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12 PARTNERS, 12 UNIQUE PROJECTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR COFFEE-FARMING FAMILIES

(Santa Fe, N.M.) – Biodiesel production, microcredit, and adult literacy are just a few of the programs Coffee Kids, a Santa Fe-based nonprofit, will fund in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Twelve organizations in the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Peru will receive support for their programs.

For 20 years, Coffee Kids has worked with organizations in coffee-farming communities to support long-term programs designed by community members that address their most pressing needs.

Given the meager wages and volatility of coffee prices, all programs supported by Coffee Kids focus on providing coffee-farming families with alternatives to coffee, including: microcredit and savings, education, health care and other community-based development projects.

By helping coffee-farming families become less reliant on coffee for income, they are able to continue farming coffee and put additional income toward local development.

This year, the Chajulense Association joins the Coffee Kids roster. The organization, located in Chajul, Guatemala, was formed in 1988 to help coffee farmers market their coffee. They have expanded their mission to include economic diversification efforts and programs for women. Coffee Kids will help the organization fund a textile and business training program for the women's group.

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Coffee Kids, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of coffee-farming families. Coffee Kids currently supports economic diversification, education, and health care programs in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Peru. To learn more about Coffee Kids or to make a donation, please visit www.coffeekids.org or call 505-820-1443.



Other groups to receive Coffee Kids funding in 2007-2008:

- **ADESPA**, Paraxaj, Guatemala – Partner since 2006 – Adult Literacy, Technical Training
- **APROS**, Lake Atitlán, Guatemala – Partner since 1995 – Health Care and Education
- **AUGE**, Veracruz, Mexico – Partner since 1995 – Economic Diversity, Community Leadership
- **CAMPO**, Oaxaca, Mexico – Partner since 1996 – Training Center Construction
- **CECOCAFEN**, Matagalpa, Jinotega and Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua – Partner since 1998 – Economic Diversity, Education
- **Chajulense Association**, Chajul, Guatemala – New Partner – Textile Production, Technical Training
- **COCLA**, Vilcabamba, Peru – Partner since 2007– Health Care
- **FHC**, Costa Rica – Partner since 1996 – Education
- **FomCafé**, Oaxaca, Mexico – Partner since 2000 – Economic Diversity, Family Gardens, Edible Mushrooms
- **ICSUR**, Chiapas, Mexico – Partner since 2006 – Edible Mushrooms, Chicken-Raising
- **SOPPEXCCA**, Jinotega, Nicaragua – Partner since 2007 – Environmental Education
- **STIAP**, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala – Partner since 2007 – Biodiesel Production