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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL THRELKELD

It hardly seems possible that we are in the final quarter of 2012! But what a great year it has been for FQ. All the buzz of the 50<sup>th</sup> PCDR/25<sup>th</sup> FQ Anniversary celebration in the DR in February generated some terrific energy, with folks renewing their support of our mission with time and/or financial resources. The Gittins family once again hosted a wonderful FQ Annual Meeting/Picnic at their home in June (see a later article in this issue), and plans are underway for our next get-together at the Los Hermanos restaurant in DC (look for details on our Facebook page).

This has been a banner year for bolstering FQ's sustainability. The announcement of the B.J. Warren Endowment Fund generated record support, allowing FQ to meet its "50 for 50" goal (a \$50K endowment in the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Peace Corps/DR) and connect new supporters to FQ's mission. Our operational expenses remain the same (FQ is an all-volunteer organization) so this support, pure and simple, translates into additional scholarship opportunities for low-income youth and adults in the DR. Thank you to all who have helped us reach this milestone and we look forward to your continued support (tax deductible) at year-end or at an appropriate anniversary for your giving.

I want to welcome our new Board members: Janet Kerley, Tito Coleman, and Katherine Harris. Janet returns to us after a rotation off the board while employed with Peace Corps. We look forward to her infectious energy and laughter as she once again inserts herself in the work of Fondo Quisqueya. Tito, who was my Peace Corps trainer in the late 1980s, reconnected at the Annual Meeting/Picnic, jumped in to serve on the board right away, and has already agreed to chair our Program Evaluation Committee! Katherine was recruited by Board member Anne Kopley during the PCDR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in the DR and later at one of FQ's Los Hermanos events. What great additions! Welcome, Janet, Tito, and Katherine!

Also, many thanks to Randy Adams for his tenure on the board. Randy served as Secretary and Committee Chair for Program Evaluation. I know that I convey for the whole board a great appreciation for Randy's insights during our board meetings and via email discussions. We wish him well as he moves on to other endeavors!

This little article twice a year gives me the opportunity for a "shout out" so I want to take a moment to thank our terrific newsletter editor, Joanna Mauer. Gathering all the articles for each issue is a bit like herding cats but she gets it done and teams up with our graphic designer and printer to produce a beautiful and informative issue every six months. Thanks, Joanna, and for you readers, if there are articles you would like to see in the next issue, let me know! My phone is 703-707-0255 or you can email me at [enmicasa@juno.com](mailto:enmicasa@juno.com).

Best regards,  
Bill Threlkeld

## FQ GRANTEES VISIT CACAO FACTORY

"Construye Tus Sueños" is a course that teaches youth how to develop a business plan. After completing the course, the youth develop business plans and compete in a business plan competition. Fondo Quisqueya provided funds for a "Construye Tus Sueños" class in Moca to visit a cacao factory. One of the youth, Eliyen Rodriguez, described his experience visiting the factory:

"Thank you very much for providing my 'Construye Tus Sueños' class the opportunity to visit a cacao factory. We had a great time interviewing the women that work at the business, and I really feel like I learned even more about how a business operates. This field trip allowed me to put everything we learned in the 'Construye Tus Sueños' class into action. It would never have been possible without the help of Fondo Quisqueya. I will never forget this experience. Thanks a million!"



Eliyen Rodríguez



*“... the BJ Warren  
Endowment Fund has  
raised more than  
\$18,000 to date.”*

## FROM THE VP PERCH

BY BJ WARREN

In addition to the wonderful celebration of 50 years of Peace Corps in the DR this past February, there was a small gathering of former DR PCVs and friends in Tucson, AZ in October. This group was mainly from the earlier years and/or those who attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in the DR. Herb Trossman from DR IV was the main organizer and deserves many kudos for all his efforts.

