

Year-End Review of 2006



January

Summer recreational activity for the elderly

More than 600 of the elderly from communities in the south of Santiago participated in this activity.



February

Program for the elderly

The program lasted three months and was made possible with the help of the Metropolitan Chapter of FOSIS. Eighty elderly participants received instruction in cultural and recreational activities, as well as computer science, wardrobe, and more.



March



Progress in the construction of the training facility for institutional nutrition workers.



April 2006

During the month of April, directors of the FEDES Foundation met with the Minister of the Interior, the Director of Socio-Cultural Affairs for the Presidency, and with the President of the Chamber of Deputies. During the meetings, the participants discussed the possibilities for cooperation between the Foundation and government agencies. At the same time, important visits were received at the Foundation's facilities.



FEDES directors with the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Andrés Saldivar.



FEDES directors with the President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Republic of Chile, Mr. Antonio Leal



FEDES directors with the Director of Socio-Cultural Affairs for the Presidency and Congressman Dr. Enrique Accorsi.



Dr. Alfonso Sun, Director General of the Taipei (Taiwan) Economic and Cultural Office visits the FEDES Foundation.



Distribution of 200 wheelchairs in the Northern District of Atacama—a joint effort with the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Antonio Leal.





MAY 2006



This month's most outstanding event had to do with the visit of various national authorities to the Foundation's facilities. Among these personalities was the Director of Socio-Cultural Affairs for the Presidency, Ms. Adriana del Piano, the Executive Director of the National Commission for the Handicapped, Mr. Carlos Kaiser, the Executive Director of the National Service for the Elderly, Ms. Paula Fortes, the Regional Director of SENCE, Ms. Delfina Ode, and Congressman Dr. Enrique Accorsi.



Courses for the Elderly closing ceremony and awarding of certificates.



Wheelchair distribution ceremony at a penitentiary for handicapped prisoners
Photos of authorities of Gendarmería participating in the distribution.





JUNE 2006

COMPLETION OF PROJECT KITCHEN

This project was made possible due to the assistance of FOSIS (Social Investment Fund), The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Family Care Foundation, Sochmha, Bayer, Tressa, Sodimac, and others. This facility will be used in the training of workers and mid-level managers in the institutional nutrition system.





Invitation to the conference by the National Commission for the Handicapped.

June 2006

FEDES Foundation was invited to a session of the National Commission for the Handicapped of the Chamber of Deputies. FEDES Foundation President Steven Colón explained the achievements of the Foundation's Wheelchair Program. During the session they discussed the possibilities of distributing a greater number of wheelchairs to the needy in Chile. Other programs headed by the Foundation were presented during the meeting, and the possibility was discussed of building a factory to supply wheelchairs to the needy in Chile in a speedier manner as well as to export them to the rest of Latin America.



Wheelchair distribution with some of the police commissioners at one of their Community Relations offices reflects a joint effort to assist the low-income handicapped persons of their communities. To date, more than 800 wheelchairs have been distributed by this program.



Steven Colón and Agueda Martín, together with Senator Andrés Allamand, one of the numerous congressmen who has joined in the distribution of wheelchairs throughout the country. During this meeting the distribution of 1,000 wheelchairs throughout the 10th Region was organized.

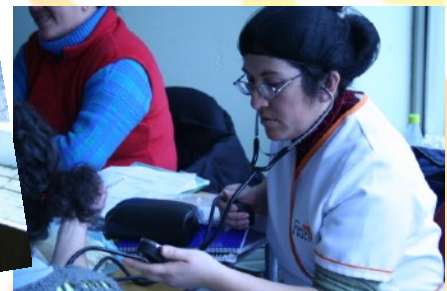




June 2006

Initiation of courses including: Safe Food Handling, Bartending and Dining Service, Sanitary Facilities, and Care for the Elderly.

With SENCE financing through the National Scholarship Program, the Vocational Training School (Escuela de Oficios) began the four abovementioned courses. The photos capture some of the training in action.





The Third Annual Event of Free Wheelchair Mission in California, USA.

July 2006



Photo 1. María José Tello and Steven Colón with a special guest--Hollywood actor Jim Carey.

