

AmericasRelief Team

NEWS REPORT

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Florida FTAA and US Southern Command Salute Americas Relief Team

More than 200 guests attended a Florida Appreciation Reception of corporations, non-profit organizations, and government units in appreciation of relief efforts and assistance for Jamaica, Grenada, the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic after the devastating hurricanes of '2004.

Florida FTAA, Inc. Chairman, Ambassador Charles E. Cobb, joined Major General Richard Mentemeyer of the U.S. Southern Command to applaud the efforts of the [AmericasRelief Team](#) members, corporations, and relief organizations for their time and resources to assist their neighbors in the Caribbean.

Florida FTAA, Inc. President Jorge L. Arrizurieta presented the following statement from Florida's Governor Jeb Bush:

"I applaud the efforts of the [AmericasRelief Team](#) who has worked tirelessly over the past several months to assist those affected by these devastating storms," said Governor Bush. "Many Floridians and our neighbors in the Caribbean still face a long and challenging road to recovery, but with continued help, we will continue to mobilize resources and offer support to those who have been displaced by these hurricanes."

Other speaker's at the reception included the Consul General of Grenada Richard A. Nixon, the Consul General of Jamaica Ricardo Allicock, Julieta Valls, President of the Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA), Eric Williams, President of G.O.A.L., Inc., and Ruth Espey-Romero, Chairman of the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF).

The reception, which also celebrated the end of the hurricane season was hosted by G.O.A.L., Inc. and directed by FAVACA.

Sponsors included FedEx Latin America, Pharmed Group, Seaboard Marine, Lucent Technologies, and Bacardi USA, Inc.

Photo Gallery:



Left to right: Ricardo Allicock, Consul General of Jamaica, Major General Richard Mentemeyer, US SOUTHCOM, Julieta Valls, FAVACA, and Eric Williams, GOAL, Inc.



Ambassador Charles E. Cobb, Chairman Florida FTAA, Inc.



The Honorable Richard A. Nixon, Consul General of Grenada



Left to right: Bruno Barreiro, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Guillermo Cabeza, Eric Williams, and Greg Fletcher of Lucent Technologies



More than 200 persons representing corporations and relief organizations attended the Florida Appreciation Reception



Left to right: Rich Garcia, Juan Cento, President FedEx Latin America, and Jorge L. Arrizurieta, President, Florida FTAA, Inc.

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Americas Relief Team

Is a consortium of corporations and non-profit organizations created to provide fast and effective assistance in response to crisis in Latin America and Caribbean.

Americas Relief Team provides ongoing logistics and technical assistance, and conducts plans for future events in the region which will require effective coordination of humanitarian relief. Team Members include: FedEx Latin America, Carnival Corp., Pharmed Group, Seaboard Marine, G.O.A.L., Florida Stevedoring, and Lucent Technologies. NGO Collaborators include: FAVACA, PADF, and Harvest International.

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