

Cooperative for Education Receives Worldwide Recognition!



2006 Scholarship Program recipients with program director Victor Ismalej (right).

CINCINNATI - Cooperative for Education (CoEd), a Cincinnati based non-profit organization and SC Ministry Foundation grantee, is receiving worldwide recognition for its Scholarship Program. CoEd, which is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty in Guatemala by providing textbooks and educational opportunities to under-privileged schoolchildren, offers scholarships to 30 students annually at secondary schools in Santiago, Sacatepéquez in Guatemala.

These children are at risk of dropping out of school because their parents lack the resources to continue their education. They "pay back" their scholarships by participating in 10 hours of guided community service. These projects complement the students' formal education by teaching them valuable leadership, vocational and citizenship skills.

The Aspen Institute has selected Ilda Bucú, a scholarship recipient, and the program at Santiago as one of three projects worldwide to be featured in a documentary on youth leadership which will premiere on June 29. A film crew spent four hours shooting footage and conducting interviews. We encourage all to join us in congratulating CoEd staff, volunteers and program participants in this well-deserved honor.