



All Together in Dignity

## Fourth World Movement Taporí Children's Network

### -Greetings!

I am writing with a great deal of pride and excitement!

**Some 60 child, youth, and adult delegates are preparing to represent their communities at our international assembly**

***It Takes a Child to Raise a Village***

**here in Washington, DC, from October 13-19.**

They will come to learn from one another, strengthen their bonds, and build a common message. They will deliver that message publicly--and hopefully to President Obama--on October 17, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. And they still need your financial support and encouragement to make this gathering a successful group effort by a diversity of our members.

**Won't you donate or write an encouraging message as a last-minute boost to our delegates?** You'll be supporting delegates such as:

- **Amcesse**, a nine year old **from Haiti**, who looks for friendship and helps her mother serve others in order to strengthen the solidarity in their neighborhood--so fragile, yet vital in the face of ongoing violence and the aftermath of a devastating earthquake;
- **Samantha**, a teenager **from Virginia**, who has been gathering messages from her peers about the disappointments they face in school, the hardship and exploitation of their mountain area, and yet their love for the people, pace, and traditions of Appalachia;
- **Alex**, a young man **from Honduras**, who went to work in a metal shop at age 12 to support his family, went back to school at age 20, and is now in college. Having loved the painting and friendship in Street Library as a boy, Alex, in turn, helps run the Street Library for other children in his neighborhood;
- **Brittany**, a young mother **from New Orleans**, who grew up in Street Library and now helps shape our *Play and Learn Together* project to help assure a brighter future for her own toddlers and others.

The delegates are coming from five US regions and five other countries. Many of the international delegates have overcome the obstacles of missing papers, discrimination, and bureaucracy to get their passports and visas. US delegates have organized to arrange childcare, inform and dialogue with schools, and raise money. Children and young people have been interviewing their community members and putting their testimonies and artwork into booklets and

videos to bring and share.

**The delegates have been gathering locally--in Street Libraries, Tapori groups, adult forums, and with members of Congress--to express their struggles, the importance of their projects with people from diverse horizons, and how they strive together to end poverty.**

**Many members and friends have helped us get to this point**, and this assembly has attracted the energy, ideas, and skills of many new people to our efforts. It is having a positive impact on the delegates and their communities. Their gathering aims to have a further impact on public policy and opinion, and will shape our direction at ATD Fourth World for the future. So, you'll agree, we have reason to be excited!

**Now we need one last push to help our delegates come together. *It Takes a Child to Raise a Village*: your donation, your card, your message on our Facebook page will help uplift our delegates as primary actors in creating a more just and peaceful global village for us all.**

Sincerely,

Jill Cunningham, US Director,  
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P.S.

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