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Welcome Alumni Relations Manager Celdie Sanabria



I am thrilled to be the new Alumni Relations Manager for AMIGOS. I can't believe that it has been almost 25 years ago that I first heard about AMIGOS while taking a Latin American history class at Santa Clara University. In 1985, I was a volunteer with the Santa Clara Chapter and spent 6 weeks as a volunteer in Darien, Panama. I clearly remember stepping off the bus in our very small, very rural town of Punoloso wondering "so why am I here?" [Read the complete article.](#)

Photo: Celdie takes a bucket bath in Panama in 1985.

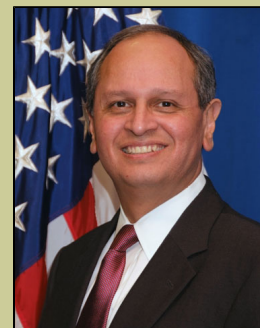
Help us Find Lost Alumni

AMIGOS needs your help in locating our "lost" alumni. Please [take a look at this list](#) to see if you know any of these individuals and where they can be contacted. Please submit any information you may have, such as an address, phone number, email, or place of business to alumni@amigoslink.org.

We also need your updated contact information! Be sure to pass on new email addresses, mailing addresses and good news! Just send your updates to alumni@amigoslink.org. We love to hear from you.

Notable Alumnus of the Month

Arnold Chacon is a six-time AMIGOS veteran and International Office staff member. He has been a U.S. diplomat for 27 years, serving in many of the same countries in Latin America where he served as a Volunteer. [Read the Q&A](#) with him.



NEWS

PureCircle Supports AMIGOS San Pedro Project



PureCircle recently donated \$25,000 to support AMIGOS' project in San Pedro, Paraguay. The funds will be used for construction materials and educational supplies needed to successfully complete nutrition and environmental health projects, including the construction



of fuel-efficient stoves and reforestation initiatives. [Read more.](#)

Photo: Dorn Wenninger, Corporate Vice President for Supply Chain of PureCircle, presents Emily Untermeyer, AMIGOS President, with the check.

Monthly Giving

You can support the AMIGOS mission in a meaningful way for as little as \$10 a month through our [monthly giving program](#). That is less than most of us spend on Starbucks Coffee each week or on lunch out with friends. Your small monthly gift provides sustainable revenue for AMIGOS that we can count on. And your gift truly makes a difference by ensuring the quality of our programs and making the AMIGOS experience possible for others. [Sign up today!](#)



Director of Marketing and Communication Position

AMIGOS is looking for a dynamic individual who is enthusiastic about AMIGOS, enjoys working on a broad range of media opportunities and thrives on being self-directed and taking initiative to fill the Director of Marketing and Communication position. The individual handles a wide spectrum of marketing and communication activities, including print, electronic and broadcast media. [Learn more about the position.](#)

PROGRAMS

AMIGOS Application Deadline Extended

The deadline for 2009 Volunteers has been extended for select projects. If you know someone who might be interested, please [share the video](#) and [application](#) and tell them to [apply as soon as possible!](#)

EVENTS

Executive Business Luncheon a Success

AMIGOS hosted our Fourth Annual Executive Business Luncheon on March 13 at the Federal Reserve Bank in Houston. The event featured keynote speaker Miguel San Juan, U.S. Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). "I enjoyed my time serving on the international board of directors of Amigos," he said. "Amigos and the IDB have the shared mission of encouraging community development in Latin America." [Read press coverage and view photos from the event.](#)

AMIGOS Gala on May 2



AMIGOS will host our 30th Gala on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the fabulous Hotel ZaZa in Houston. We are delighted to be honoring longtime AMIGOS friend and supporter, George Donnelly. Proceeds from the Gala will help to expand AMIGOS' youth leadership training, environmental education and community health projects in Latin America. [We would love to see you there!](#)

The Gala will include an [International Destination Raffle](#). The prize is a trip to Buenos Aires. [Purchase your tickets today!](#)

Partner Organization Opportunities

- Continental Airlines: “Destino: Latinoamérica” Essay Contest. [Apply Now!](#)
- InterAction: 7th Annual Photo Contest calling for photos of work in the field. [Learn more!](#)
- YUGA Camp: YUGA Leadership Camp is a peer education program designed to help youth build their skills and gain in-depth knowledge on issues affecting youth around the world. [More information.](#)

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