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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Lou Ferrand

Last year, we helped fund education and training opportunities for 374 Dominicans at a cost of approximately US\$14,700. Many grants were for group awards such as an award to 22 women to learn how to make artisan bags, an award to 15 members of a coffee cooperative for organic agriculture certification training, an award to a group of 10 young people to learn about coral reef preservation, and an award to 25 youth for a business course on starting and managing their own business. Individual awards were given for computer and English classes, an HIV/AIDs program, an apprenticeship in masonry and wood-working, a beauty salon course, and many more.

So far this year, we have awarded US\$3,307 to 107 Dominicans for computer, English, basic accounting and wood working courses, as well as training for tourist guides in the Parque Nacional Submarino La Caleta. And, at its April 24 meeting, Fondo Q's Board of Directors approved 14 new grants and scholarships for a total of US\$3,502 for 172 Dominicans for basic computer and English courses, an environmental cleanup course ("basura seco"), a broadcasting and communications course, a plastics and painting course, an advanced beautician course, a guitar training course, and a money management course.

On March 11, Fondo Quisqueya joined with our sister group, Friends of the Dominican Republic, to hold a Gala at the Stewart Mott House in Washington, D.C., the purpose of which was to celebrate Fondo Q's and FDR's programs in the Dominican Republic, while looking ahead to the 50th Anniversary in 2012 of the U.S. Peace Corps in the DR, which we will celebrate with DR Peace Corps and FDR. The Gala honored former DR PCVs, Senator Chris Dodd, and Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams, and it brought us up to date on current Peace Corps projects in the DR.

I hope you will join us in the DR in early 2012 to help celebrate 50 years of continuous Peace Corps' DR service. At that event, we will also celebrate Fondo Q's 25th "birthday".

Fondo Q's grants and scholarships are made possible through donations by former Peace Corps Volunteers and Staff and others who care about the Dominican Republic. Please join us and donate.

Finally, I invite you to attend Fondo Q's Annual Meeting and Barbeque which will be held from 4-7p.m. on Sunday, June 6 at Tom and Sue Gittins' home in Falls Church, Virginia. We always have fun at this event.

Saludos, Lou

FROM FQ'S LOCAL COMMITTEE

By Jennifer McGowan

Each quarter, the local committee receives approximately 10 to 20 scholarship requests. Most often, these scholarship requests come through Peace Corps Volunteers. These individuals may be friends, co-workers, or community partners. They tend to be individuals that have great potential, but little opportunity. Although many of them have expectations to continue their studies beyond the technical courses or training they receive with funding from Fondo Quisqueya, the purpose of these grants is to provide basic skills training so that they may earn income, and if they desire, continue their education on their own. The following examples from recent scholarships demonstrate just how far these grants can take some people.



FQ Grantee Jordi Espinal

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Submitted by Taylor Joyal: Jordi Espinal, 14, was able to use his Fondo Quisqueya grant to receive training and to buy the necessary materials to become a mason. Jordi has a great work ethic and enjoys using his hands to work. There has recently been a demand for skilled construction workers in the town that Jordi lives in due to a large-scale hydroelectric dam project. Jordi expressed an interest in learning how to work in construction, and together we applied for the Fondo Quisqueya grant. Since the start of his apprenticeship in September, Jordi has learned many skills from a master mason. They have finished building a house in the local area and are currently working on another project. Because of Jordi's progress and work ethic, he has been asked to continue to work for the head mason and is receiving pay for his time and efforts. With this income, Jordi is able to help out his single mother and three younger brothers and sisters who live off a very small monthly income. Thank you Fondo Quisqueya for providing the funding to make this possible.

