luminaries as Nobel Peace Prize laureate David Trimble and tourism ministers from around the world. Twelve Airline Ambassadors helped host the event and Nancy Rivard (AAI's President) and Gloria Reid (AAI's National Coordinator) presented about our work helping children-in-need through travel.

Nancy accepted the Ambassador for Peace Award on behalf of the group at a special Awards Luncheon from Dr. Noel Brown, former Director, United Nation's Environment Programme, and Lou D'Amore, President of the Institute for Peace through Tourism. The beautiful Celtic sculpture symbolizes *Divine Flight* and was awarded to acknowledge Airline Ambassadors' work, which is helping to set a new direction in the tourism industry.



To join Airline Ambassadors or to learn more about our activities
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