

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete and return this application to the address listed below together with a check corresponding to the category of membership you select.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic        | \$35           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student      | \$10           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household    | \$45           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support      | \$100          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business     | \$200          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor      | \$300          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner      | \$500          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime     | \$1000         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$_____</b> |

### PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed form and check (made out to *Maine Partners of the Americas*) to

**Maine Partners of the Americas**  
**64 Neal Street**  
**Portland, ME 04102**

## JOIN TODAY AND ENJOY THESE BENEFITS

- **Enjoy Intercultural Events.** Participate in exciting inter-cultural events such as our annual Brazil Night celebration. You might learn to samba!
- **Learn About Brazil.** Expand your knowledge and appreciation of Brazil's unique culture, rapidly developing economy and many engaging attractions.
- **Make New Friends.** Make friends with Mainers with an interest in Brazil, Brazilians in Maine, and Brazilians in Rio Grande do Norte.
- **Stay on Top of News.** Keep up-to-date on happenings in Maine and in Brazil such as the World Cup and the Olympics.
- **Travel to Brazil.** Travel to Rio Grande do Norte for joint projects or for tourism.
- **Contribute Your Talents.** Bring your own interests and experience to this partnership. We need your ideas.
- **Promote Peace.** Join hands with thousands of others all over the Americas through the Partners of the Americas to improve international understanding which helps promote peace.

### Maine Partners of the Americas

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Partners of the Americas

## MAINE AND RIO GRANDE DO NORTE, BRAZIL



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## OUR MISSION

To improve the lives of people in the Western Hemisphere, build understanding, inspire hope and celebrate the richness of our diversity by working together across borders.



Art lessons by Maine artist, Daniel Minter, during Natal visit

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARTNERSHIP

Partners of the Americas (POA) had its beginning as the person-to-person component of John F. Kennedy's ambitious initiative to improve relationships between the U.S. and Latin American countries called Alliance for Progress. Prominent figures in Maine, led by former Governor Kenneth M. Curtis, launched the Maine/Rio Grande do Norte (ME/RN) partnership in 1967. It is one of some 60 "partnerships" linking a state or region in the U.S. with an area in Latin America or the Caribbean. Geography (both northeastern states) and their marine environments were factors linking the two states.

Maine and Rio Grande do Norte have experienced a wide variety of cooperative projects involving people from all walks of life, professions and trades, as well as civic leaders and students. Governors' exchange visits, the Maritime Academy's ship's calls to the port of Natal, RN's capital city, and trade missions; all have played a part in creating a deep reservoir of good will, friendship and close relationships that exist among the citizens of both states.

Partners of the Americas is the largest voluntary organization in the Western Hemisphere engaged in international cooperation and training.



Natal marketplace

## WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS DOES THE PARTNERSHIP ENGAGE IN?

Social and economic development encompasses a variety of activities. Over the years the Maine/Rio Grande do Norte partnership sponsored workshops, faculty and student exchanges, technical assistance, ecotours, cultural events and material assistance.

Examples include:

- Artist exchanges (such as painters and dancers).
- Expert exchanges and workshops on domestic violence issues.
- Cultural events such as "Brazil Night" galas, performing artists and Portuguese language immersion.
- Medical and dental equipment donations for poor rural communities.
- Seminar on creating business development centers.
- Faculty and student exchanges (ME and RN students in the 1970s are active members today).
- Consultation on natural resource protection.
- Introduction of new methods dealing with a dairy herd.
- As growth and development occur in communities, projects change focus accordingly.



Members learning to samba on Brazil Night

## HOW ARE PROJECTS SELECTED?

Projects are cooperative enterprises. They are created from plans jointly developed with our sister state. Members from both sides use their knowledge and skills to share information, develop new tools, train for new skills and strengthen institutions to improve the lives of people. Projects are reciprocal in nature, transferring resources from north to south and south to north.



Music student in Natal

## HOW ARE PROJECTS SUPPORTED?

In limited amounts, Partners of the Americas provides support for projects that have been developed and approved by both sides, usually in the form of travel grants for individual projects plus small grants to help further such projects. Resources from other private and government sources are sometimes solicited.