Submitted by Charlie Seltzer: With the help of a FQ grant, 15 members of a coffee cooperative received training in how to fix, maintain, and calibrate a coffee depulper. Coffee, if depulped in a depulper that is not calibrated, loses a lot of quality and the producer therefore receives a low price. According to CODOCAFE, very few of the estimated 1,500 depulpers in the local area are properly calibrated; thus every year thousands of dollars are lost in coffee sales due to poor quality and poverty is perpetuated throughout the community. A diagnostic done by CODOCAFE in 2006 revealed that 90% of coffee families in the prov-



FQ Grantee Odalis Gonzalez

ince of Azua live below the poverty line, and in this town, there are about 2,000 families that depend on coffee production. Now the participants will not only be able to properly calibrate their depulpers, but they will also be able to calibrate others in the community. This will serve as an income-generating activity for them and will also help the other coffee producers make a better living.

Thank you letter from Odalis Gonzalez (translated from Spanish), submitted by Maayan Melamed:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the chance to finish my studies. With your help, I graduated with honors (secretarial training) and was able to develop my talents. It was not easy, but I was able to do this with the help of my great friend Maayan, and today, I am able to look for a job that will bring dignity to my family. With the money that I earn I hope to take a computer course and English training. Words cannot express my gratitude. I hope that you are all well and that you will always be willing to continue helping those in need.

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FROM THE VP PERCH

BY BJ WARREN

We had a wonderful time at the Peace Corps DR Gala as we gathered at the Mott House in DC to honor two of our illustrious former DR PCVs, Senator Chris Dodd and Aaron Williams, the current U.S. Peace Corps Director. (See article in this newsletter for more details). When I was on the PC staff in the DR, I thought I had set up the site for Chris very carefully and only found out at the Gala that it was not exactly the type of living arrangement that I thought it was. We both had a good laugh. You can use your imagination.

When Neil Ross made his annual trip with a group of Boy Scouts to the DR this year, the group raised funds in the US to help DR Scouts buy and deliver food supplies to Haitian Scouts. After the earthquake in Haiti, Dominican doctors were the first “foreigners” on the scene, and the Dominican government also set up feeding kitchens. It's nice to see something positive in the inner island relationship arena.

Just remember to keep sending in those checks please.

Thank you. All the best, BJ

PEACE CORPS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC GALA LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN 2012 OF PEACE CORPS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

BY BJ KATHY PADILLA AND LOU FERRAND

On Thursday March 11, Fondo Quisqueya and Friends of the Dominican Republic sponsored a Peace Corps Dominican Republic Gala, "Looking Ahead to the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic." The 50th anniversary will be celebrated in Santo Domingo in 2012.



Senator Chris Dodd, FQ Vice President BJ Warren, FQ Events Chair Tom Gittins, Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams, and FQ President Lou Ferrand

The event was held at the Stewart Mott House in Washington, D.C. It celebrated Fondo Q's scholarship and grant program for low-income Dominicans & FDR's Community Challenge Fund and Program Support Fund.



Audience at the Gala

Honored guests were Senator Chris Dodd and Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams, both of whom were PCVs in the DR. Speakers were former U.S. Senator Harris Wofford, [who, along with Sergeant Shriver was one of the 3 Founders of the Peace Corps]; Kevin Quigley, President of the National Peace Corps Association; Mike McCabe, Chief of Programming at Peace Corps for the Inter-America and Pacific Region, [who presented a slide show on current Peace Corps projects in the DR]; and Ambassador Roberto B. Saladin Selen, the Dominican Republic's Ambassador to the United States. Fondo Q President Lou Ferrand and FDR Treasurer John Evans also addressed the attendees. Tom Gittins, Fondo Q's Events Chair, was the MC. Over 50 people attended the event, and all had a very nice time.

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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.

FONDO Q'S GRANT & SELECTION PROCESS

The Fondo Quisqueya Foundation, Inc. ("FQ") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which was formed in 1987 by former U.S. 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 nontraditional 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 nursing school, beautician school, accounting, sustainable agriculture, sewing, driver training, electronics repair, diesel mechanics, worm composting, beekeeping, construction and cement skills, painting, and 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.