The event began with a meet-and-greet and a discussion of impressions of the 50th in Santo Domingo. A great reception and lunch were provided at the delightful home and gallery of Sherry Teachnor and Michael McCory. Sherry was at the 50th in Santo Domingo and has frequently opened her home to this event. The next morning there were reports on the Andy Hernandez Foundation, the Community Challenge Fund, Friends of the DR, and Fondo Quisqueya. This was to have been followed by a discussion with Jack Hood Vaughn, who was the first Director of Peace Corps in Latin America and later the Director of U.S. Peace Corps, succeeding Sargent Shriver. During the revolution in the DR, he was the Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America. Jack unfortunately passed away at his home on Oct 29. Condolences to Jack's wife Leftie and his children.

Many attendees of the Tucson event had also traveled to Cuba after the 50th celebration and enjoyed a discussion with Tom Miller, author of "Trading with the Enemy: A Yankee Travels Through Castro's Cuba." That evening we enjoyed a fantastic dinner of Mexican food at Herb and Pat Trossman's home. I was fortunate to travel to Tucson with Ron and Cappie Morgan. Ron was in the same group as Herb, and Cappie was the DR desk officer when I was on the Peace Corps staff in the DR.

I am pleased to announce that the BJ Warren Endowment Fund has raised more than \$18,000 to date. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the fund. I am most grateful also for the kind notes.

All the best, BJ

## FQ's 2012 ANNUAL MEETING/PICNIC

On a beautiful, not-overly-warm evening in Falls Church, VA, on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tom and Sue Gittins opened their home to host the FQ Annual Meeting/Picnic. The Gittins have generously hosted this event since, well, as far back as this author can remember! The sturdy deck with plenty of seating, overhung with shade trees, is the stage for a feast of grilled sausages and chicken surrounded by a variety of guest-contributed side dishes, later replaced with tempting desserts for every taste.

At just about the time the desserts are served, so is the formal part of this "encuentro." FQ President Bill Threlkeld called the meeting to order, noting that attendance was really up this year! Many guests had arrived to celebrate B.J. Warren, whose name now honors FQ's endowment fund. Bill reported that the B.J. Endowment Fund has grown in leaps and bounds since February, when a home-grown campaign to honor B.J. and simultaneously bolster the fund took root. On this pleasant evening, Cappie and Ron Morgan had prepared a remembrance album for B.J. and Bill had the honor of presenting it to her. B.J. received this unexpected gift and moment of reflection with her usual humility and quiet strength.

Bill presented a number of graphs (shown on the next page) detailing FQ's grantmaking over the last year. He also reviewed the very successful work of several committees (executive, fundraising, events, FQ 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary) during the year and, in Treasurer Lou Ferrand's absence, presented a Treasurer's Report with "good news" written all over it.

Another highlight of the evening was the report from John Evans on the work of the Friends of the Dominican Republic to organize and carry out the PCDR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The event was well-attended, beyond projections, resulting in an approximate \$13,000 surplus in revenue. This amount was split between FDR and FQ for their respective missions. A resounding round of applause was given for John and the many others who contributed to the success of the 50<sup>th</sup> event in the DR.

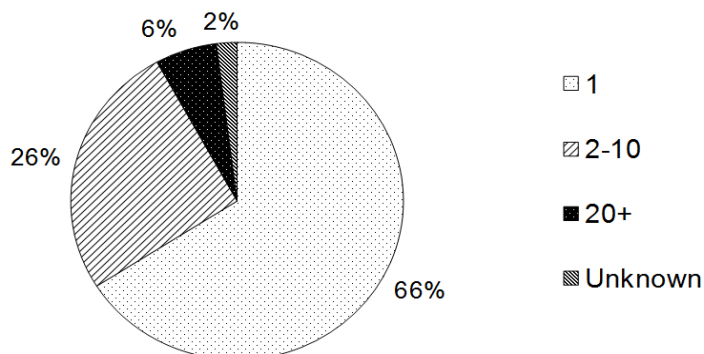
The evening wrapped up with the election of three new board members – Janet Kerley (beginning in November 2012), Tito Coleman, and Katherine Harris – and the election of the 2012/13 officers. Bill was re-elected as President and the new officers are B.J. Warren (Vice President), Anita Friedman (Treasurer), and Janet Kerley (Secretary). Also, Randy Adams, though not present, conveyed that he was stepping down from the board.

