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Florida State University School of Social Work Ph.D. candidate Vickie Jester reviewed 126 FAVACA projects conducted in 12 nations of the Caribbean and the Americas in 2001-2002. Jester surveyed both overseas partners and volunteer-consultants. Ninety percent of responding overseas partners reported that the consultation contributed to their skills and improved their strength and sustainability. The survey administered to volunteers explored continuity, contact and support after the initial on-site mission. Eighty-eight percent of volunteer-consultants reported continuing assistance and support to overseas partners after returning home. For a copy of the report, contact Demian Pasquarelli at [demian@favaca.org](mailto:demian@favaca.org).

## **INL & FAVACA TEAM TO FIGHT DRUG ABUSE**

The relationship between the US Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) and FAVACA goes back five years in providing crucial drug abuse prevention activities in the Eastern Caribbean. Under this year's ambitious scope of work developed by veteran volunteer Majken Peterzen, FAVACA will create a multi-island youth publication and companion web page to foster healthy youth and youth-adult relationships, increase youth knowledge of life skills, and expand outreach of risk-reduction behavior. Sites for the project include: St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica, Grenada and Carriacou, Barbados, and Antigua and Barbuda.

## **SOUTHCOM TACKLES INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING**

FAVACA, under an agreement with the US Southern Command's Humanitarian Assistance Program will deliver its first strengthening communities training to a variety of non-profit organizations in La Ceiba, Honduras, February 27 - March 3, 2004. The

training will be held in collaboration with the Adelante Foundation. The first workshop, on strategic planning, will be headed by veteran volunteer Aixa Nuño and followed by on-site one-on-one consultations. Nuño is a retired State of Florida manager and former Peace Corps Volunteer to Costa Rica. Invited organizations include social service agencies, environmental, health and community development institutions.

### **FAVACA JOINS TRADE MISSION TO COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA**

FAVACA President Julieta Valls joined Governor Jeb Bush in a February 15-18, 2004 trade mission to San Jose and Managua. Organized by Enterprise Florida and Florida FTAA, the traveling "Team Florida" will aggressively promote the benefits of a Florida-based Free Trade Area of the Americas secretariat. FAVACA participates in these missions to underscore Florida's 22-year commitment to social and economic development in the region.

### **FAVACA DIRECTOR HONORED BY BANKERS**

Board member and long-time volunteer in the Dominican Republic and Panama Tony Fernandez capped a distinguished career as Florida's top bank regulator by receiving a national award for excellence in international bank supervision and exceptional service to the state banking system. The award was presented at the annual National Banking Conference of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS), held in Miami Beach, February 2-4, 2004. Washington, D.C.-based CSBS was founded in 1902 to strengthen state banking regulatory departments and state-chartered banks.

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