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FONDO Q GRANTEES

Fondo Q normally awards grants and scholarships four times per year. Applicants are screened by Fondo Q's Local DR Committee. Most of the awards are for \$300 or less. Below are summaries of the grants and scholarships awarded during the fall and winter quarters of 2009/2010, which include 10 group awards benefiting approximately 150 recipients in addition to 15 individual awards. These awards have provided funding for courses in subjects including coral reef preservation; art; accounting; woodworking; geology and speleology; English; and computers.

GROUP AWARDS

Grantees: 5 Youth

From: La Caleta, Boca Chica, Distrito Nacional

For: Ecotourism Guide Training

PCV Victor Galvan wrote: "El Club Brigada Verde La Caleta participará en un intercambio de conocimiento con El Club Brigada Verde Sabana de La Mar que funciona como la Asociación de Guías de los Haitises. Este intercambio de conocimiento les servirá a los jóvenes de Brigada Verde que están interesados en ser guías turísticos a aprender cómo presentar durante una caminata o recorrido guiado. Adicionalmente, les ayudará a ampliar su conocimiento sobre los diferentes ecosistemas del país para responder mejor a las preguntas de los turistas. Ambos grupos, compartirán ideas y estrategias para aumentar la cantidad de turistas que visitan a su comunidades y para brindar un mejor servicio."

Sponsor: PCV Victor Galvan

Grantees: 10 Youth

From: Villa Clara & La Pascuala, Samaná

For: Coral Reef Preservation Training

PCV Jennifer Baily wrote: *“These youth live on the coast of the Samaná Bay in fishing communities who benefit or suffer from the environmental quality of the area. Empowering these members of Brigada Verde, who already have formed connections within their communities as leaders in protecting the environment, is the key to community change. Learning to take care of their environment will promote protection and regrowth of the coral reefs that support coral reef fish communities.”*

Sponsor: PCV Jennifer Baily

Grantees: 8 Adults

From: Sanchez, Samana

For: HIV/AIDS Support Group and Training

PCV Iris Padilla wrote: *“The course will provide support and information to the participants about how they can continue living a normal life with HIV/AIDS. The individuals will gain skills and self-understanding that will enhance positive decision-making. After they graduate from the course, they will then give personal testimonies and presentations on how to prevent STIs and HIV/AIDS to the community and nearby campos.”*

Sponsor: PCV Iris Padilla

Grantees: 5 Youth

From: Miches, El Seibo

For: An English Course

PCV Christina Marino wrote: *“En Miches existe un alto nivel de abuso de drogas y alcohol destacando en el desempleo, y el proyecto comunitario New Vision pretende combatir contra esto en forma de enseñanza de idiomas. El objetivo de las becas para estos jóvenes es para el aprendizaje y el dominio del inglés para conseguir trabajos, especialmente ahora que el país esta en un momento de un turismo creciente.”*

Sponsor: PCV Christina Marino

Grantees: 50 Youth

From: Mata Grande, Santiago

For: Art, Crafts, and Creativity Course

PCV Jennifer Barker wrote: *“The population of kids that will be reached by this project is the most under-privileged group of children in the community. Many of these kids have absolutely no exposure to arts, crafts, or other creative things. For some kids, this will be the first time that they have used crayons to draw a picture. The importance of creativity in a child's development is an aspect that many of these children will not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.”*

Sponsor: PCV Jennifer Barker

Grantees: 12 Youth

From: Cambita Garabito, San Cristobal

For: Computer Classes

PCV Michael Galhouse wrote: *“Our Centro de Informática provides quality education in computer software for students from Cambita Garabito and its surrounding communities. Many of them live in rural areas and can barely afford transportation. Courses are offered seven days a week- morning, afternoon and evening. Since the school system here provides little to no computer instruction, it is essential for the youth to be able to attend our courses if they ever hope to reach the university or secure a good job.”*

Sponsor: PCV Michael Galhouse

Grantees: 20 Youth

From: Sanchez Ramirez, Samana

For: Camp in Playa Fronton

PCV Erica Monteith wrote: *“The youth, who are from two different Brigada Verde groups, will learn reef conservation, how to snorkel, how reefs are made, pollution solutions, and the problem of over-fishing.”*

