

THE ROSA VERA FUND

NOVEMBER 2005 DONOR UPDATE



May 2003: 11 years old



May 2006: 14 years old

The Case of Reina Cruz Garcia

Reina was an 11 year old girl when I met her in April 2003. She had suffered a nearly fatal case of rheumatic fever, spending over 3 months in the intensive care unit for complications of kidney and heart failure. Reina initially presented to the hospital alone, and during her entire stay, she was never visited by a single family member--signifying abandonment. When it finally came time for discharge, to the dismay of the care team, Reina left the hospital alone. A social worker, whom I accompanied, later sought and found Reina living in squalor with her deaf and blind mother. She had only 4 days of the medications required for her survival remaining.

Intervention

Reina was one of the first beneficiaries that received support from the original funds that had been raised for Rosa Vera. The RVF has and continues to provide the following services to

Reina:

- All medications and preventive care
- Specialist follow-up with nephrology and cardiology
- All other routine medical and dental care

In addition, the RVF is investing in Reina's future by paying for:

- clothing and school uniforms
- school books and supplies
- full participation in a care center for children who have parents that are unable to care for them. In this center, she receives 3 meals a day and further education/ skills training. In return, Reina works as a teacher's aide tutoring the younger children at the care center.

RVF Contribution:	\$10/ month = \$120/ year
Recipient Contribution:	Works as teaching assistant



This intervention would NOT be possible without your support...

Thank you RVF Donors!



RVF DONOR/ CONTRIBUTION UPDATE: NOVEMBER '05

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| • # of individuals/families contributing: | 38 |
| • Funds raised in RVF Year 1 thus far: | \$10,127 |

