

Chicago Metropolitan Sanctuary Alliance

Pedal for Peace



Bike-a-thon

To support Peace with Justice

Sunday, October 5, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by:

Chicago Metropolitan Sanctuary Alliance

Chicago-Cinquera Sister Cities
Chicago-Guatemala Partnership

Your donation to *PEDAL FOR PEACE* will help support the following projects:



CHICAGO METROPOLITAN SANCTUARY ALLIANCE (CMSA)

CMSA works to make the Americas a sanctuary for their own people, through educational & action opportunities that address issues of justice, peace, & human rights in the Americas. Major projects include the **Chicago New Sanctuary Coalition**, a coalition of interfaith religious leaders & participating congregations called by faith to respond actively & publicly to the struggles for justice and human rights of our immigrant brothers & sisters residing in the United States, & the

Colombia Sanctuary Project, which works with congregations in the Chicago area to offer sanctuary to endangered Colombian human rights defenders & offers opportunities for people in the US to learn from & accompany those who are struggling for peace in Colombia. *Contact: (773)293-3680 or Email: cmsa@chicagosanctuary.org*
Website: www.chicagosanctuary.org

CHICAGO-CINQUERA SISTER CITIES

Chicago-Cinquera Sister Cities, formed in 1992 after the Salvadoran civil war ended, is a community to community based solidarity group. Chicago-Cinquera is partners with the small town of Cinquera through their community organization, ARDM. With their guidance, Chicago-Cinquera decides how best to assist them with some of their projects. In the past, Chicago-Cinquera helped to provide some of the funds for the ARDM staff, the ecotourism park, history documentation, advocacy projects & the youth group. The next projects will concentrate on leadership training with an emphasis on women's participation & grassroots organizing of the community in order to pursue positive economic changes for the majority of the people. *See Chicago-Cinquera's website: www.chicagocinquera.org. Chicago-Cinquera Sister Cities is a local chapter of US-El Salvador Sister Cities: www.us-elsalvador-sisters.org*
Local contacts: Sheila Brady: (773) 561-4208 or Jim Hoover jimmyishere@hotmail.com

CONCERN AMERICA

Concern America trains local populations in health, environmental health, education, appropriate technology (e.g. potable water systems), & income-generation. In the conflict zone of northwestern Colombia, their "Integrated Community Health Project" works with 40 predominantly Afro-Colombian & Indigenous communities to train community-based health promoters & midwives. Funds raised by Pedal for Peace will enable the project to begin an essential potable water component.

Contact: John Straw, Concern America - Chicago Branch Office
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CHICAGO-GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP

Saq Ja', one of 440 villages destroyed by the Guatemalan Army during the 80's, continues its rebuilding process with the support of friends in Chicago. Educating their children so they can "give back" to strengthen their community's development & Mayan traditions, is an on-going priority. *Pedal for Peace* funded scholarships for students in the local *Instituto Basico* (middle-school) & especially for higher education available only outside the community, are crucial for the subsistence farmer families in Saq Ja'. *Pedal for Peace* funds may also be used to expand the agricultural production project, enabling families to grow crops that bring higher prices at the local markets. *Contact: Mary Naftzger (773)373-7805 (English) maryand-bob.n@sbcglobal.net or Virgilio Vicente (773)493-6114 (Spanish, K'iche)*

NUEVA ESPERANZA (CHACULÁ), GUATEMALA

Since 1994, CMSA has supported this community of former refugees through annual visits, accompaniment advocacy, & material aid. In the face of many difficulties, the community has become a thriving village, complete with a school, health clinic, several small businesses, & secure housing for all families. Our donation will help to provide education for children from the village & neighboring poor communities. *Contact CMSA at (773) 293-3680; cmsa@chicagosanctuary.org*

