

## Library Soon to be New Addition in La Entrada...



Anne Hawkins

Healing takes many forms – physical, spiritual and mental. Even though SATC is focused on the medical aspects of people’s well-being, one of our partnering organizations, *Bridge to Honduras*, caters to the social dimensions of daily living. Anne Hawkins, a teenager from that group noticed that La Entrada had no books and no library. As a Girl Scout project, she traveled to a book fare in New York City where she met many important publishers, including Mike Berenstain of Berenstain Bears. He arranged to have his Series translated into Spanish and then he held book signings and a fundraiser to help Anne. In addition he enlisted other authors to contribute “signed” books to her collection which she will be sending to Honduras. She visited with Mayor Vega and he arranged for a small building and reading room, designated as ***La Biblioteca Comunidad de La Entrada***, the Community Library of La Entrada, to house Anne’s Spanish book collection. The library will start operations this summer as soon as renovations for a leaking roof and a new drop ceiling are completed. With new tables, chairs and bookshelves, the facility will house 1,000 new books. It will not be an overnight lending library, but a learning resource for the community, where school children and adults who would like to learn to read can come.

Anne recognized that reading leads to a healing of the spirit through formation of new ideas, the visioning of possibilities and hope.