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“Everyone has the power for greatness, not for fame but for greatness, Because greatness is determined by service.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

CROSSING BORDERS

Every year United by Friendship organizes a group of volunteers who dedicate their time by traveling to remote areas of Central America. Visiting with the people in their towns and villages leads to a greater understanding of the most urgent and basic needs of these communities. Through this first hand look, United By Friendship builds relationships and determines which projects to support through service and funding.

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Hot off the Press!

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to our very first Newsletter! Our goal is to introduce you to United by Friendship, and what we can do together to make a difference in our world.

United by Friendship is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) mission driven organization dedicated to providing humanitarian assistance to benefit public health, education and economic development within communities of Latin America.

For many Central American families it is a daily struggle to meet the basic necessities of life, like clean water to drink, and medical care to

remain well. Too often, fathers must leave their villages and even their homeland to find the means to provide for their desperate families.

Our Board of Directors and Volunteers, consist of dedicated individuals, from several parts of the



BEFORE COMPLETION OF WATER PROJECT: WOMAN OF CHIJAM WALK 3 MILES TO GET WATER FROM SPRING

world, who enthusiastically work with Latin American towns, commu-

nity organizations, hospitals and schools to help their people achieve the desire for a healthier place to raise their families.

It is our sincerest hope that after you read our newsletter, you will join us in fulfilling our mission and will consider UbF a worthy “charity-of-choice” by participating in a way that is most rewarding for you. We would be very happy to have you a part of us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Simon, president

And the People of United By Friendship.

SCHOLARSHIPS, DREAMS & DENTISTRY

United by Friendship is delighted to announce its brand-new Scholarship Program! This program entitles an individual of few financial resources from Latin American to pursue their career dream. Dinora Villatoro is our first candidate. She is a

young woman from the highlands of Guatemala who recently completed High School and now sets her desires on becoming a dentist for the people of her region. UbF is a proud advocate of this program and wishes Dinora the best of luck!



DINORA VILLATORO (ON RIGHT) WITH HER MOTHER, BROTHER & DEBORAH SIMON OF UBF.

Past & Present Projects



REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VILLAGE OF CHIJAM REQUEST UBF ASSISTANCE FOR A WATER PROJECT

In the past several years, United by Friendship has successfully completed many projects. Take a look:

UbF helped repair a Guatemala hospital's electric system and electrical back-up generator.

UbF helped a community find the resources to establish a public library and to promote literacy.

UbF provided computer parts for the community development department of

Uspantan, Guatemala.

UbF consulted with small-time coffee farmers on how to form a fair trade Co-op to enable them to find better markets for their produce.

UbF partnered with some international Rotary Clubs to acquire a chlorinated water system for the remote village of Tesoro Chiquito, Guatemala.

It is United by Friendship's passion and pleasure to continue working with commu-

nities of Latin America improve life for its people.

PROJECTS FOR 2006

UbF has been asked to help build a school room for an overcrowded Junior High in Uspantan, Guatemala. Cost \$6,500.00.

UbF is assisting the village of Chijam to obtain clean running water for each home. Estimated cost \$200/home.



UBF DIRECTOR KERY HARP WITH GUATEMALAN CHILD

On the Beaten Path

United by Friendship is always looking for dedicated people to give of themselves through donation of time, talent and treasure. Please visit us at our website, for more information, including our history, our projects, and the many ways to get involved

with UbF. Give us a call! Send us an email! We'd be delighted to hear from you. This is an opportunity for you to make a significant and tangible difference in the lives of the people of Latin America.

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Mother Teresa



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