

Who: Extended **Peace Corps¹ in El Salvador** Community

What: First Annual Online Fundraiser for **Amún Shéa**, Perquin, El Salvador

When: Friday, June 26, 2009

Where: <http://www.peofoundation.org/>

[Open link and scroll down for "Donate" button.]

Why: For those of us who have had discussions about how do we help struggling communities take control of their own futures, the conversation almost always ends with,

Education.

Amún Shéa is a new community school in Perquin, Morazan, El Salvador that seeks to strengthen the entire northern Morazan region through a progressive school that is fully integrated with other community assets, including a co-located neo-natal care clinic. At present, Amún Shéa serves 84 local youth who are receiving a ground-breaking education that includes core subjects, two warm meals, AND language, arts, music and physical education instruction.

In addition to the school and community-based coordination, Amún Shéa is also designing and building their campus using a variety of environmentally friendly technologies to clean their own wastewater, harness wind and sun energy, capture rain water, and reduce erosion. Please read and watch more at the Amún Shéa Website: <http://www.peofoundation.org/>.

Let's Get Involved

Ron Brenneman, the owner of the "Perkin Lenca" and founder of the Amún Shéa school is seeking groups that want to actively collaborate with the school. At present, The MIT Architecture School, Jet Blue, JICA and many more are participating. We are looking for members of the **Peace Corps in El Salvador Community**, past and present, who want to support this important effort to strengthen Northern Morazán through education. We want to begin with a fundraiser, but PCVs/RPCVs and their families and friends are encouraged to contact the school – learn@peofoundation.org - to explore other ways to collaborate (visits, internships, graduate work studies, volunteering, etc.)

The First Annual Fundraiser

1. Please pass this message to other members of the Peace Corps in El Salvador Community
2. On **Friday, June 26th**, go to the Amún Shéa foundation website: <http://www.peofoundation.org/> and make your donation. You can donate with a credit card through their secure "Google Checkout" service.

Our goal is to reach over 500 current/former Volunteers and raise \$12,000 USD.

If you believe in changing the world through education, this is an excellent opportunity to support a highly innovative school that serves children, their families, and the larger community.

¹Peace Corps, an independent agency of the US Government has NO formal or informal relationship with the Amún Shéa school.