



For Immediate Release

2008 Three Wishes Grants

At SCAA 2008, the Café Femenino Foundation will, for the first time ever, grant 'Three Wishes'. The foundation has selected three worthy grants to be awarded that will directly benefit the lives of hundreds of poor coffee farmers and their families. This program has been made possible due to the generosity of Café Femenino Foundation sponsors. The Café Femenino Foundation will award 'Three Wishes' during the International Women in Coffee Breakfast on Sunday morning. At this event, the Café Femenino Foundation will have special table set up for the 'Three Wishes' program with representatives from each of the three recipient organizations. Grants will be awarded to the Cosurca coffee cooperative in Colombia, The Café Femenino Foundation in Peru, and to the Fedecares Coffee cooperative in the Dominican Republic. We encourage you to stop by the Café Femenino Foundation booth to learn more about the work the Café Femenino Foundation is doing and about the 'Three Wishes' Grants.

Dominican Republic Grant for \$3,000.00

This grant provides funding for 55 children ages 5 – 14 years of age for school books and uniforms required for the children to attend school. These children's families were devastated by Tropical Storm Noel this past fall. Homes were lost and families were financially devastated. As a result, they are now unable to send their children to school. This grant will also support the community as the schools were impacted by the lack of students that can afford to go to school.

Peru Grant for \$3,000.00

This funding will be used to help fund transportation and housing for parents of children that will be helped by the work of the Faces Foundation in partnership with the Café Femenino Foundation and the Café Femenino Foundation – Peru. The total requested funding is \$25,000.00. The Faces Foundation will provide medical assistance to coffee producers and their families that are in need of cleft palate surgeries, burn surgeries and other operable tumors or diseases that can be repaired or helped.

Colombia Grant for \$3,000.00

This grant will assist coffee farmers whose farms were harmed by the aerially spraying of chemicals. The chemicals, intended to destroy Coca plants, were inadvertently sprayed on coffee farms, homes, and schools, including children in the school yards. Many children and their families became ill. On many farms food sustenance crops were destroyed and/or defoliated, with devastating results for many small coffee farmers and their families. These families continue to suffer due to the loss of income and food. This 'Three Wishes' grant will provide assistance to the producers who were most effected by this spraying, helping them re-establish their coffee farms and their family gardens.