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On October 31, 2009 FAVACA volunteer Carole Jo Hardiman was honored during Florida State University's College Homecoming Convocation. Hardiman, a faculty member for the [Department of Communication Disorders](#), retired in 2004 after 35 years of service. Before joining the Department of Communication Disorders, she worked at the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center in Tallahassee, Florida while also working as a master clinician in the Regional Rehabilitation Center at Florida State University. Hardiman's distinguished career included a stint as the president of the [Florida Language, Speech and Hearing Association \(FLASHA\)](#), service on the [Florida Licensing Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology](#), and an 8 year career as an [ASHA Legislative Councilor](#) representing the state of Florida. In January 1990, Hardiman traveled to Belize as a FAVACA volunteer along with June Kennedy to consult with the Disabilities Services Bureau of Belize to conduct a speech pathology training.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING IN ANTIGUA

The Directorate of Gender Affairs is committed to building a country in which women and men enjoy their full rights as individuals and are equal partners in shaping the economic, political, social, and development of their country. In the past several years, Antigua has seen an increase in sexual assault on women however due to insufficient training of police and medical personnel, cases are rarely brought to court due to lack of proper evidence collection. Therefore, the Directorate of Gender Affairs requested training to female nurses and sexual examiners



in evidence collection for sexual assault cases. Pam Kelly of the [Crisis Center of Tampa Bay](#) traveled to Antigua November 8-14, 2009 to provide the much needed training to female nurses and sexual assault examiners. Additionally, police officers and policy makers were also involved in the training to showcase the need for exams to take place in a medical facility instead of at police stations.

EXPONICA HELPS NORTH ATLANTIC COAST OF NICARAGUA

FAVACA supported the Cooperative of North Atlantic Coast artisans (COACANON) to participate in [EXPONICA](#) from November 13-15th. For many of the artisans this was their first trip to Miami or the US. The opportunity to participate in the fair gave them firsthand experience in the market of the United States and also allowed them to make long term connections with buyers from throughout Florida who attended the event. The group of 13 artisans had the unique opportunity to display their additional products in the Nicaraguan Consulate. Special thanks goes to [BAC Florida Bank](#), [AMNICC](#), and FAVACA Board Member Guillermo Palomo for their contributions in making their first business venture to Miami a success.



HAITIAN HOMETOWN ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP A SUCCESS

FAVACA with sponsorship from [Western Union](#) was able to provide training to more than 40 individuals, representing a variety of Haitian Hometown Associations and organizations from around South Florida. Terrie Temkin and Gail Meltzer of [CoreStrategies for Nonprofits](#) provided intensive training on establishing and strengthen organizations. Their expert insight in creating a strong board of directors and fundraising provided ample information for all of the groups. Nancy Paull of Smart Grants presented a basic training on grant writing. Additionally, Doreen Hemlock of the [Sun Sentinel](#) and Trenton Daniels of the [Miami Herald](#) provided training on press relations. Joan Milord of [Accion USA](#) closed the day with training on business creation, financing, and business planning. One participant stated, "For the first time ever I was able to participate in a training that was designed specifically for me and what I learned will allow me to immediately make my organization stronger."

FAVACA is planning a second seminar in February 2010 on Program Management and Financial Accountability and hope to have an even more impressive turn out for the upcoming workshop. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the e-mail list for this event please contact angie@favaca.org.

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Rebuild Haiti: *Mission Possible* successfully raised \$6,000 dollars to go directly towards assisting Haiti this year. In Collaboration with the [Coral Gables Congregational Church](#), [Project Medishare](#), and the [Lambi Fund](#), FAVACA had the opportunity to advocate about supporting FAVACA's unique partnership with Caribbean. It is not too late to donate for this cause, please log on to www.favaca.org and click the "[donate now](#)" button to make your contribution for Haiti. FAVACA would like to thank the Coral Gables

Congregational Church and our other partners for their dedication to this cause. Special thanks to [Pollo Tropical](#), [me-photo](#), A La Carte Decorating, [The Homewood Suites](#), [CR Surf](#), Art Deco Walking Tour, and [La Taberna Giralda](#) for their generous donation of silent auction items.

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