Sponsor: PCV Erica Monteith

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Grantees: Sala de Tarea de Matancitas
From: San Jose de Matanza, Maria Trinidad Sanchez
For: 2 IT Class Facilitators
Sponsor: PCV Regina Cruz

Grantees: 30 Youth
From: Las Delicias, Bona0, Monseñor Nouel
For: Art Course
Sponsor: PCV Shilpa Jhobalia

Grantees: 12 Youth
From: Abreu, Cabrera, Maria Trinidad Sanchez
For: Computer Course
Sponsor: PCV Andrew Martin

Individual Grants and Scholarships

Grantee: Luis Sabier Veras Beato
From: Reparadero, Moca, Espaillat
For: Advanced English Course
Luis wrote: *“A la hora de buscar un trabajo adecuado para un estudiante universitario o un profesional en este país las empresas casi siempre exigen que los solicitantes tengan conocimientos del ingles debido a que este es un país turístico y los estados unidos es nuestro principal socio comercial. Por esto y por muchas razones más mi deseo es estudiar ingles. Para mi es mas que un simple pasatiempo—es una necesidad.”*
Sponsor: PCV Rachele Vierthaler

Grantee: Francia Altagracia Medina Capellan
From: Las Lajas, Altamira, Puerto Plata
For: Computer Course
Noemi wrote: *“Me gustaría aprender como manejar una computadora para mejorar el sistema de información y negocios que tenemos donde yo trabajo—una fabrica de chocolate donde las mujeres de la comunidad son las trabajadoras y las dueñas. Con el conocimiento de cómo usar una computadora, nuestro negocio puede crecer. Podemos tener nuestros datos en un lugar, tener un sistema de contabilidad, y una fábrica más moderno. Voy a compartir la información en el curso con las otras mujeres que trabajan en la fabrica y también con otros miembros de mi comunidad.”*
Sponsor: PCV Kacie Sis

Grantee: Maria Antonia de Jesus Maria
From: El Higuero, Maria Trinidad Sanchez
For: Computer Class
Maria wrote: *“Aprender a manejar la computadora es una experiencia que me cambiaría la vida. Yo trabajo en la comunidad como ama de casa ahora, cuidando mis hijos, pero me gustaría trabajar como secretaria. Además, yo soy miembro de nuestro Club de Madres, y pienso que esta oportunidad sería un ejemplo para las otras mujeres que quieren tomar clases.”*
Sponsor: PCV Peter Mach

Grantee: Marcia Ramona Corbazol
From: Los Cacaos, San Cristobal
For: Accounting Course
Marcia wrote: *“Con esta educación puedo conseguir empleo con una compañía o por yo misma. Con este trabajo puedo ayudar a mis hijos a estudiar y dar más oportunidades a ellos.”*
Sponsor: PCV Claire Clugston

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Grantee: Jerilyn Mariel Gil Zapata
From: Bohío Viejo, San Jose de Las Matas
For: English Course
Jerilyn wrote: *“Con el curso de ingles obtendré un nuevo conocimiento que me ayudará en el futuro a ser una profesional. Yo estaré mejor preparada para realizar mi meta que es tener una carrera de administración. Si puedo en un futuro entrar en la universidad, ya hablaré ingles y entraré en un nivel de estudio más alto.”*
Sponsor: PCV Danielle Hunt

Grantee: Sonia Dolores Espinal Fernandez
From: Mata Grande, Santiago
For: PREPARA (high school certification)
PCV Taylor Joyal wrote: *“Sonia is an extremely motivated individual who wants the best for her children. She has graduated from 8th grade, but wants to finish her high school education to become a teacher in the community of Mata Grande. The school district that we are in lacked 22 teachers last year, and the teacher that we currently have has minimal experience and training in teaching.”*
Sponsor: PCV Taylor Joyal

