



THE ROSA VERA FUND

Year Four, Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Report



RVF YEAR FOUR REPORT





Approved Budget for FY 2010†:

Every year a spirited debate takes place concerning how to divide our resources for the following year's budget. Next year's budget is:

Community Health Worker Program:	\$20,000
Pediatric Cases:	5,000
Scholarship Program:	3,000
Contingency Fund:	2,000
TOTAL	\$30,000

Despite this past year's global economic crisis, the RVF was fortunate to nearly equal our prior year's record fundraising total. No cuts to our programs were necessary. We also continued to grow in our total number of benefactors, providing a more solid base. All donations were from individuals or families.

Donations

Year 4: \$37,100	
Year 3: \$37,854	
Year 2: \$15,790	
Year 1: \$12,286	

RVF Reserve Fund: \$7,100

In order to build stability and sustainability into our programs, the RVF Board of Directors voted this past year to create a "Reserve Fund" to hold monies raised exceeding the approved budget. This flexible, revolving account will grow over time, accruing interest while allowing for more reliable fund disbursement to our program.

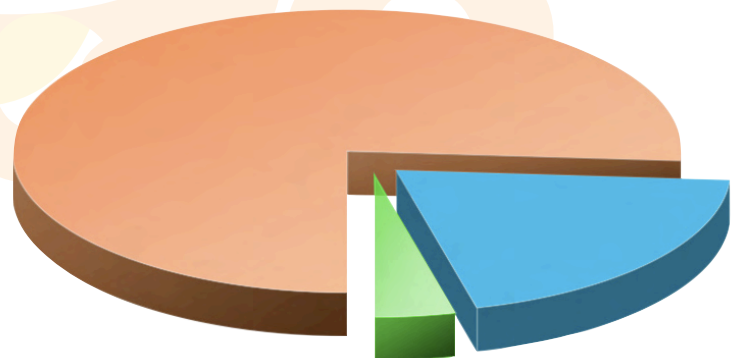
Benefactors

Year 4: 182	
Year 3: 159	
Year 2: 92	
Year 1: 59	

Year 4, FY 2009† Program Expenses*

Community Health Worker Program:	\$28,086
Pediatric Medical/Social Interventions:	7,394
Scholarship Program:	1,368

TOTAL = \$36,848



† FY stands for Fiscal Year, ending March 31

* 100% of all donations are utilized for either our programs or for our reserve fund. Administrative expenses are covered by in-kind donations managed separate from the budget.

RVF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is available for any employee of the Rural Andean Health Counsel who once was or currently is a member of the RVF's Community Health Worker Program. The educational scholarship may be utilized for enrichment or career training within or outside of the health field. The RVF supported five scholarships during Year 4. We are proud to play an integral role in the development of the dreams and potential of these ambitious young men and women.



ISABEL BARBA: As Isabel has worked as a Community Health Worker since the RVF's inception, she is a familiar and friendly face. She is also a true RVF success story. Isabel has steadfastly climbed her way up into a leadership position in our program and now participates in the training and oversight of her fellow community health workers. Her patient manner and strong work ethic has earned the respect of everyone. We are very pleased to financially support Isabel's decision to enroll in the area's highest quality nurse training program.

The RVF would like to express sincere gratitude to Adam & Taunya Mizel, who have provided the primary funding for our Scholarship Program.

"Thank you for having such a generous heart, for helping me advance myself as a person, so that I may be an example and help my children, my community, and other health workers have the opportunity to also advance themselves."

- Isabel Barba

TOP Scholarship recipients (from left to right): Reina Cruz, private high school; Julio Calle, computer science; David Veizaga, optometry; Jorge Lafuente, laboratory science

MIDDLE Isabel Barba and her two children, Monica and Jose.

BOTTOM Isabel at work weighing RVF patient Jhoana.



COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER PROGRAM

The Community Health Worker Program is a highly effective grassroots initiative that trains and employs women and men from surrounding communities (all of whom live in poverty themselves) to provide critical prevention services focused primarily on women and children. Supported interventions include home vaccinations, general health education, prenatal care & family planning, malnutrition therapy/weight checks, and follow-up on illness/compliance.

A total of 61 Community Health Workers received varying degrees of stipend support from the RVF during Year 4. All rely on their stipend as their primary income to support their family, education and personal goals. Literally thousands of preventive interventions took place due to the vital work of these health workers. Below is a sampling of some of our most dedicated workers.



Community Health Worker Spotlight

Tatiana Jimenez, now 21 years old, started working full-time as a Community Health Worker in 2006. Utilizing her stipend to study accounting in the evenings, she graduated in December '08. She is now employed full-time by our Bolivian partner organization, responsible for all monetary transactions for one of their health posts. Her promotion has made space in the RVF to provide a similar opportunity for a new health worker. Total Investment in Year 4 = \$1381.



Martha



David



Roberta



Lidia



Fabiana



Julio



Angelica



Claudia



Maria



Emiliana

PEDIATRIC MEDICAL/SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS

The RVF provides funding for curative and palliative therapies for selected pediatric cases. Covered services include hospitalizations, specialist consults, diagnostic studies, medications/food, physical/speech therapy, surgeries, therapeutic equipment, education-related costs, and travel-associated expenses for beneficiaries and their families.

During our fourth year, the RVF invested in 64 children with a diverse variety of health care and social needs. Some children have chronic health problems, while others required only a single intervention that resolved the issue. None of these interventions would have taken place without the support provided by the RVF. Below are the faces of some of our more involved cases.



Pediatric Medical Intervention Spotlight

Dulce Maria Soliz, born in December, 2007, began to grow a fatty tumor on her lower back shortly after her birth. Utilizing RVF funds, this rapidly-growing tumor was removed without complication in December, 2008. Of note, over time this growth would have likely infiltrated her spinal cord and led to paralysis below her waist. Dulce is currently learning to walk like any other toddler her age.

Total Cost of Intervention = \$290.51



Edith



Carlos



Carmen



Priyanka



Jose



Aleina



Eliana



Juan



Matias



Rosario

THE ROSA VERA FUND - YEAR FOUR BENEFACTORS

\$5000+

Karen Melk & Timothy Johnson⁴

\$1000-2499

Joe Andriola & Judy Carty²

Randy & Amy Christensen⁴

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Tressia Shaw⁴

Renee & Peter Skiba⁴

Laura Sweet & Gabriel Ledesma²

\$100-249

Judith Anderson

Anonymous

Anonymous

Calvin Arnason

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Jeffrey & Karen Kennedy

Eoin Kileen

THE ROSA VERA FUND - YEAR FOUR BENEFACTORS

\$100-249 (cont.)

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Jacqueline Lane
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Wayne & Nikki Weber
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Walt West & Jill Japan
Trisha Wong⁴

\$10 - 99

George Agnew²
April Alvarez-Corona & Tasha Stuart
Anonymous

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
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THE ROSA VERA FUND - YEAR FOUR BENEFACTORS

\$10 - 99

Elizabeth Larissen
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Dan Wood
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= Years of RVF Support

The RVF upholds a strict policy of ZERO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. This is made possible through in-kind donations of time, expertise and money. In addition, our Bolivian partner organization also donates all of its administrative services. Therefore, 100% of your donation is utilized directly for programs or for our reserve fund.

In Kind Donations

Jonathan & Yang Yi Lee-Melk
Tina Manis & Bruce Fisher
Karen Melk & Timothy Johnson
Amy Sirot & Mark Zimet
Laura Sweet & Gabriel Ledesma
El Consejo de Salud Rural Andino

Informational evenings/fundraisers have proven to be instrumental in informing current benefactors about the use of their donations, as well as critical in reaching new donors. The RVF is indebted to the following people for opening up their home or business to host an event, and for covering all associated expenses. Thank you to each of you!

