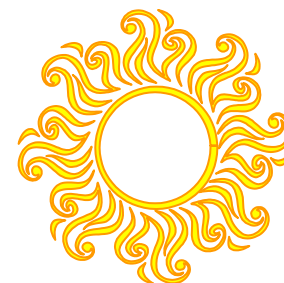


The Rosa Vera Fund

April - July 2007 DONOR UPDATE

Rosario Delgadillo



Rosario is a thirteen year-old girl who was chosen in February 2006 as a RVF beneficiary due to a **learning disability**; she also suffered from moderate **protein malnutrition**. She had at that time repeated the second grade *four* times. Our initial intention was to enroll Rosario in the Santa Lucia School for Special Education. However, the family was found to be resistant not only to her special education, but to nearly all offered preventive services (such as vaccination, check-ups and nutritional assistance).

Rather than discontinue her case all together, it was decided to take a step back and work gently but persistently over time with the entire family via the Community Health Worker Program. Monthly visits to the family's home by **Martha Arias Gil** have slowly proven fruitful, as Rosario *and* her siblings are now fully vaccinated and the family's nutritional state has improved markedly. Although Rosario is not yet receiving the schooling she needs, Martha expresses



confidence that this will eventually occur in time.

Family Socioeconomics: Rosario's family lives in a state of adjunct poverty that is categorized by CSRA as "Highest Risk". She lives with her mother Teófila (35 yo), father Enrique (40 yo), and four younger siblings (Jesús 11 yo; Carmen 9 yo; Elias 4 yo, Elizabeth 8 mo). The entire family lives in a small (9'x12') structure made of brick floor, cement walls, and a thatched roof. Food preparation takes place outside the home via wood fire. The family uses an uncovered outside latrine. Water is obtained from a well; there is limited electricity. The children are often left at home alone while the parents are working.

When Teófila has fruit to sell in the market, she earns about \$0.80/day; Enrique earns about \$60/month as a welder when he has work. These unstable earnings frequently result in hunger and other unmet needs.

Year III Update: April – July 07 (Months 1-4)

Number of individuals/families contributing: 21
Funds raised thus far: \$8180

COSTS: The RVF pays Maria for her educational and preventive care visits -- averaging \$0.60/month plus \$0.40/month for transportation

Total Investment (18 months period): \$18

GOAL: 100 Donors

GOAL: \$15,791

