



**Weighing a newborn at the mother's home**

Maria is a 32 year-old woman who has worked for almost five years as a Health Promoter in the Community Health Worker Program. Probably more than any other community health worker, Maria has made this challenging incentive-based, grassroots program her profession. Last year, she visited more homes, made more referrals, and gave more vaccinations in the community than any other Health Promoter. Maria also earned one of the highest stipends of all her colleagues.

Maria's goal is to further herself and her family by studying nursing, after which she hopes to continue the community work she has grown to love. As she states, "I love what I do... and I'm good at it too!" The RVF hopes to sponsor a scholarship for Maria in the future.

**RVF YEAR II UPDATE: SEPTEMBER, 06  
(Month 6: Half-Way Mark)**

**# of individuals/families contributing: 37**  
**Funds raised in RVF Year 1 thus far: \$7190**

# The Rosa Vera Fund

SEPTEMBER 2006 DONOR UPDATE

## María Pacheco Torrez



**Maria and her two sons**



**Weighing children at the health post**

**Family Economic Situation:** As a single mother, Maria lives with and supports her two children (José, 12 y.o. & Juan, 9 y.o). As she does not have a degree or training outside of her current employment with us, she relies mostly upon her earnings as a Health Promoter. Maria earned over \$500 last year--considered excellent earnings for a single mother without career training. No support is received from her sons' father. She lives in a one room, dirt-floor structure with her boys.

**Family Social Situation:** As mentioned, Maria is a single mother and faces the associated challenges, magnified by very difficult economic circumstances. When not in school, her children attend a daycare where they can eat and play safely while their mother works.

**RVF Contribution:** The RVF pays Maria ~ \$10-15/ week for her 35-45 hours of work. In addition, we pay daycare costs (\$0.40/day) for her children. **TOTAL ~ \$750/ year**

**Maria's Contribution:** ~40 hours per week of community work

**GOAL: 60 Donors**

**GOAL: \$12,287**