## SUMMARY OF FQ GRANTS: JULY 2011-JUNE 2012

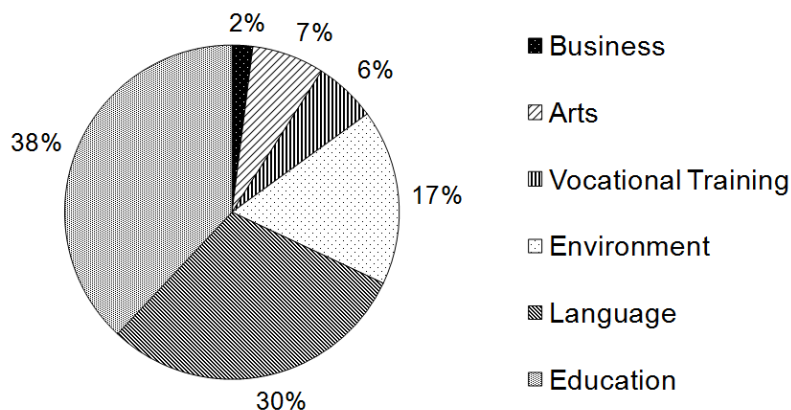
Below are three charts summarizing the Fondo Quisqueya grants and scholarships awarded between July 2011 and June 2012. A total of 47 grants were awarded during this period, with an average of 6+ beneficiaries per grant. About 2/3 of the grants were awarded to a single grantee, while the remaining 1/3 were awarded for educational and training activities for groups including youth groups and agricultural cooperatives. The largest portion of grants (38%) was awarded for education courses, including non-traditional education, a parenting workshop, and field trips for youth groups. Of the grants awarded, 83% were for \$300 or less, and 47% of the grants included counterpart funding ranging from RD\$200 (US\$5) to RD\$42,640 (US\$1,180).



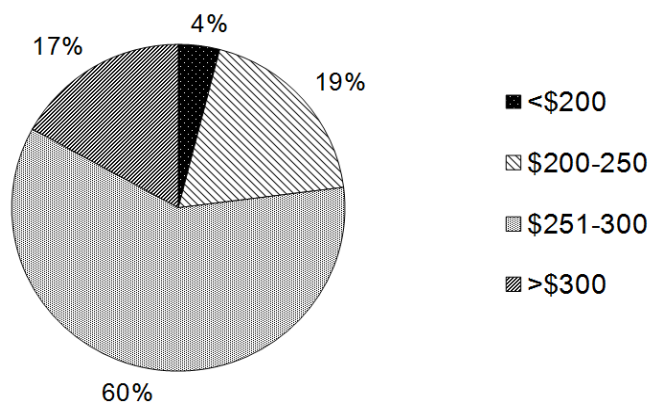
**FQ Grants By Number of Beneficiaries**



**FQ Grants By Classification**



**FQ Grants By Value (US\$)**





## SIX TEACHERS RECEIVE FQ GRANTS TO ATTEND A SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Hostos Education Project is a non-profit organization that seeks to improve the quality of education in the Dominican Republic and address the needs of all students, especially those with autism and other special needs. The organization hosted a conference in August 2012 in Santo Domingo to offer specialized training to teachers who work with students with special needs. The training was conducted by teachers from the U.S. with expertise in special education. Fondo Quisqueya awarded grants to six teachers from San Pedro de Macorís and La Romana to cover their costs to attend the conference. The six teachers all work in classrooms with students with special needs, and they each have expressed their desire to become better teachers and to be able to better meet the needs of their students. Below are reflections from two of the teachers on what they learned from the conference workshops.