Photo 2. Steven Colón translating María José Tello's testimony. More than 500 people attended the event.

Photo 3. Don Schoendorfer explains the vision of Free Wheelchair Mission.

FEDES Foundation was invited by Free Wheelchair Mission Foundation to participate in their 3rd annual event in Los Angeles, California. FEDES Foundation President Steven Colón and Executive Secretary Agueda Martín met with Ms. María José Tello (age 25 and handicapped herself), who heads up the Municipal Office for the Handicapped in La Cisterna. María José testified that to many of the physically handicapped in her community, and in Chile in general, the wheelchairs mean an important contribution. María José's testimony was so moving that the more than 500 people in attendance that night donated funds for the manufacture of 21,171 wheelchairs. Well-known Hollywood actor, Jim Carey, a contributor to this endeavor, was amongst those present and wished to greet Ms. Tello.



During their trip to California, Steven Colón and Agueda Martín visited some Culinary Arts and Gastronomy schools in order to incorporate new technologies in the recently inaugurated Food Processing Center (a project carried out in collaboration with FOSIS and the Chilean Society for Microbiology and Hygiene) at the FEDES Vocational Training School. Some of the schools visited where they met with the directors were the Orange Coast Institute, and the Art Institute of California, at Argosy University.



XII Chilean Community Council for the Handicapped – Coquimbo

August 2006



FEDES Foundation was invited to participate in this council, which was also attended by the Minister of Mideplan, the Director of Fonadis, and other national and local authorities dedicated to the cause of the handicapped. We explained the FEDES Foundation programs in the country, especially the wheelchair program, and we donated more than 30 wheelchairs to low-income handicapped persons in the city of Coquimbo.

Inauguration of the Children's Rehabilitation Center "Luz y Esperanza," in Buin by Las Araucarias de Linderos Foundation. The construction was carried out with paneling donated by the FEDES Foundation.





Business Trip to Spain



September 2006



Steven Colón and Agueda Martín with Gerardo Benavente, Director of the School of Socio-Sanitary Studies in Mapfre Quavita, Madrid



Steven Colón and Agueda Martín with José María Berzosa, Director of Social Services, at the Headquarters of Immigration and Social Services, Madrid.

In an effort to extend our network of cooperation to both the public and private sectors, Steven Colón and Agueda Martín visited the offices of Mapfre Quavita, a firm that performs interesting work in the field of geriatrics in Madrid. While in Madrid, the FEDES directors also met with spokespersons from City Hall as well as with the directors of institutions dedicated to training personnel in the fields of nutrition and tourism.



FEDES directors on tour of school with Víctor García, Director of the Madrid School of Hotel Management and Tourism.



FEDES directors with Pilar Benito, Department Head, Office of Services for the Elderly, City Hall, Madrid.



JFEDES directors with Ernesto Cabello, Assistant General Manager, Social Services, City Hall, Madrid.



Vocational Training School, completion of three courses

October 2006



During the month of October, students completed courses in Institutional Nutrition, Bartending and Dining Service, and Care of the Elderly. The courses were financed by the Social Programs Division of the National Service for Training and Employment. In the photos we see the first group of institutional nutrition business operators that were trained in the recently built facilities. Everyone in this group of trained personnel had the opportunity to land jobs in food industry-related businesses such as Aramark and others. In the photos we see the participants along with Ernie González (teacher for Compass Catering), the class instructor.





A DELEGATION FROM FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION VISITS CHILE TO DISTRIBUTE WHEELCHAIRS

November 2006



The delegation from Free Wheelchair Mission and representatives from FEDES Foundation were received by the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Antonio Leal, who in the name of the Chamber, acknowledged the valuable contribution that both institutions have made to Chile in supplying more than 11,000 wheelchairs to date to low-income physically handicapped persons. Mr. Leal also awarded special recognition to FEDES Foundation for their part in the Vocational Training School and for their help in supplying medical equipment to public hospitals and for other donations made nationwide.

