



## **Hotel Presidente Provides Assistance To ASONI Camp**

As part of its corporate social responsibility program, Hotel Presidente and its Dollar for Dollar project, which collects and matches donations from guests, has agreed to sponsor and finance programs to benefit Costa Rica's children. During July, Hotel Presidente formed an alliance with the Association for Children's Smiles (or ASONI for the organization's name in Spanish-Asociación por la Sonrisa de los Niños), through which several members of the hotel's staff participated in its summer camps.

ASONI is a nonprofit organization that works with at-risk children from the Cristo Rey and Sagrada Familia communities. ASONI provides these children with psychological, educational and religious support to help deal with and avoid endemic social problems such as drug use, prostitution, and delinquency that often also result in dropping out of school.

"For the Hotel Presidente's staff, it has been a great experience to work with our social responsibility programs," said Ana Isabel Soto, who coordinated the activity on behalf of Hotel Presidente.

The ASONI camps have been created to provide a place for healthy recreation and to motivate academic achievement by rewarding effort in school during the first semester of the 2008 academic year.

"The activities provided many happy moments, camaraderie and satisfaction," added Ms. Soto, who also quoted founder Father Vicente Claudi's words: "Where there is a child, there will be a man." Without a doubt, the camps prove that there is a future full of hope for each of these children.