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**Annette Sánchez Santana:** “El taller que más me gustó se llamaba ‘Estrategia para ayudar a los estudiantes en la lectura y escritura.’ Ya que los niños autistas tienen dificultades procesando información cuando la maestra está leyendo un cuento en voz alta, las estrategias de cambiar los nombres, usar ilustraciones del libro, cambiar los pronombres, y poner el cuento en secuencia pueden facilitar una mejor atención en los niños y las profundidades del conocimiento. Este taller te enseña a plantear las buenas preguntas a los niños para así tener mejores respuestas de ellos, se puede hacer juegos de preguntas para que memoricen y su pensamiento se expanda. Este taller es muy bueno para desarrollar las habilidades en los planes de clase. En general me gustaron todos los talleres y tengo el ánimo y el deseo de ponerlo en práctica a la hora de trabajar con los niños. Espero poder seguir participando en todo lo que tiene que ver con ayudar a los niños para así seguir apoyando al niño y la familia desde la escuela.”

**Laura Marianelly Hernández:** “En el taller llamado ‘La profundidad del conocimiento,’ aprendí que es de suma importancia la lectura en voz alta usando ilustraciones de personajes, ya que ayuda a que los niños con autismo se enfoquen en las ilustraciones y se desarrollen identificando sus propios personajes. En el taller llamado ‘Cómo afecta la discapacidad de un estudiante su aprendizaje,’ aprendí que muchas de las dificultades de un estudiante para poder aprender es debido a la falta de atención, hiperactividad, problemas emocionales y dificultad en el habla. También aprendí dónde se pueden implementar algunas estrategias como son los guiones, caricaturas y tarjetas de poder para ayudarnos a comunicarnos con ellos con más facilidad. En general estos y otros talleres fueron de suma importancia para mí y deseo ponerlo en práctica a la hora de trabajar con los niños con capacidades especiales.”



## FONDO Q'S GRANTS AND SELECTION PROCESS

The Fondo Quisqueya Foundation, Inc. ("FQ") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which was formed in 1987 by former Peace Corps Volunteers and Staff who had served in the Dominican Republic ("DR") and who wanted to give something back to the DR. FQ was incorporated in Virginia in 1993.

FQ provides low-income Dominicans with scholarships and grants for both traditional and non-traditional in-country education and training to assist them in bettering their lives and to help them attain personal development, skills, and advancement. Grants may be to groups of individuals such as members of a coffee cooperative or a women's group.

FQ's grants and scholarships are made possible through donations and in-kind support from ex-PCVs and PC staff and other friends of the DR. FQ has no paid staff. Examples of courses funded include accounting, diesel mechanics, beautician school, barber training, driver training, worm composting, bee-keeping, construction and cement skills, painting, journalism, mangrove restoration, ecotourism, inverter repair, graphic design, English, and computer classes. Funds can be used for tuition, transportation, books and materials, and other expenses associated with the course or training.

Each applicant must be sponsored by a member of the Dominican community or by a Peace Corps DR Volunteer or staff member.

Individual grants and scholarships usually do not exceed US\$300. FQ's Local DR Committee reviews grant applications quarterly and makes recommendations to FQ's Board of Directors for selection. Funds permitting, the Board seeks to fund at least a total of US\$3,000 in scholarships each quarter, for a yearly total of at least US\$12,000. Please donate now. Help our grantees help themselves.

## FONDO Q GRANTEES

Fondo Q normally awards grants and scholarships four times per year. Below are summaries of the grants and scholarships awarded during the spring and summer quarters of 2012, which include 7 group awards benefitting more than 60 recipients in addition to 18 individual awards. These grants have provided funding for courses and training including eco-tourism guide training; a business administration course; x-ray technician training; beautician courses; driver training; English classes, and many others.