Grantee: Rafaelito Feliz Cabrera
From: Batey 6, Bahoruco
For: Woodworking Course
Rafaelito wrote: *“Este curso consiste de aprender como construir puertas, persianas, y muebles como sillas, mesas y camas. Esto me dará una destreza útil que usaré para ayudar a miembros de mi comunidad y conseguir trabajitos.”*
Sponsor: PCV Marissa Emiliani

Grantee: Beneris Polanco Mota
From: Roblegal, Bani, Peravia
For: Application of Discipline Management and Behavior Modification Techniques
PCV Daniel Golub wrote: *“This course will improve Beneris’ skills as a professional psychologist, as she will be able to better attend patients, many of whom are youth. She will also be able to improve the academic conditions at the school that she founded in the community a year ago. The school was founded to address the academic and emotional needs of students who have fallen behind, or out of the public school system, and better preparing the teachers will help the students’ development.”*
Sponsor: PCV Daniel Golub

Grantee: Santa Adela Ortiz
From: El Guineo, San Cristobal
For: Computer Course
Sponsor: PCV Michael Galhouse

Grantee: Joel Alvarez Guzman
From: El Cabreto, San Luis, Distrito Nacional
For: A Series of English Courses
Sponsor: Ann Smyntek

Grantee: Josefa Mercedes
From: Pedro Sanchez, El Seibo
For: A hands-on training focusing on geology and speleology
Sponsor: PCV Lindsey Longstreth

Grantee: Domitila Santana
From: El Guineo, San Cristobal
For: Computer Course
Sponsor: PCV Brittany Borg

Grantee: Silvia Massiel Marte Ullerio
From: Higuero, Moca
For: English Course
Sponsor: PCV Kelly Connors

Grantee: Tania Brunilda Reyes
From: El Rubio, San Jose de Las Matas
For: English Course
Sponsor: PCV Kiri Stevenson

Grantee: Luz Melisia Parra
From: Bajabonico Arriba, Puerto Plata
For: Computer Course
Sponsor: PCV Nichole Salinger

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MILA BROOKS FUND-WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

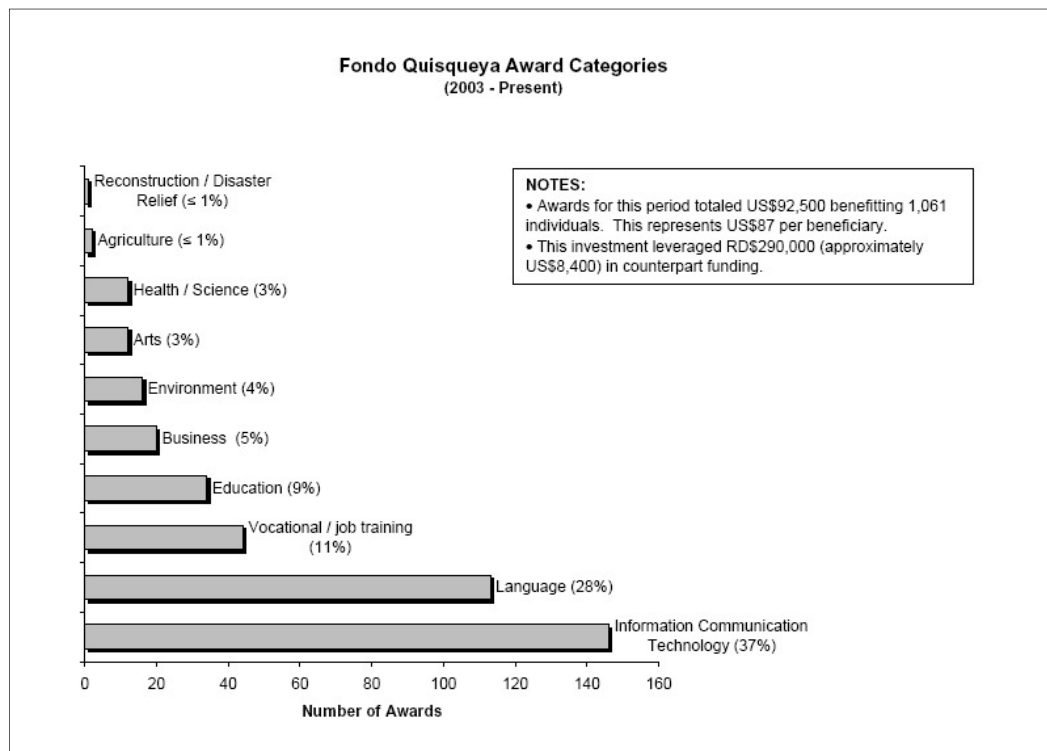
If you wish to focus your FQ giving on low-income women in the Dominican Republic, please send your donations to: FQ for the Mila Brooks Fund, c/o Fondo Quisqueya, P.O. Box 6628, Falls Church, VA 22040-6628.

