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We Share Foundation's Worldwide Club-to-Club Program Grows

(Washington, D.C.)—The We Share Foundation is proud to announce the expansion of its Club-to-Club World Service Program in 2006. Initiated in 1983, the program allows caring individuals to provide financial support to viable service projects in developing countries.

The We Share Foundation is the charitable arm of Quota International, Inc., an 87-year-old international service organization that links members of all ages, occupations, and nationalities in a network of service and friendship in almost 300 clubs in 14 countries. Through the foundation's Club-to-Club program, individuals, clubs, and friends of Quota can support the efforts of clubs where need is most dire. One hundred percent of these funds go to local Quota clubs, who understand best the needs and challenges in these areas and provide practical and effective support for their communities.

Last year, the program included eight clubs, and in 2006, it expanded to 14. The six new projects all focus on empowerment through education or skills training, with special emphases on helping disadvantaged women, children, or hard-of-hearing

individuals. Four of the new programs are in the Philippines: the Char-Wood Fuel Project (Bacolod), Stitch for a Living (Legazpi-Mayon), Vocational Skills at the Special Education Center (Mandaue), and a Library for the Hard-of-Hearing (Iloilo). Suriname (To Learn with Pleasure) and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Empowerment Development Program for Disadvantaged Women) are also home to new projects this year.

Club-to-Club projects also support the underserved in India (DLF City, Sainik Farm, and New Delhi) and Fiji (Ba), and several additional programs exist in the Philippines (Cebu, Davao City, Manila, and Manila South).

The program has been named to the Associations Advance America Awards Honor Roll six times and has twice been awarded the United Nations Blue Ribbon for Program Excellence. For more information on the Club-to-Club World Service Program, Quota International, or the We Share Foundation, contact Nancy Fitzpatrick, Deputy Executive Director.

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