### GROUP AWARDS

**Grantees:** 4 Beekeepers

**From:** Hatillo Palma, Monte Cristi

**For:** Computer Classes

PCV Dora Yaffe wrote: *"The beekeepers are exporting honey to Miami and they need to be able to contact various people using email. They also need to use email to facilitate communication between the cooperative members so that less money is wasted on unnecessary travel. They will also learn how to use Excel so that they can maintain organization information on the computer."*

**Sponsor:** PCV Dora Yaffe

**Grantees:** 19 Youth

**From:** El Mamey Juan Lopez, Moca

**For:** A Leadership Camp

PCV Heather Phillips wrote: *"This grant will be used for food and lodging for the youth group, "Chicas Brillantes," in Los Bueyes, Villa Trina for a leadership camp. The group has completed two courses of the "Chicas Brillantes" class with the manual, and this trip will be spent celebrating their hard work and dedication to the group, as well as discussing future opportunities."*

**Sponsor:** PCV Heather Phillips



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**Grantees:** 7 Haitian Parents  
**From:** Juancho, Pedernales  
**For:** Documentation  
 PCV Melody Warner wrote: “In Juancho, with funding from the energy company EGE Haina, a school has been opened to help Haitian children who are unable to attend traditional school because they lack proper documentation. The FQ funds will be used to help parents of these children (especially the mothers, as a child can be claimed by only the mother) obtain Haitian passports. Once the mother has a passport, the child will then be able to obtain a Dominican birth certificate or a cedula.”

**Sponsor:** PCV Melody Warner

**Grantees:** 2 Youth  
**From:** Los Calabazos, Jarabacoa, La Vega  
**For:** English Classes  
**Sponsor:** PCV Jillian Blanski

**Grantees:** 8 Youth  
**From:** Los Domínguez, Puerto Plata  
**For:** Field Trip to Santiago  
**Sponsor:** PCV Christopher Vollmer

**Grantees:** 15 Youth  
**From:** Pedro Sanchez, El Seibo  
**For:** Eco-Tourism Guide Training  
**Sponsor:** PCV Daniel Malin

**Grantees:** 9 Youth  
**From:** Agua de Luis, Monte Cristi  
**For:** Brigada Verde Field Trip  
**Sponsor:** PCV Ryan Browning

### Individual Grants and Scholarships

**Grantee:** Mercedes Martinez  
**From:** La Caya, Valverde Mao  
**For:** X-Ray Technician Course  
 PCV Claire McManus wrote: “Mercedes is a local nurse who has already taken an introductory course to be an x-ray technician, but due to financial difficulties has been unable to continue her studies. This scholarship would allow her to continue to gain the skills and knowledge she needs to become certified and obtain a job as an x-ray technician with better pay, improving her quality of life.”  
**Sponsor:** PCV Claire McManus

**Grantee:** Anyeli King  
**From:** Las Galeras, Samaná  
**For:** English Classes  
 Anyeli wrote: “El curso es un curso de inglés intermedio. En este curso completaré 5 meses más de un curso de inglés que me ayudará en mi trabajo en un hotel trabajando con recursos humanos. El primer curso básico me ayudó a conseguir el trabajo y ellos me dijeron que con mi certificación de la universidad y más aprendizaje de inglés, puedo tener más oportunidades para trabajar en mi especialización de recursos humanos y administración turística y hotelera.”  
**Sponsor:** PCV Gabrielle Bashist

**Grantee:** Glennys Romero Tejada  
**From:** Arroyo Seco, Tenares, Hermanas Mirabal  
**For:** English Classes  
 PCV Kathleen Phillips wrote: “Glennys currently runs a salon out of her home. She would like to find a job that provides more income for her family. After taking the English course, she hopes to find a job that utilizes her English skills, such as at the airport or at an upscale restaurant. Glennys lives only 45 minutes from Santiago, where she could feasibly find work if she had conversational English skills.”  
**Sponsor:** PCV Kathleen Phillips

