

December 2004

[We had an exciting trip to San Juan del Sur in December 2004.](#)

We traveled with Christopher's sister Kim Macdonald, her husband John, and their three children Duncan, Graham and Riley to work on preliminary plans for a baseball camp for the local children. We carried down and distributed 65 cotton shirts.

Summer 2004

The summer of 2004 has been a busy one. In June and August, we offered baked goods at the US Rte. 89 rest areas maintained by the Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce (LCCC).



Coupled with two neighborhood yard sales, and generous individual donations, CSSF received over \$3400!

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Sandy Preston and his wonderful LCCC crew of Mike, Allen, Alan & Charles.

May 30, 2004

Success, as you can see below!



May 27, 2004

Grace *will* be participating. See you there!

May 9, 2004

Grace's training schedule apparently did not accommodate unanticipated events. The bottom line is she **WON'T** be running this year. We're almost certain to replace it with a bake sale at one of the rest stops south of Burlington, but haven't quite got the details togetheryet. Details to follow as available.

Feb 24, 2004

Chris' sister and brother-in-law, Kim and John Macdonald, traveled to San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. They carried four pairs of shoes, 46 T-shirts, 25 baseball caps and 16 baseballs. (Kim is shown in the picture below, on the right.)



They gave a few items to a town official who was interested in distributing them to local youths. They donated the rest to the Biblioteca and Mobile Project; the first and only public lending library in Nicaragua (<http://www.sanjuandelsur.org.ni/community/library.html>). The Project serves over 3,000 patrons with books, English classes and children's projects. The Director of the Project, Jane Mirandetta, told Kim and John that the donated items will be wonderful rewards when children finish reading a book or do well in English class. They also have activities for the young people and will make good use of the gifts.



Kim and John also discussed with the town official the possibility of the Foundation sponsoring a baseball team. We're very excited about this opportunity and intend to follow up.

Any ideas about naming the team? CTS baseball? Chris' team?

Let us know (CSSF@earthlink.net).

Betsy Shatagin stamps each item with Chris' name; we like to think young people will associate his name with fun and unexpected gifts.

We have a tentative plan to go to Nicaragua over Christmas, so we may have more information then, especially about the team.

We thank you, Chris' friends, for your ongoing support of the Foundation. This summer we will be able to again send young people from the Boys and Girls Club to sports camps.

Grace O'Brien is running the Burlington City Marathon on Memorial Day on behalf of Christopher's Foundation. We hope for your support of Grace's effort.