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**HONDURAN MICRO-CREDIT FOUNDATION OPENS NEW REVENUE STREAMS.**

The [Adelante Foundation](#) of Honduras is a micro-credit lending organization that supports women in rural areas of northern Honduras. The Adelante Foundation has been partnering with FAVACA since



2002 and has received 20 volunteers to help improve their microloan program. René Lincona, Executive Director of the foundation sought assistance in overhauling and rewriting their business skills lessons to improve the content and impact for their 5,000 clients. The changes to the business skills lessons will allow the Adelante Foundation to prepare to copyright the materials to either share, distribute, or sell all of the lessons. If they choose to sell their curriculum, this will open a whole new revenue stream leading towards financial stability. Volunteer consultant Lisa Green, of Palm Beach, Florida traveled to Honduras to meet with Adelante's staff members

February 19- March 5, 2009. Green, an ESL teacher and former financial advisor, conducted training sessions with the local staff and observed a monthly regional training for 21 communal educators on microfinance. Green also provided an audit of the methodology, client feedback, efficacy, and ideas for new subject areas. The Foundation has over 5,000 borrowers, boasts a nearly 100% repayment rate,

and was selected by the [Grameen Foundation USA](#) as one of their replicators, the micro-credit version of the Good Housekeeping seal of approval.

#### LOCAL NONPROFITS RECEIVE BOOST IN INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING, BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Family and Parenting Center (FPC) is a small nonprofit organization in Jamaica that ensures that facilities across the country are utilized for the empowerment of individuals, families and communities



Dr. Beverly Scott

with psychological and social needs. FPC held a conference last December to address the issues of child protection and child safety in homes and communities by effectively changing the attitudes of parents and caregivers across the island especially through changing the ways parents and caregivers interact with children under their care. FPC has been able to recruit specialist in this field to provide lectures but are unable to afford to hold multiple events which have such a large impact on the community. Therefore, Dr. Beverly Scott, Director of the Family and Parenting Center, requested FAVACA experts to provide trainings on grant writing, fundraising and institutional strengthening to allow the FPC and other nonprofit organizations in Montego Bay to become more financially independent and provide

more social services to the community at large. Veteran volunteers Terrie Temkin, Gail Metzler, and Robyn Fern Perlman all of Hollywood, Florida and the three principals of [CoreStrategies for Nonprofits, Inc.](#), as well as first time volunteer Bentonne Snay, of Miami, Florida also with CoreStrategies for Nonprofits, Inc. provided a week of workshops from March 29-April 4, 2009 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. In order to further develop the community organizations in Montego Bay, the volunteers provided a series of lectures and activities on developing dialogues with the community and other stakeholders in order to more effectively inform them of the issues and work that organizations are providing, engaging boards to work on issues that will help move organizations forward by accomplishing their vision and creating leadership, building fundraising success through grant writing and other proven fundraising practices. Participants of the workshop included: [St. James Family Court](#), [Child Development Agency](#), [Jamaica AIDS Support for Life \(JASL\)](#), [Child Evangelism Fellowship](#), [Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation](#), Children of Faith, [Jamaica Constabulary Force](#), Pregnancy Resource Centre, [Jamaican Ministry of Education](#), and the Citizen's Associations in Western Jamaica. The FAVACA volunteers have invited Dr. Scott to visit Miami in a few months to follow up on the materials learned in the workshops and to review any grants that the FPC will develop from the new skills learned.



#### SECONDARY TEACHER TRAINING SEMINAR

[Pwof Ansanm](#), a nonprofit organization in Haiti, supports programs and individuals whose mission it is to improve Haitian education through teacher training, curriculum development and material development. Pwof Ansanm holds biannual trainings for secondary teachers and requested the assistance of FAVACA to provide experts who could provide lessons in democracy (civics) and children's rights, and provide organizational development expertise. Veteran FAVACA



volunteer, Bapthol Joseph, a Haitian-American educator and President /CEO of Changing Directions 4 Youth & Families in Pompano Beach, Florida agreed to travel to Ouanaminthe, Haiti to provide the assistance from April 4-8, 2009. Accompanying Bapthol was Joy Miksic from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who is a volunteer fundraiser and teacher trainer for Pwof

Ansam. She has been partnering with the organization for more than ten years. Miksic traveled to Ouanaminthe April 4-11, 2009 to train secondary school teachers by providing lectures on how to create lesson plans in math and science as well as providing additional hands-on activities to further develop secondary school teachers in Ouanaminthe and the surrounding area. As a result of the training on organizational development, the group realized that they did not have a clear understanding as to the reason they were formed. After the first several days of training, the group formed new ideas for their roles in the organization, developed a mission statement, decided to reorganize the group and create a working board of directors. A board of eleven members was subsequently formed.



#### HAITIAN HOSPITAL RECEIVES EMERGENCY ROOM EQUIPMENT



Over 2 million people live in the Port-au-Prince, Petion Ville and surrounding areas of Haiti and until recently there were no emergency rooms or ICU units to support any of the population needing emergency medical treatment. Individuals that required emergency care were only able to find minimal treatment to alleviate their medical problems, forcing many Haitians to seek treatment outside of the country. The Hospital de L'Universite d'Etat d'Haiti commonly known as the General Hospital located in Port-au-Prince, Haiti has been unable to find the monetary resources necessary to institute an emergency room ward within the hospital. The [Haitian Resource and Development Foundation \(HRDF\)](#), a nonprofit organization helping with the development of Haiti, requested help from FAVACA in providing the necessary medical equipment to perform emergency procedures for hospital patients. In addition to providing medical equipment, a request was made to FAVACA to provide Haitian-American medical personnel to train the doctors and nurses of the General Hospital on how to use the new the emergency room equipment. FAVACA agreed to support this venture and established a relationship with the [International Medical Equipment Collaborative \(IMEC\)](#) to facilitate the shipment of the medical equipment and provide the necessary logistical support to guarantee the emergency room equipment arrived safely at the General Hospital. Once the medical equipment arrived at the General Hospital, veteran volunteer Pierre Bertrand, a biomedical engineer, from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida traveled to Port-au-Prince April 9-14, 2009 to assess the condition of the medical equipment and ensure all the equipment is working before providing training to hospital staff on how to provide maintenance on the equipment.



#### GANG VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGY AND TRANSNATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP

FAVACA in conjunction with [United States Agency for International Development's Community Empowerment and Transformation \(COMET\)](#) project and the US Department of State Narcotics Affairs

Sections from [Jamaica](#), Haiti and the Dominican Republic will be holding a regional gang violence reduction strategy workshop and study tour May 5-7 at the [Mayfair Resort and Spa](#) in Miami, Florida. Security officials from Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic as well as US federal and Florida law enforcement agencies will participate in the workshop aimed to help create gang violence reduction strategies in the region, enhance existing community policing programs, and discuss policies and procedures to help prevent, interdict, and suppress gangs. Participants include: [Florida Attorney General's Office](#); [National Gang Intelligence Center](#) and Gang Tech; [Florida Division of Victims Services](#); [Federal Bureau of Investigation \(FBI\)](#); [INTERPOL](#); [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms \(ATF\)](#); [US Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\)](#); [Miami-Dade Police Department](#); and [Broward County Sheriff's Office](#). A study tour will be conducted for regional participants who will visit the Miami-Dade Police Department Gang Unit, a school gang prevention program, and a gang rehabilitation program. Law enforcement and other experts will discuss transnational security, crime and gangs, the role of community policing in gang reduction, regional cooperation between participating countries to combat gangs.



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