**Grantee:** Kilsí Dionicia Rosario Guerrero

**From:** Agua de Luis, Monte Cristi

**For:** Beautician Course

Kilsí wrote: "Ahora mismo yo trabajo en mi propio salón de belleza en mi comunidad. Yo sé como secar/peinar pelo y pintar uñas, pero no tengo experiencia con cortar cabello ni dar mechas. Con este curso educativo yo podría proveer un servicio que no existe en mi campo. Ahora las mujeres tienen que viajar más que 30 minutos por carro para llegar a un salón de belleza con una profesional. Un resultado de este curso será una vida mejor para mí y mi familia a través de una cantidad más grande de clientes. También, estos fondos me daría la oportunidad de enfocarme en mi pasión. Estoy feliz cuando estoy trabajando en mi salón de belleza mío y quiero aprender todo que yo pueda."

**Sponsor:** PCV Ryan Browning

**Grantee:** Jeanilda Capellán Reed

**From:** Consuelo, San Pedro de Macorís

**For:** English Classes

**Sponsor:** PCV Timothy Durigan

**Grantee:** Rosa Albania Genao Clase

**From:** La Cayota, Valverde

**For:** Beautician Course

**Sponsor:** PCV Brittany Hayes

**Grantee:** Luz Minerva Ramírez Otano

**From:** San Juan de la Maguana

**For:** Art Classes

**Sponsor:** Laura Sundquist

**Grantee:** Anni Stefani Rodríguez

**From:** Las Flores, San Cristóbal

**For:** English Classes

**Sponsor:** PCV Robin DeSantis



PCV Dana Adams and FQ Grantee Lucely Pardilla García

**Grantee:** Lucely Pardilla García

**From:** Batey Doña Lila, San Pedro de Macorís

**For:** Information Technology Course

**Sponsor:** PCV Dana Adams

**Grantee:** Alberto Alexander Soriano Feliciano

**From:** La Loma Consuelo, San Pedro de Macorís

**For:** Electricity Course

**Sponsor:** PCV Sasha Miranda

**Grantee:** Leury Alejandro Rosario Payano

**From:** Piedra Blanca, Jarabacoa

**For:** Art Class

**Sponsor:** PCV Ekow Edzie

**Grantee:** Luis José Rodríguez Toribio

**From:** Paradero, Valverde

**For:** Beautician Course

**Sponsor:** PCV Chelsea Koonz

**Grantee:** Daniel Minaya Polanco

**From:** Bajabonico Arriba, Puerto Plata

**For:** Driver Course

**Sponsor:** PCV Christine Russell

**Grantee:** Marineudy Lorenzo Santos

**From:** Las Flores, San Cristóbal

**For:** Computer Course

**Sponsor:** PCV Robin DeSantis

**Grantee:** Judelka Josefina Trinidad

**From:** Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional

**For:** English Classes

**Sponsor:** Laura Sundquist

**Grantee:** Milagros Noemí

**From:** La Victoria, Santo Domingo

**For:** Bank Teller Course

**Sponsor:** PCV Hillary Smith

**Grantee:** Rossy Mabel Liz Acosta

**From:** Pueblo Nuevo, Santiago

**For:** Business Administration Course

**Sponsor:** PCV James Greenebaum

**Grantee:** Luis José Balbi Ventura

**From:** Pedro Brand, Santo Domingo

**For:** Computer Course

**Sponsor:** Jennifer McGowan



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## BECOME A FAN OF FONDO QUISQUEYA

Become a fan of Fondo Quisqueya on Facebook. Just type in “Fondo Quisqueya” on the top of your Facebook page in the box that says “find people and more;” then click on the box that says “become a fan.” You will receive messages about upcoming FQ events and ways you can contribute to FQ. Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with other Returned Volunteers and to stay connected to your PCDR friends.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

BY ANITA FRIEDMAN

Greetings Quisqueyanos! I hope you will bear with me as I inherit the reins of Treasurer. We have been in good hands with Bill Threlkeld and Lou Ferrand, so I will try to continue in that vein. We have had a bountiful Spring and Summer. We have received around \$4,000 in donations for the 50 for 50 Campaign, and over \$18,000 for the BJ Warren Fund. Both of these sources of funding will help build up the Fondo Quisqueya endowment, and put us on the right track for financial sustainability.

