Cover One in Honduras: Promoting Athletics and Healthcare

A proposal for the Kathryn Davis Projects for Peace The Colorado College

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OUR GOAL

Our goal is to promote peace by providing opportunities and education in sports and athletics. *Cover One* – a football term for one player covering another – embodies our beliefs about the positive influence that sports and athletics have in developing respect for other people, teamwork and character.

Nery Armando Pineda teaches at Laguna Grande Escuela in the municipality of San Miguelito, in the department of Intibuca, Honduras. An avid soccer player and past student in the United States, Nery promotes peace and understanding by supporting and educating impoverished youth in his native Honduras. He works with Britt Tonnesson, a native of Colorado Springs and an employee of Save the Children and the National Youth Institute (Instituto Nacional de la Juventud), to provide safe and engaging opportunities for his students and other children in the community. Honduras is widely affected by diabetes, especially among the young, gang affiliations and immense poverty. In the afternoons and on weekends, Nery runs the risk of losing his students to dangers such as these that make Honduras a prime candidate for a Kathryn Davis Project for Peace. Nery and Britt have both expressed a strong desire for *Cover One* to come work with the Honduran children. They have pledged to support and engage in our project implementation. *Cover One*, a student-initiated non-profit organization begun to aid victims of the 2005

Pakistani earthquake, proposes a new mission: to occupy the afternoons of Honduran youth with an educational sports program grounded in the ideas of respecting our bodies. Through sports clinics led by six varsity athletes, we aim to develop an

preparation meeting with Michael Landis, a Colorado College alum and recent PeaceCorps volunteer, wh	