



A Registered Charity giving back to the People of Tenerife through fun, social and intercultural dinners and programs.  
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## Formation of Friend of Tenerife

The idea was formed at the end of 1993 by Maria and Keith Worwood after they had had the opportunity to help a local Canarian family, near to where they live in El Sauzal, who had lost all their possessions including their house, in a fire. The family only had the clothes they stood up in and were truly grateful for the clothes and bedding (plus even some furniture) that Maria and Keith and kind neighbours of theirs were able to provide.

Maria and Keith saw the need that some people may have in emergency situations to which Town Halls and the Social Services are sometimes a little slow to respond. They invited in their friends Dawn and Bill Rutherford and Chris and Roy Longden, and the Friends of Tenerife were born.

In March 1994; various Dinners were arranged with, for example, proceeds of 90.000 pesetas going to the Bosnian Refugees in Los Silos, and also Dinners in aid of La Casa de Acogida of El Sauzal were organised with great success.

During 1994/95 John and Maya •••• and Roger and Gina Strange joined the Friends of Tenerife and more events were arranged - for example in support of a very sick little boy, Jorge of La Orotava, who needed a life-saving operation. It was during this time that Maria and Keith broke away from F.O.T. due to commitments with WING Theatre and Song Group, but remained supportive, and were delighted that F.O.T. continued with even more success under the capable direction of Roy and Chris Longden and Gina and Roger Strange.

One little addendum - the motif of the little candle and the name of F.O.T. are important. They were chosen by Maria at the very start because FOT in Spanish means a unit of light and this expresses exactly what Friends of Tenerife are all about - a light of hope in the darkness, and a chance to offer help.

Maria Worwood

'Together We CAN Make a Difference'

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