



Companion Community Development Alternatives

BOARD OF DIRECTORS September 1st, 2011

JAMES MULHOLLAND
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Friend of CoCoDA,

HARRIET BROMLEY
Board Secretary
Blue Grass CoCo Project
Richmond, Kentucky

In 1992, a small group of visionary activists, in response to the end of the civil war in El Salvador, formed Companion Community Development Alternatives (CoCoDA). They dreamed of an El Salvador healed, reconstructed and set free, of El Salvadorans and North Americans working hand in hand, and of leveraging as many US dollars for development as had been spent during the war on destruction.

DON CHERY
Latin America Task Network
River Road Unitarian Church
Bethesda, Maryland

This past July, nearly twenty years later, the CoCoDA Board of Directors spent a week in El Salvador visiting our Companion Communities, hearing their stories, touring their projects, and celebrating their successes. In San Salvador, we heard from Damian Alegria – an ex-guerrilla commander now serving as a Salvadoran Legislator – how crucial partners like CoCoDA have been to the healing of this once war ravaged country. In Santa Marta, we heard from community leaders how important our partnership has been in creating one of the best school systems in the country with over 60 college graduates, in a mountain village accessible at times only by 4-wheel drive. From the Mayor of Suchitoto, we heard how our partnership, along with others, has increased home access to potable water from 13% to 96% for the 25,000 people in this region and built the first solar powered community potable water system in El Salvador.

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Over the past few years, financial support for the operating expenses of CoCoDA has slowly decreased and the Board is addressing the critical need to continue the funding of our operations. In solidarity with our partners in El Salvador, we asked them, "Do we still play an important role in supporting your work?" The answer was a resounding "Yes!"

KIMRON REISING
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The Mayor of Suchitoto thanked us for our work on water, but worried about their poor schools. Can we help? Community leaders in Santa Marta thanked us for their schools and college graduates, but worried about those still without water. Can we help? Damian Alegria passionately appealed for our continued support. The dream of a healed and reconstructed El Salvador is still a work in progress – exciting but incomplete. The Board of Directors needs your support to make our twentieth anniversary in 2012 a celebration of renewed vitality and commitment to the deep roots of solidarity we've established with the people of El Salvador. Your generous financial support is necessary for us to continue this important work.

MARIA TERESA TULA
St. Paul, Minnesota

ALAN WINSLOW
Patchwork Central
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Executive & Program Director

You are one of hundreds who have visited El Salvador in a CoCoDA delegation or supported one of our projects. You've personally seen both the need for these important projects and the depth of our relationships with our partner

Communities. You have given financial support in the past. Your donation will demonstrate to those unfamiliar with our work that there is support for what we do.

We are asking you, as a friend of CoCoDA, to make a commitment of financial support for one year. A significant one time gift will be deeply appreciated, but we are asking many of you to remember your experiences in El Salvador, how those experiences transformed your life, and help us create a sustainable future for CoCoDA. *Each of our Board members has made a commitment at one of the following levels.* We're asking you to join us and make a commitment that honors our history and celebrates our future at one of the following giving levels:

- CoCoDA Supporter: \$10 a month
(Receives our annual report)
- CoCoDA Friend: \$25 a month
(Receives our annual report and a quarterly electronic newsletter)
- CoCoDA Partner: \$50 a month
(Receives our annual report, the newsletter, and a monthly update)
- CoCoDA Delegate: \$100 a month
(Receives all our materials and is able to participate in one delegation each year at no cost other than airfare.)

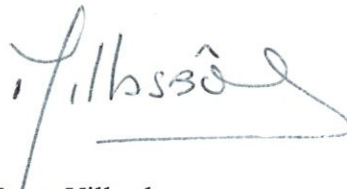
You can pay by check, by PayPal through our website or via automatic withdrawal from your bank account. Please mark the appropriate box in the enclosed payment form. And help us save money and the environment by providing your current e-mail address.

We realize making a monthly donation is a significant commitment, but we believe many of you have a special place in your heart for El Salvador and the work of CoCoDA. This is your opportunity to be a sustaining partner in the work of Companion Community Development Alternatives. Please join us in a generous expression of solidarity with the people of El Salvador.

Sincerely.



Kimron Reising
CoCoDA Board Chair



Ivan Villasboa
CoCoDA Executive Director