Event Hosts

Emmanuelle Chiche, The Bubble Lounge
Randy & Amy Christensen
Jill Japan & Walt West
Howard & Paula Myers
Laura Sweet

*For further information about the Rosa Vera Fund and the use of your donation, please visit **WWW.ROSAVERAFUND.ORG***

IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY

In Honor Of

Judy Anderson
Daniel Belltaylor
Carrie Cacioppo (several dedications)
Blake Conoley
Xavier Cortes
Keelan & Donovan Doyle
Madeline, Madison, Amara & Anya
Feyrer-Melk
Felix Hansen
Liz Hughes
Emma Safran Lachnit
Paula Lalinde (several dedications)
Lolucu Ledesma & Carlos Dotti
Jonathan and Yang Yi Lee-Melk
Tim Johnson & Karen Melk
Tina Manis's Birthday (several dedications)
Armand & Johnna Melk-Johnson
Helen & Margaret Michael
Howie & Paula Myers (several dedications)
Leah & Holly Neyer
Chuck & Diane Ramirez
Lisa Russell
Max Schneider
Amy Sirot
Laura Sweet
Ava Vuillaume
The Christmas Holiday Season
Brooklyn Gals Book Club

In Memory Of

Sharif Abdallah
Andreas, Georgia and Natalie Ellinas
Dr. Nina Etkin
Phillippe Nicholas Merzius, Jr.
Paul Pinkster
Popeye
Marie R. Savoie

Corporate Donations through Employer Match Program:

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

- Anne Frank



iGIVE.COM & THE ROSA VERA FUND



"iGive.com" is an online charity shopping mall that contains many, many well-known and specialty stores. How it works is each time a Rosa Vera Fund supporter makes a purchase online, a specified percentage of the purchase is donated to the Rosa Vera Fund. iGive.com is very simple to use, and any money that is donated is even tax-deductible. There is absolutely no cost to you to shop this way; in fact, I can personally vouch that one can often benefit from coupons available only to iGive shoppers. It's a win-win-win situation all around!

All funds raised via iGive.com will be utilized to move the RVF operations towards self-sufficiency. If you make online purchases, participation in the iGive website would be tremendously appreciated. To learn more or to begin, go to the www.iGive.com.

If you wish, the exact RVF link is:
www.iGive.com/welcome/warmwelcome.cfm?c=48860&m=594465

Again, iGive is very simple to use. Please feel free to contact me for any clarification. And thank you!

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ABOUT US / HOW TO DONATE

About the Rosa Vera Fund

The Rosa Vera Fund is a grassroots non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization whose programs are based in Montero, Bolivia, operating in partnership with the Rural Andean Health Counsel (El Consejo de Salud Rural Andino). Its mission is to facilitate preventive, medical, and/or social interventions that are otherwise not available to families in this region.

Each donation to the Rosa Vera Fund is divided among three fundamental goals of the organization: medical/social interventions for children, employment opportunity, and education.

A portion of each donation provides preventive and curative care for children with special healthcare needs. The other portion is spent on empowering local women and men by training them to serve as healthcare workers within their own community. Scholarship funds are available to any beneficiary to advance themselves professionally or personally.

Please feel free to contact any of the Board members directly for any questions or ideas you may have.

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How to Donate

1) CREDIT CARD

Go to: www.rosaverafund.org and follow prompts

2) CHECK

Make your check out to 'Rosa Vera Fund' and mail to:

Rosa Vera Fund
614 Arizona Street
Bisbee, AZ 85603

All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law, and documentation will be provided by the Rosa Vera Fund to you for this purpose. The Rosa Vera Fund maintains a strict policy in which 100% of donations are utilized in Rosa Vera Fund programs. Administrative costs are covered exclusively by inkind donations, primarily by Rosa Vera Fund board members and by the Rural Andean Health Counsel. Administrative staff and board members are all volunteers.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.
Thank you.

