

**The Spirit of Giving Back**

In In the words of Winston Churchill, *“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”*

**The Spirit of Giving Back** is an ongoing program of recognition for community projects and the CAA members who lead them. These members are committed to the welfare of their local neighborhoods

**Spirit of Giving Back Projects**

**Magallanes Community Fundraiser**

CAA members recognize the importance of giving back to the communities in which they live.Members Debra Hammen and Pedro Salcedo, together with other CAA members and Ticos living in the Magallanes neighborhood, supported a Community-wide Social to raise funds for the school Soccer field. It included an Auction of items donated by neighbors and neighborhood businesses, a Raffle for a Plasma Sony 32” TV, sporting events, traditional games, typical food, and Expat food cooked by Chef Andy. As a community they raised C3.3 million and, after significant improvements to the Community Center and soccer field, the net total was C400,000.

**Hogarcito Children’s Playhouse Renovation**

The local Hogarcito (orphanage) is an ongoing labor of love for many in the community. Recently a group of CAA members stepped up to restore the children’s playhouse which was in disrepair and considered unsafe for the kids to use. It was a week’s worth of work for 8 volunteers: Andy, Nancy, Jim, John D., Danuta, Lloyd, Ty, and Havah.

Recently Cesar Carrillo introduced Linda and Jim Beasley to the Hogarcito. They have now made helping the children a personal mission. Amy and Bill Bull have added their help by volunteering 3 days a week. Together, we have met others who are personally dedicated to the children. Norma started as a volunteer and is now President of the Board. Carlos, a local Tico returning from the US is now a Board member and his wife, Jessica, a former US attorney, is now managing the volunteers. **Sometimes it truly takes a village!**