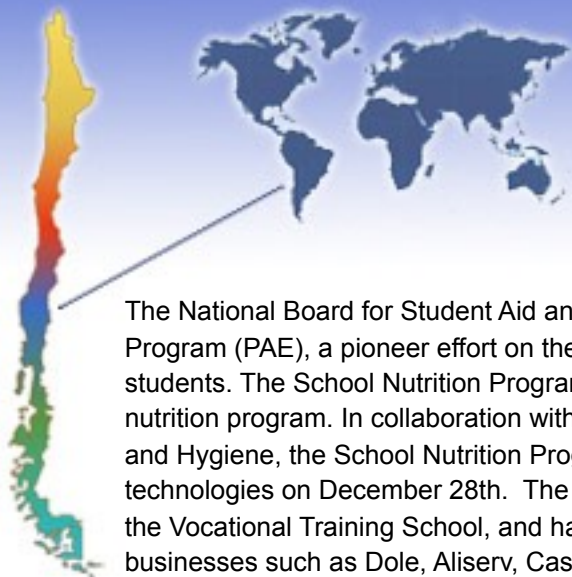


During Free Wheelchair Mission's visit, 181 wheelchairs were distributed in Linares. Photos: Senator Hernan Larraín during the distribution.



Maipú Mayor, Alberto Undurraga, and other authorities distribute 1,000 wheelchairs to the community's handicapped.





December 2006

The National Board for Student Aid and Scholarships (JUNAEB) manages the School Nutrition Program (PAE), a pioneer effort on the continent that provides daily meals to more than two million students. The School Nutrition Program is in the process of incorporating new technologies into their nutrition program. In collaboration with FEDES Foundation and the Chilean Society for Microbiology and Hygiene, the School Nutrition Program, began the first introductory phase on the use of these new technologies on December 28th. The session took place at the FEDES training-production facility of the Vocational Training School, and had the benefit of the involvement of important industry businesses such as Dole, Aliserv, Casino, and Tressa.



Christian Martínez, National Director of the National Board for Student Aid and Scholarships (JUNAEB) shares the objectives of the implementation of technology in the School Nutrition Program.



Dr. Manuel Espinoza conducts his presentation: Phenomena that Define Nutritional Behavior: Appetite and Satisfaction.



Mr. Christian Martínez accompanies the participants on a tour of the FEDES Foundation's Food Production and Service facility showing the enhanced technology.

In the school clubhouse, the DOLE Company, one of our associates, offered a healthy lunch to all the participants.





Christmas 2006



Taking advantage of their Christmas vacation, during the month of December, two new delegations of voluntary workers from Free Wheelchair Mission visited the country and participated in the distribution of wheelchairs. These photos capture the visitors delivering them to the handicapped of some of Santiago's poorest neighborhoods.



Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin of Free Wheelchair Mission, seen here with Steven Colón and Agueda Martín, visit the FEDES wheelchair assembly plant. Together with the two delegations, they distributed 277 wheelchairs during the Christmas season. A beautiful gift of mobility...



The Brown Family from Free Wheelchair Mission visits and distributes wheelchairs in the Recoleta community.



**7000
wheelchairs
were
donated in
2006.**



The following story comes from Kim and Smoky, our friends in Coronado, CA. They visited our partners Steven and Grace in Chile over Christmas:

We arrived to the front of a simple home in a barrio in Santiago. There were four children playing outside of it. When they saw our wheelchair they knew it was for their dad. They smiled and led us toward the door. On the way they introduced themselves. They kept pointing to their sister Ana, a cute, thin seven-year old girl with a shaved head. They wanted us to know that she had cancer.

The children led us inside where their father was lying on a sofa. He was partially paralyzed. We told him that we had brought him a wheelchair to help him get around. When we asked him if we could lift him into it he said, "Oh no, my wife is the only one that can lift me."

So, one of the children ran down the street to get his mom at a neighbor's house. When she arrived, she squatted down, hoisted her husband up, and bent him with difficulty in order to get him into the chair. Immediately tears of joy and gratitude started flowing from his eyes. His children were hugging him and telling them how happy they were for him.

We asked him how he became ill. He replied, "I became sick a year ago when I found out that my daughter has cancer." His daughter, Ana, is the one giving him a hug.

