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“Kindness”

By Sergio M. Palacio - President, Board of Directors

When our newsletter editor asked me to write an article for this issue there were many subjects that I considered writing about and then it struck me that all the subjects had a common thread running through them and that was kindness. I'll just mention a few of those acts of kindness that the agency has seen recently.

Last month I drove to Boca Raton to meet a friend who had gathered donations for the agency; she mentioned to me that in one of the bags there were blankets that her husband had bought at a yard

sale; she questioned him when he arrived home as to why he had bought them and his reply was so that farmworkers would not be cold. That's kindness.

There's also the case of the lady that read about the agency several years ago and unbeknownst to us added us to her will. After her recent death we were notified by her estate's attorney that she had handwritten on her will that all her clothes were to be donated to help our clients. That's kindness.

Reviewing the year to date contributions I was struck by the number of individuals that contribute to the agency on a regular basis. One couple in particular increased their monthly contribution so that rising prices will not diminish the purchasing power of their monthly gift to our clients. That's kindness.

Then there are our out-of-state donors that always respond to our appeals for financial aid. The paralegal that comes weekly to the Lake Worth office to provide free assistance to our clients on immigration matters. The civic organi-

zations that hold food and toy drives that make our clients lives more tolerable. The former board member that still provides web support a year after moving to California. The community members that volunteer their time to make our special events truly special. There are so many people and organizations that I could mention as examples of kindness.

How can anyone not want to help our clients? They are the ones that pick the fruits and vegetables that we enjoy! With that thought in mind please remember that in general migrant and seasonal farmworkers live in poverty. The agency serves farmworkers whose household income falls **below 150% of the national poverty level** as determined by the Federal Registrar and according to the number of members in the household.

So to all of you that help in big and small ways, to our staff and board, and most of all to our clients – because you allow us to be better people – thank you.