
Help us raise \$5,000 by May 15, 2010 to complete our Sidewalk for Sylvia!

In 2009, a group of Global Explorers educators from Northern Colorado conducted a service project for the Chilamate elementary school in Saripiqui Costa Rica. We started building a sidewalk connecting the school to the Saripiqui Conservation Learning Center, approximately one mile from the school. Because the school and the center are located on a busy two-lane highway, children need a safe way to travel along this dangerous road. Through our manual labor, we completed 16 meters of sidewalk. But we need to raise \$5,000 to complete the sidewalk!



The day before working on the sidewalk, the World Aware group witnessed the tragic death of a bicyclist on this very same highway. As a result of the accident and service project, the World Aware group has reflected much on road safety, both for pedestrians and bicyclists. Although there certainly are accidents and tragedies on the roads of Fort Collins, developing countries such as Costa Rica simply do not have the infrastructure we do to support safe walking and biking. It is particularly frightening to think about the number of children whose only mode of transportation is to walk alongside speeding semis.

Especially because the sidewalk in Saripiqui will provide a safe path for school children to learn about conservation and science, the World Aware 2009 group is conducting an awareness and fundraising campaign in honor of Sylvia Ahermae's life. Sylvia was a science teacher in Poudre School District, who was passionate about experiencing the world around her. Sylvia was an adventurer dedicated to the education and inspiration of young people. Sylvia died on March 11, 2010, from post-brain surgery complications.

The goal of this campaign is to raise the \$5000 by May 15, 2010 to complete the project we began. A section of which will be in honor of Sylvia, with a sign displaying her name.

How can you help?**Donate**

Make a tax deductible donation online through Global Explorers. Donations can be made online at <http://www.globalexplorers.org/news/sidewalkcampaign> or by sending checks to Global Explorers Sidewalk for Sylvia, 420 S. Howes Suite B300, Fort Collins, CO 80521.

Fundraise

Lead a fundraising campaign with a group of friends, colleagues, or students. Ask for donations in conjunction with a road safety awareness campaign, conduct a walkathon, or simply put out a rubber wellie boot where donations can be collected.

Communicate

Post information about this campaign on Facebook, or send out an email. Host a viewing of the upcoming World Aware show that will be airing on PSD's Channel 10 in April. Show the project slideshow. Or spread the word in whatever way works for you.