

FRIENDS of HOSPITAL MADRE BERENICE

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Dear Family and Friends

May 2008

It is time for the Annual update from the Friends of Hospital Madre Berenice, the Guasmo Sur Community, Guayaquil Ecuador and Hospital Madre Berenice.

Since our inception in November 2006 through December of 2007, we received donations in the amount of **\$20,511.00**. The total of our expenditures for the same period was **\$15,210.26**.

We must say that 2007 was a very busy year for us as 8 of us traveled to Guasmo and Parrochia Reina Del Quinche. In addition, we shipped a cargo container full of medical equipment (including 3 X-Ray machines) and pallets of supplies to the hospital. All this was possible due to many generous donations and especially to Arrow Imaging, OP-USA and Wheels for Humanity. The value of the equipment was **\$180,000.00**, we paid less than **\$7,800** for the equipment, packing, shipping, taxes and extra customs charges in Guayaquil.

The Hospital is now complete! In 2007 they recorded 6097 hospitalizations and clinic visits, 172 surgeries and 20 free orthopedic surgeries for children. 2008 has had 105 free surgeries of all kinds and 15 births in the new maternity ward as of April 1.

We cannot rest on our laurels yet. The wish list grows daily, at least 3 pages worth! The highlights include:

- 1) Mammography processor and new arm for the unit sent last year.
- 2) Echo /Ultrasound ACUSON 128XP10
- 3) EKG unit
- 4) Accessories and Film for units in place
- 5) Fetal monitors and incubator pieces
- 6) Laparoscopic and Arthroscopic surgical equipment
- 7) Assistance with medicines and vitamins for the AIDS patients
- 8) Update/repair/replace kitchen appliances and utensils in the Soup Kitchen and general needs for the kitchen- like cleaning supplies.

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Note---Item # 1) above is being donated! We are being offered the Echo/Ultrasound (#2) refurbished for only \$5,000 (it cost \$100,000 new). We are looking for donors to cover the cost for more of the equipment listed above.

The hospital has a goal to get a new ambulance, but right now, they don't have a budget to pay for a driver and upkeep. We will keep this on the wish list and pursue future possibilities.

FHMB's immediate needs:

- 1) Funding to purchase the Echo/Ultrasound as well as shipping, customs and taxes for this and the mammography processor, arm and film and accessories, and the smaller donated items we are accumulating which will fill some more pallets.
- 2) Funds for the ongoing needs of the AIDS patients and Soup Kitchen.

We invite you to share in this Mission of Kindness:

- 1) In Person - come with some of the Missionaries as we travel to Guasmo this July.
- 2) With your donations and in helping us to find corporate funding.
- 3) With your prayers.
- 4) Checks to: **Friends of Hospital Madre Berenice or FHMB**

Send to: FHMB
1119 Loring St
San Diego, Ca 92109-1825

Thank you for all of your support,

Pat

Katie

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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide financial support for Hospital Madre Berenice and its facilities. To improve the well-being of those who make use of the facilities through improved health and health-related issues and to provide for other closely related facilities in the surrounding area with similar needs and issues.

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