

AMIGOS UNIDOS

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The shipments keep going on a monthly basis...our efforts continue reaching areas where the poverty and despair are hard to believe. Everyone who is reading this message has in some way given hope to someone who will always remember your kindness.

Our help has been extended to eight different areas in need. Our contacts have kept loyal and true to the mission. Our volunteers continuously have encouraged me to keep the shipments going...I am truly grateful.

I want to emphasize that if you do not hear from us frequently, please feel free to contact us. Our phone line is 407- 644-6206; our website is www.amigosunidos.org and our storage unit is located at 6875 University Blvd. Winter Park. Let's keep united in our common goal.

Please save the date DECEMBER 9 (Thursday) for our annual party. We will have a video, letters, food, and fun people to share the experiences of our mission. Again I want to thank Esther Phelps for her continuous financial support to keep the shipments going.

Special acknowledgment to Zahira De Jesus, Nelly Zerpa, Shadie Creech, Jan, Matt, and Alex Martus, Frank Fulmer, Stephanie Nunziata, friends who have taken special interest in helping to collect, organize and pack the boxes to get the shipment ready. What a great contribution to this cause!

Just a reminder that contrary to many non-profit foundations which allocate high amounts for overhead expenses, Amigos Unidos runs on 100% on a volunteer basis.

Thanks to Beck Hutchinson, founding member and treasurer, who keeps Amigos Unidos books and financial affairs transparent and open to whomever wishes to review them.

Diane and Bill Walters – We want you to know we are thinking of you and wishing you the best (Bill has been hospitalized)

If you wish to sponsor a box, please go to the website and donate. Average box is \$50. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

There is a great need for children clothing and shoes in good sanitary condition. Most needed donation items are: flat shoes, fabrics, sunglasses, plastic dishes & cups, arts & craft materials, school supplies, coats for children & adults, and of course we always need CARTON BOXES, BOXES, BOXES & packing tape. We also need a large postage scale to weigh boxes.

Thanks to our latest sponsors. If your name or your friend's name is missing, please bring it to our attention, as we like to acknowledge those who support our mission with such a dedication and concern. Christian Andrew-Webb master Mardi Gabriel, Sarah O'Connor, Julia Ribley, Maritza Montaiti, Sue from the Bargain Box, Esther and Mike Tighe, Patty Perez, Rocky Johnson, Barbara Snipes, Dr. and Mrs. Gustavo Anibarro, Toni Singleton, Will Singleton, Josefina Decampos, Rosa @ Adrian Castillo in memory of Rodrigo Munguia Rivas, Gladys Salazar, Erick Larsen, Amparo Bloise, Zaida Ramirez, Beatriz Roldan, Carolina Nurik, Martha Trahan, Marilyn Wordell, Maritza Montaiti, Patty Roberts, Linton Hutchinson, Maria Russell, Yolanda Porras, Ashley, Darroch, Kathy Armenta, First United Methodist Church, Morning Star Mini-Storage, Zai

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We are reaching about 16 elementary schools. Recently, Biagio Montauti and I visited the schools and I can tell with all certainty that the impact of our donations is truly incredible. So many children wait for that pair of shoes...the teachers are so grateful to be able to teach with the school supplies...thanks Lucy Pulido who has pledged continued sponsorship to provide supplies for them on a monthly basis. Copiea of the individual pictures from the children taken by Betsy and Frank Fulmer while visiting the schools were delivered to the children. What a great idea.....so many happy faces. Orfila Maldonado who is our contact keeps the mission well organized. Her efforts are truly admirable as she has to reach places almost impossible to reach in the mountains...great dedication.

Guapi

(the poorest town in Colombia)

Since the last newsletter your generous donations have helped a group of women in Guapi. Under the direction of Ricardo Gomez, our contact, they have started a small sewing studio. Five sewing machines have been donated. Janet Boss donated several boxes of beautiful fabric samples. Please notice the pictures. We are so happy with this news. We know that they are so appreciative and determined to change their lives. Janet, your contribution has been greatly appreciated.

Mental Hospital

Our contact Dora Irma sends her love and great appreciation. Karyn Platter and some of her friends made a significant contribution of fabrics, crafts and clothing (note the pictures) many of the patients are working on crafts in hopes they can have an exhibit before Christmas. They are busy and hopeful. You will recall that in our last newsletter we were saddened by Maria's death due to parasite infection in her brain. Many do not have potable water. Karyn Platter has taken a special interest and we are researching possibilities.....more to come on this project in a near future hopefully.

Meta

There is a large displaced population in Meta. Angela, our contact, reports the people appreciate our help immensely. Men received their caps and sun glasses. Babies received most needed clothing. Thanks to the anonymous donor of baby clothing.

Bucarramanga

Patricia Fuentes has joined our mission and we are extending our help to another school which serves a displaced population in great need.

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