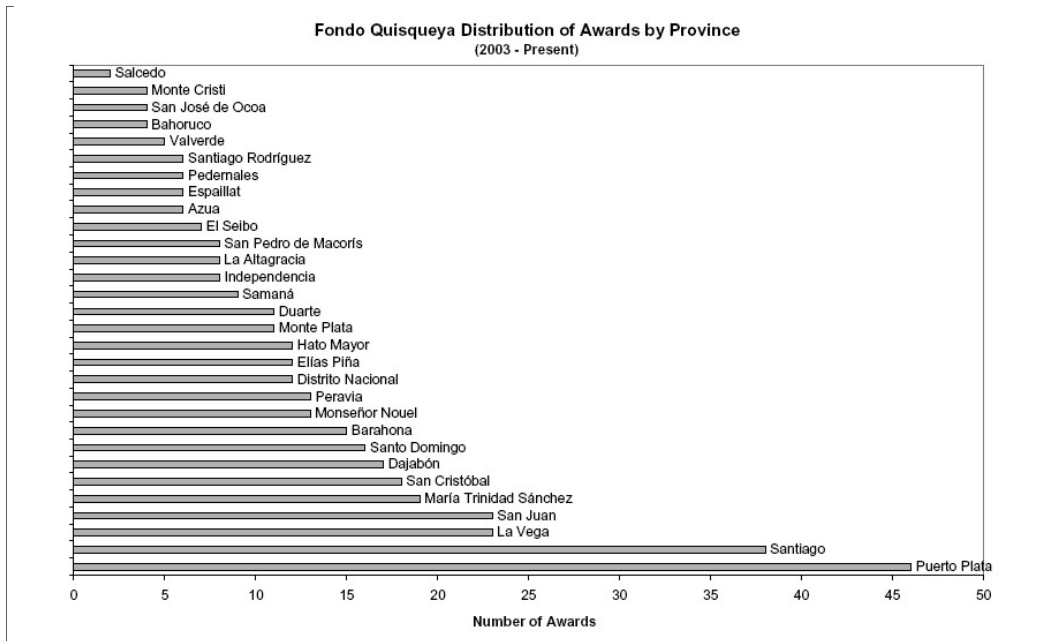
A SUMMARY LOOK AT FQ'S GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE 2003

The two graphs below, summarize FQ's grants and scholarships since 2003 by award category and by geographic distribution. At a future date, we plan to complete our database to include all of our grants and scholarships since FQ's inception at the 25th Reunion Celebration of Peace Corps in the DR in 1987.

Even with only seven years of data included in the graphs below, some trends emerge. For example, 37% of our grants and scholarships during the 2003-2009 period supported training in Information & Communications Technology, and 28% supported Language Acquisition (mostly English classes at various levels), for a total of 65% of our awards. The next 20% were for Vocational/Job Training (11%) and training in Education (9%). The remaining 15% were for business-related training, environment-related education and training, Arts, Health, and Agricultural related training, and reconstruction/disaster relief for schools damaged by hurricanes.

In terms of geographic distribution, at least one grant has been awarded in each of the 31 Provinces in the DR, except La Romana and Sánchez Ramírez. The Provinces receiving the most awards were Puerto Plata (46) and Santiago (38). Provinces receiving 5 or fewer awards were Bahoruco, San José de Ocoa, Monte Cristi, and Salcedo.





