

## People With Big Hearts

More than 500 people celebrated their cultural diversity at SGI-USA's Sixth Annual Latin-American Festival held Nov. 8 at the Los Angeles Friendship Center. The theme of the event was "Convirtiéndonos en Personas de Gran Corazón" (Becoming People With Big Hearts Through Friendship). A series of skits, plays, choral and musical performances pleased the crowd and involved the audience in dancing on the stage.

The skits and play on unity and diversity were further illustrated through the poems "Unidos en Nuestras Diferencias" (United in Our Differences), written by Tommy Lee and interpreted by him and Maravina Jaimes, and "El Sol del *Jiyu* Sobre una Nueva Tierra" (The Sun of *Jiyu* Over a New Land), written by SGI President Ikeda. The chorus performed an extraordinary rendition of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" in Spanish. The second part of the festival took place outdoors on the basketball court with refreshments and more entertainment provided by the youth's Rhythm Nation, the women's Pearl Chorus and Korean dancers.

Committee members together with the American Red Cross and World Opportunities collected donations for the victims of Hurricane Mitch.

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