We have also continued to receive your contributions towards grants and scholarships. As a result, FQ approved approximately \$2,900 worth of grants in July and an additional \$3,200 in October. Thanks to your support, we are able to support the flow of educational and training scholarship requests put forward from the DR.

However, to continue to support the ongoing requests for vocational and other training, we still need your help. As we approach the holiday season, please consider making a contribution. It is a great way to celebrate or honor someone you love, and at the same time, give people in the DR the opportunity to strengthen their skills and obtain much needed training. Thank you for your past and future support!

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(REFLECTING DONATIONS JANUARY 1— OCTOBER 15, 2012)

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## NEW FQ BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome three new FQ Board members: Tito Coleman, Katherine Harris, and Janet Kerley.

**Tito Coleman** is a senior manager and technical director with 27 years of program leadership and management experience in the global health sector, including specialized expertise in comprehensive HIV/AIDS program development and implementation, optimized service integration (among HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, reproductive health/family planning, and maternal/child health programs), health systems strengthening, public-private partnerships, national policy development and advocacy, and strategic communications. Tito has over 15 years of in-country program management experience in Latin America and has held multiple senior management positions to direct global programs at the HQ level, along with numerous assignments in Southern Africa region. From 1988-89, Tito worked for ENTRENA, S.A. as the Training Coordinator for Peace Corps D.R.

**Katherine Harris**, a native of Illinois, is a career federal government employee. She has worked for the Department of Labor and is currently employed by the U.S. Department of State as a Legislative Advisor to an Assistant Secretary of State. Prior to moving to Washington, D.C., she was the Executive Director of SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc. of Lake County, Illinois; a Latino not-for-profit workforce development agency. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a B.A. in Political Science and Spanish, Katherine served as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 1998-2000 in the Dominican Republic. She has a Master Certificate in Not-for-Profit Leadership and Management and is also pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Policy from George Mason University.

**Janet Kerley** recently completed five years as Chief of Research, Evaluation, and Measurement for U.S. Peace Corps. In this role, Janet led the agency's efforts to measure the impact of the work of Peace Corps Volunteers completing studies in 24 countries (<http://www.peacecorps.gov/open/documents/>). Prior to working for Peace Corps, Janet worked for the U.S. Department of State as the Team Leader for Monitoring and Evaluation in the Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance. Janet also worked for USAID for ten years in two regional bureaus and in the policy office. She has accepted a position with dTS, a firm specializing in training, gender, and monitoring and evaluation.

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## FQ GRANTEE COMPLETES DRIVER COURSE, GIVING HIM NEW OPPORTUNITIES

BY PCV CHRISTINE RUSSELL

Eloy Martinez de la Cruz received a Fondo Quisqueya scholarship to complete a driver's education course and obtain his license. He was very anxious to begin, and he started his class at a driver's education school in Imbert, Puerto Plata as soon as the scholarship was granted. Eloy completed 18 individual driving lessons with an instructor, and passed a written and practical examination in Puerto Plata. He learned about proper driving technique and the rules of the road, and was trained in driving both automatic and manual cars.

Eloy is very grateful to Fondo Quisqueya for giving him the scholarship and the opportunity to receive this training. Completing the class has enabled him to look for a wider variety of jobs. He is currently looking for work and has applied for some jobs that require a driver's license. Eloy believes that his new skill will help him make positive changes in his life. He hopes to find a permanent job that will allow him to support himself financially so that he can eventually study at a four-year university.



Eloy Martinez with his driver's license



*“Chicas Brillantes”*



The “Chicas Brillantes” group of El Mamey Juan Lopez, Moca, which received an FQ grant for a leadership camp.

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