FDR

Our sister organization, the Friends of the Dominican Republic. (“FDR”), like FQ, is a 501(c) (3) organization. FDR focuses on helping bring together the community of DR Returned PC Volunteers and staff in the US. It also raises money for two projects: a Program Development Fund, which supports Volunteers and PC programs with donations such as equipment and software, and a Community Challenge Fund, which provides grants for small-scale community infrastructure projects in poor communities.

TREASURER’S REPORT

BY BILL THRELKELD

In our Fall newsletter, we challenged you to raise \$10,000 by the end of the year. Congratulations! You did it! Since we wrote that challenge, receipts through January 5 totaled \$10,205. Add to that another \$1,905 deposited in February and March, plus a slight profit on the March 11 Peace Corps Dominican Republic Gala, and suddenly we find ourselves well-positioned to meet our quarterly grant-making target of \$3,000.

In January, we funded approximately \$3,300 in grant and scholarship requests. We can easily meet our target in April and we have a good running start on what we need for the July grantees. With your continued generosity, especially the up-tick in donations we typically see at mid-year, we will have another successful year creating opportunities for low-income Dominicans with a vision.

Looking at our books, we closed the calendar year about \$2,500 short of meeting our total

expenses (grant-making, newsletters, and transaction costs). For the start of the current calendar year, we are nearly \$3,000 ahead of our expenses to date. The Gala event, with nearly 50 guests in attendance, was a wonderful evening celebrating the accomplishments of FQ and the Friends of the DR, and acknowledging the many accomplishments of two of PCDR’s most distinguished alumni, Senator Chris Dodd and Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams. With registration fees and generous in-kind donations from FQ’s Events Chair, Tom Gittins, the event produced a slight financial gain. The real reward, of course, was the opportunity to celebrate and publicize the many organizational and individual successes and to enjoy the company of all those who share a love for their connections with Quisqueya.





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- C. **IN HONOR OF RANDY ADAMS:** Howard & Susan Lamb.
- D. **IN MEMORY OF KRISTIN FISKE, "SHE WAS AS FINE A PERSON AS I EVER MET, AND THE WORLD IS A POORER PLACE THAT SHE IS NO LONGER IN IT."** David Axelson.

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New FQ Board Member

Laura Sundquist is FQ's newest Board Member. She was elected at FQ's June, 2009 Annual Meeting.

From 2003-2005, Laura was an Information Technology for Education Peace Corps Volunteer in Mella, Independencia, Dominican Republic. She then became the DRPCV Leader for Special Education, and she also served as the FQ liaison between the FQ Board and DRPCVs. In the fall of 2006, Laura began working for ENTRENA where she helped train new PCVs in the DR. She worked at ENTRENA for a year as the Youth, Families and Community Development Trainer and the IT trainer.



After four years in the DR, Laura returned to the U.S. and started working on her Masters Degree in Social Work at the University of Maryland Baltimore as a PC Fellow. In May 2009 she graduated with an MSW and a specialization in Social Action and Community Development. She is currently working at the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service as a Child Specialist reuniting unaccompanied minors (mostly from Central America) with family members in the U.S. She is happy to be serving on the FQ Board and helping low-income Dominicans gain skills through education and training.

JOIN US AT FQ'S ANNUAL MEETING & BBQ AT 4 PM ON JUNE!

Join us for Fondo Q's Annual meeting and BBQ on Sunday, June 6 from 4-7 p.m. at Tom and Sue Gittens' home in Falls Church, Virginia. The BBQ will feature Tom's famous chicken and sausage, homemade delicacies contributed by attendees, and some fun games.

All current and past DR PCVs, Staff, and other friends of FQ and their families are invited!

Elections for new Officers and Board members will be held, the annual report on finances and scholarships awarded during the past 12 months will be given, and ideas and plans for grant and scholarship activities for the next 12 months will be discussed.

Sunday, June 6, 4-7 p.m.

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