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SHELTON H. DAVIS MEMORIAL FUND

The Maya Education Foundation (MEF) is honored to announce an additional program for 2011 in Todos Santos that will keep alive the memory of a committed activist anthropologist and indigenous rights advocate who made this world a better place.

Sandy was a long-time supporter of the Maya Educational Foundation and its work. His family asked that donations be made in his memory to further our work. In consultation with his wife Mary Gubbins and his son and daughter, the Maya Educational Foundation Board established the Shelton H. Davis Memorial Fund and has outlined a program in his honor. Since we already have a well-established program in Todos Santos, in the region where Sandy did his original fieldwork, we are making a commitment to take on five new students in their third year of elementary school, and follow them as far as their desire for learning will take them. They will be designated as Shelton Davis scholars and will come under the supervision of our very able partner in Todos Santos, Felipa Jiménez.

In late 2007, the MEF reported that, together with the Daniele Agostino Derossi Foundation, the MEF provides scholarships for seventeen students in Todos Santos, and that the community now has its own *diversificado* high school.

For further information and to make a contribution, write to:

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Dear Friends and Family:

On the first anniversary of Sandy's passing, May 27th, 2011, we wanted to update you about the Shelton H. Davis Scholarship Fund. Last year, we chose to honor Sandy's life by establishing a scholarship fund for children from poor families in Todos Santos, a remote western highland town in an area of Guatemala that was very dear to Sandy.

The scholarship is distributed through The Maya Educational Foundation (MEF), a public charity based in Massachusetts, whose mission it is to improve and increase educational opportunities for Mayan students and adults in Guatemala, Mexico and Belize. Sandy had worked with the Maya Educational Foundation over the past two decades to help improve the lives of impoverished indigenous groups.

We had a chance to meet with the program coordinator from Todos Santos earlier this year and are happy to report that the Shelton H. Davis Scholarship Fund has grown to support five elementary school children from Todos Santos. Our intent is that the Fund will provide educational support to the students as long as they continue their education, encouraging them to fulfill their deepest aspirations.

We are proud to introduce the first Shelton Davis scholars:



Adella Marimar Calmo Lorenzo Carmelina Ramirez Bautista Lorenzo Carrillo Mendoza Estela Verónica Ramirez Gianados Iris Albina Lucas Ortiz

Indigenous peoples' empowerment was the cause to which Sandy gave his all. We encourage you – Sandy's extended family, colleagues and friends – to help continue that cause in Sandy's memory by joining us in this effort to help children in Todos Santos.

Sincerely,

Mary, Rebecca and Peter

