



Funder-Civil Society Dialogue

Raising the Profile of HIV Affected Children and Meeting their Needs Today

“Children and HIV/AIDS: Action Now, Action How”

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Mexico City

making a difference in the lives of children affected by AIDS

OUR MISSION



“The mission of the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation (CAAF) is to make a positive difference in the lives of children infected with HIV and affected by AIDS. CAAF accomplishes this by helping to meet their diverse needs, advocating and educating on their behalf, and bringing joy and fun into their lives.”

PROGRAM SUPPORT IN THE U.S.



- Serving children infected & affected, since 1993
- Through grantmaking and special initiatives, this year we are touching the lives of over 35,000 children
- In the United States (7,000+ children)
 - 50 Grantees, this year, through Basic Needs, Psychosocial Support, Social and Recreational categories
 - Special Initiatives: Camp Network, Emergency Grants, Play Areas
 - PSA Campaign to raise awareness about the “affected children” in the United States

PROGRAM SUPPORT IN LAC



- In Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region, 2005
- 40 Grantees this year: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, El Salvador, and Venezuela.
- Categorical Grantmaking in LAC
 - Basic Needs
 - Psychosocial
 - Educational Advocacy and Awareness
 - Support for Orphan and Abandoned Children

PROGRAM SUPPORT IN LAC



- Special Initiatives in LAC
 - NGO Grantwriting Capacity Building
 - PMTCT Services in 27 healthcare sites in Guatemala
 - Outreach, HIV/STD education to pregnant women, healthcare providers
 - Voluntary counseling and testing
 - Midwives HIV education

- Touching the lives of 28,000 children in the LAC region

PROGRAM SUPPORT, STRATEGIES



- **Identifying and Narrowing Gaps in Services:**
- **Small grant Investments**
- **Flexibility, Accountability**
- **Capacity Building**

PROGRAM SUPPORT STRATEGIES



- **Identifying and narrowing gaps in services:**
 - Assessing the landscape to identify the immediate needs of children
 - We listen & trust that our grantees know best
 - Reacting quickly to changes needed to improve our support
 - 85% of applicants had no formal programming for children
 - All have now established programs, which are expanding
- **Small grant investments:**
 - \$10,000 grants which has helped grantees establish programs and leverage additional support

PROGRAM SUPPORT STRATEGIES



■ **Flexibility & Accountability:**

- Flexibility to balance our due-diligence and the need to understand and accommodate to the changing need of our grantees
- Allow NGO's to serve as umbrella for small growing NGO's
- Quarterly, biannual reports, final reports
- Site visits
- Allow NGO's to serve as fiscal agents of smaller, but growing NGO's

■ **Capacity Building:**

- Technical assistance prior to submitting proposals
- Grantwriting workshops
- Supporting events. scholarships for grantee attendance



Thank you!

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