

FY 2010 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

Alfalit International Basic Education and Literacy Programs in Bolivia, DR and Peru, \$2,200,000

Alfalit International, Inc., Miami-Dade County, Florida

Funds will be used for expanding Alfalit's literacy and basic education programs to serve 50,000 illiterate, underserved children, women and men in Bolivia, DR and Peru; and train 1,200 teachers. By providing literacy and basic education, Alfalit is helping to reduce poverty, reduce exploitative child labor, improve family health, particularly among girls, enhance the status of women, promote democracy, reduce crime, and decrease the incidence of prostitution and drug use among young men and women.

Center for Hemispheric Policy, \$1,500,000

University Of Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Funds will be used to create a task force on the impact of the global economic crisis on Latin America's political and economic development; a task force on alternative energy development in Latin America; and a task force on the outlook for Mexico and U.S.-Mexico relations. The relationship between the United States and its neighbors in the hemisphere is of great importance, since it impacts both the economy and the security of the United States, as well as the other countries in the hemisphere.

Global Institute for Community Health and Development in Haiti, \$3,000,000

University Of Miami (Miller School Of Medicine), Miami-Dade County, Florida

Funds will be used to continue a program to sustain the health and community development project currently in place, demonstrate the replicability of health and community development in several villages in rural Haiti, and address the "brain drain" of Haitian health professionals by supporting health professional training in a wide spectrum of disciplines. Haiti is acknowledged as the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, and the socioeconomic crisis found there has been compounded in recent years as Haiti has been wracked by both political and natural disasters. This project will have a direct, positive economic impact on families in South Florida who have family in Haiti.

Haiti Volunteers in Education Corps, \$1,000,000

Favaca- The Florida Association For Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas, Leon County, Florida

Funds would be used to launch the Haiti Volunteers in Education Corps, a program that will enhance the quality of education by strengthening basic computer skills, organized sports programs, environmental conservation, math and map-reading skills, etc. The schools or centers where volunteers are posted will benefit by an infusion of new ideas, new energy and new approaches to teaching. By involving Haitian Americans directly in communities in Haiti, they can reconnect with their families' home countries in a meaningful and tangible way. The connections forged will lead to new opportunities and new avenues for both Haiti and the United States.

Training and Technical Assistance in the Caribbean and Latin America- Florida and the Caribbe, \$1,000,000

Favaca- The Florida Association For Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas, Leon County, Florida

Funds will be used to recruit talent and expand FAVACA's reach in the hemisphere to include countries such as Colombia, Haiti, Guyana, and Venezuela. Given the growing political complexities of the western hemisphere, FAVACA provides low overhead and appropriate scaled assistance that makes a difference by linking countries through sharing technical expertise. Technical assistance and capacity building provided by FAVACA can include strengthening civil society institutions, developing their capacities in fundraising, financial accountability, emergency response planning, and damage assessment techniques.