

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.



Anne Frank

Edith is an 8 year old girl with the diagnosis

of epilepsy (seizure disorder). She is also the

younger sister of Rosa Vera Marino, for whom

the fund is named. In the spring of 2005,

shortly after The Rosa Vera Fund had its

official beginning, Edith began to have a type

of seizure in which she would suddenly drop

stiffly to the ground. At first this happened

every couple of months, but eventually was

occurring weekly, then daily, and she was

Arrangements were made for Edith to be

evaluated by a neurologist (\$3). Diagnostic studies (\$25) confirmed that she does in fact

have epilepsy. Anti-seizure medications

(\$1.30/wk) were initiated with frequent

follow-up with the neurologist. Now without a

single seizure episode in the past year, Edith is

One of the most remarkable aspects of this

being weaned from her medication.

intervention is that the parents sought us out, despite the unfortunate outcome

of her sister's surgery. From our

perspective, it was a particular

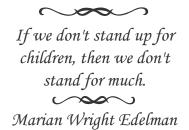
pleasure to enroll Edith in the RVF.

unable to even attend school.



JULY 2006 DONOR UPDATE

Edith Vera Marino





Family Economic Situation: Marginal but stable. Edith's parents (Cristobal, 38 yo; Ines, 37 yo) sell brooms in the town market. The family also runs a tiny 'general store' from their home, which they own. Edith also lives with her 3 surviving siblings (Maria, 18; Sulma, 12; Beba, 6) in a three room, concrete floored brick home. + outside latrine; + running water; + electricity. Diet is nutritious.

Family Social Situation: Edith's parents emigrated to Montero from the mountainous west almost 20 years ago. Ines primarily speaks Quechua; Cristobal has significant health problems of his own.

RVF Contribution: \$30 for the initial workup (neurologist, electroencephalogram), then 50% of all costs thereafter (medications, periodic neurologist appointments, travel)

RVF TOTAL COST ~ \$20/ year

RVF YEAR II UPDATE: JULY, '06 (Month 4)

of individuals/families contributing: 31 Funds raised in RVF Year 1 thus far: \$6,670

Family Contribution:

Remaining 50% of expenses

GOAL: 60 Donors

GOAL: \$12,287



