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FAVACA would like to extend our appreciation to the [Caribbean Community Foundation \(CCF\)](#) for their generous efforts and partnership with FAVACA. Correcting an omission in our last Clik, the Foundation provided \$10,000 to support the August nonprofit strengthening training in Barbados. [Clik Story: Barbados Nonprofits Receive Training on NGO Strengthening.](#)

Founded in 2003, CCF's ultimate goal is simple: to help people in the nations of the Caribbean improve their well-being. Offering professional, experienced assistance to identify immediate and emerging social and economic needs meet through grants, endowments and assisting donors to maximize financial impact.



Rebuild Haiti: MISSION POSSIBLE



Haiti has suffered unspeakable tragedy as hurricanes Fay, Gustav, Hannah, and Ike devastated the region killing over 800 people and leaving thousands of families homeless. The overwhelming challenges this tiny island nation faces to rebuild would be insurmountable without the help of the international community and private donors. On November 14, 2008 in the Fellowship Hall of [Coral Gables Congregational Church](#), FAVACA participated in a joint fundraiser for Haiti. All proceeds were

donated to support the efforts of three leading south Florida international organizations provide urgently needed assistance to those affected. The [Lambi Fund of Haiti](#), [Project Medishare](#) and [FAVACA, the Florida Association of Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and Americas](#) all provide extremely necessary social programs in Haiti and strive towards helping Haitians rebuild and recover from their traumatic losses.

HAITI: Exploring the Naturalness of Disastrous Outcomes

The twentieth annual [Haitian Studies Association Conference](#) took place November 6-8, 2008 at Club Indigo in Montrouis, Haiti. It featured a variety of roundtable discussions and presentations by leading Haitian and Haitian-American experts. FAVACA supported Cornell University graduate student Crystal Felima to make a presentation entitled “*Haiti’s Disproportionate Casualties After Environmental Hazards: Exploring the Naturalness of Disastrous Outcomes*” which focused on the existing environmental conditions that exasperate natural disasters. The [Haitian Studies Association](#) works with Haitian diaspora and provides variety of resources including: the Journal of Haitian Studies, symposiums, public lectures, available through their website.



Florida to host Nicaraguan Educational and Cultural Exchange

Awarded a contract by [United States Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#), FAVACA will launch a professional exchange program with Nicaraguan small business entrepreneurs to take place in early 2009. The goal of the program is to empower entrepreneurs through creative thinking and improved business skills to help increase the revenue and productivity of their companies and be better able to better address residents’ needs in their communities.

Specifically, FAVACA will focus [Atlantic coast](#), especially women, indigenous and Afro-Caribbean individuals. Thirty (30) participants will be selected to include community leaders, members of the media, handicraft design and production businesses, and eco-tourism development. In cooperation with the [Florida Small Business Development Center](#) FAVACA will provide a ten day multi-discipline training course including marketing, eco-tourism, micro finance, networking, and small business development.



In addition, FAVACA is currently seeking twelve (12) businesses and organizations interested in hosting a four (4) week professional internship for entrepreneurs in the summer of 2009. Please contact Angelina Klouthis at angie@favaca.org for more information.

Caribbean Beekeepers Promote Organic Methods



Guyana once had a thriving beekeeping operation and was one of the leading honey producers in the Caribbean. Docile Italian bees thrived in the region creating bountiful honey and easy to manage hives; however increased shipping brought Africanized bees in the mid-1970s. More aggressive, Africanized bees forced many producers out of the market. Similar stories throughout the region increased demand for adaptive methods of beekeeping. The Caribbean Beekeeping Congress holds an annual conference to exchange ideas, provide

scholarly works, and discussions for apiaries. The [Fifth Caribbean Beekeeping Congress](#) was held in conjunction with the [Guyanese Ministry of Agriculture](#) in Georgetown, Guyana. This year's theme was "Promoting Organic Beekeeping in Guyana and the Caribbean through Strategic Investments." Longtime FAVACA volunteer, Bo Sterk, presented two lectures: *Beekeeping in St. Vincent* and *The State of Beekeeping in Haiti* calling for Caribbean beekeepers to adopt a regional approach and assist hive rebuilding efforts in both countries. Sterk traveled to November 8-15, 2008.



FAVACA Competitive Internships Available

Prestigious opportunity for graduate students and upper level undergraduates offers two individuals in Tallahassee and one in Miami to gain international internship experience working with international partners and diaspora communities. FAVACA will host a **Research Focused Intern** to work directly on international projects throughout the region as well as to provide support for our legislative advocacy. A second **Outreach and Communications Intern** will gain experience on our digital outreach campaign, working with two international websites, monthly and annual publications as well as expanding FAVACA's social networking portfolio.

Candidates for these competitive intern positions must be able to work in a professional office environment. Candidates can find more information about FAVACA at www.favaca.org and www.fhi.org. Please submit an essay detailing your interest in international development and what they wish to learn and accomplish if selected as FAVACA International Development Intern to favaca@favaca.org. All positions are unpaid however; FAVACA will support candidate's effort to receive college credit as appropriate.

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The Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA) is a non-profit organization established in 1982. FAVACA was founded in the belief that Florida's future is interwoven with that of our Caribbean neighbors. The organization's mission is the improvement of social and economic conditions in the Caribbean and Central America through volunteer service. FAVACA provides technical assistance and training through a diverse combination of federal, private and State of Florida funding sources. To date, more than 1,200 volunteer missions to 29 nations and territories of the region have been completed. A wide variety of training is offered in health and social issues, agriculture, education, environment, disaster mitigation, women's leadership, capacity building and more.

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