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## **WELLS FARGO EMPLOYEE TO START TWO-WEEK PROJECT FOR RIVERSIDE NONPROFIT**

RIVERSIDE, Calif., March 29, 2005 – Moira Tarifa, who works in Wells Fargo’s treasury department received a company Volunteer Leave Award from Wells Fargo allowing her to begin a two-week project to assist Ayuda al Nino – Help the Children, a Riverside-based organization serving orphan children of Latin America and innercity children residing in Southern California, while maintaining her Wells Fargo pay and benefits.

Tarifa, a former Miss Panamerican - Bolivia, will focus on providing financial support and coordinating fundraising events for Ayuda al Nino. She will also network with other non-profit organizations serving inner-city children to plan an event to thank sponsors, donors and volunteers. Tarifa has worked with Ayuda al Nino in Riverside for seven years, serving different positions from executive secretary to, most recently, vice president. She has also traveled to Bolivia with the organization to visit and distribute food, medication for children, vitamins, blankets, clothing, and shoes to aid orphanages and impoverished cities.

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“It is such an incredible experience to see the results of our efforts. It is so important to emphasize human services and what a difference it makes to the low-income population by offering child care, health services, education, and basic needs for children,” said Tarifa. “What drew me most to this organization while competing in pageants was the hard work put forth by volunteers and the productive results I saw,” she said.

“Moira’s outstanding volunteerism in the community represents the spirit of Wells Fargo’s commitment to improving our communities and I am pleased that she is being recognized for her allegiance to improving the lives of young children,” said Armando de la Libertad, vice president of Community Development for Wells Fargo in Orange County, who has worked closely with Tarifa. “She has always been actively involved in community events and I am extremely proud of her devotion to philanthropy,” he said.

“For many, it is very difficult to take time off of work. I’m especially grateful to Wells Fargo for having such a wonderful program that allows team members to give back and serve their communities. I know that I will never forget this great experience,” Tarifa said.

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This year, 25 Wells Fargo team members across the country, including Tarifa, have received an award. Any Wells Fargo team member who has been with the company for five years may apply for the award. Winners are chosen based on their personal commitment to the organization, their proposed project and the potential impact that their project goals will have on solving a specific social problem.

In addition to sponsoring the Volunteer Leave Program, Wells Fargo contributed more than \$10 million dollars in 2004 to more than 850 nonprofit organizations in the greater Los Angeles area. Across the United States, Wells Fargo contributed more than \$93 million to more than 15,000 nonprofit organizations.

Founded in Riverside in 1986, Ayuda's commitment is to help children become strong, healthy and well-educated citizens of the world. Members of Ayuda make an annual trip to Bolivia at their own expense to deliver clothing, toys and medical supplies directly to orphanages and hospitals in various cities.

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