

Annual Report 2012

A Mother's Wish Foundation

Letter from the President

“Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished. If you’re alive, it isn’t.” - Richard Bach.

Over the past year we have been transitioning from direct medical services to a comprehensive educational program. We continued and expanded our Community Outreach program by our nurses, Rosmery Suriel and Mildred Caraballo using Bright Futures (www.brightfutures.org) as a developmental guide and providing over-the-counter medicines to our ill children and HIV prevention information to the adults of our communities.

We also expanded our community reach by including Lajas as our sixth community to share in all of our programs and projects. Despite the expansions we have continued to maintain a Zero Infant Mortality Rate, a Zero Maternal Mortality Rate and 98% vaccination rate for our children under five years old. During our nine years of operation we have had over 260 live births in our communities. Based on the Infant Mortality Rate statistics of the Dominican Republic, at least eight children would have died had we not been here. I don’t know what price to put on a human life, but one life is worth a lot more than we have spent.

But the transition has taken its toll. The number of volunteers hosted by A Mother’s Wish Foundation in Los Pajones, Dominican Republic has dropped. Donations have also dropped significantly. By the end of the year, it was clear that the time had come to finish the medical portion of our mission and to put our resources and energies solely to education.

With the invaluable help of the American people through USAID, we were provided with the funds and equipment necessary to furnish the Pequeños Pasitos Student Center for Professional Development with the technological tools required for our students to catch up to 21st Century technology and be able to function on a par with their contemporaries in the cities and in other countries.

The need for better education is everywhere. We hear the chorus from the United States that the education system is failing. But as with everything else, failure is relative.

“A recent study carried out by the National Institute of Elementary Education (INEDI) testing teachers from first to fifth grade in public and private schools (in the Dominican Republic) revealed major flaws in the educational levels of teachers. As reported in Listin Diario, only 31% of teachers who participated in the research had the minimum required levels. Major deficiencies were found in the spelling standards of the sample of 100 teachers tested. 88.6% made serious spelling errors and did not pronounce all the consonants when speaking.”

The task of overcoming the erroneous teachings of 69% of the teachers in this country is a monumental task. We will need teachers, volunteers and funding to maintain and expand our

services to be as successful in the educational portion of our mission as we were in the medical portion of our mission.

When we started nine years ago there was a mountain of medical problems that we faced. We climbed that mountain and we are in the valley. But, we are still alive and there is another mountain to climb.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Craig Pickard", is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

James Craig Pickard

President

Highlights	2012	2011
Home Visits		
Development Evaluations	476	453
Consultations	1104	300
Vaccinations	304	483
Percent of Benito Martinez children who have received all of the vaccines defined by WHO	98%	98%
Medicine		
Amount distributed to patients	\$ 5,784	\$ 8,467
Infant Mortality		
Number of Benito Martinez children who died in the first year of life	0	0



Academy Lynn Barta

Our 4 year old class visited the zoo and then went to Pizzarelli for some play time and a pizza lunch.



Graduation was followed by a summer camp of learning for the previous graduates.





Dr Linda Rexford took some of our top students to Santo Domingo for the Book Fair.

Varleinis Fabian (I ♥ Nerds) with her students from the Center for Professional Development.



Everyone Likes Chocolate

So, A Mother's Wish Foundation brought Cacao plants to community growers.



Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)



The program of Amigos Educando Amigos brought the young men of our community into the Student Center to learn about HIV, the risks on contracting it and how to prevent the condition from entering their lives.

Today, they proudly wear their graduation shirts and spread the word throughout the communities.



Then the Amigos taught the Haitian Community through translators...



And door-to-door through Tinajita.



SISTAS

The SISTAS, under the direction of Dory Aquino, left, learned about self-esteem, HIV prevention and how to negotiate the use of a condom...among many other things.



WORLD AIDS DAY 2012



The Foundation highlighted World AIDS day by providing the community with an all day event that included something for everybody; sack races for the young, three races for the varying levels of runners, dominoes for the men, dancing by the women, a skit by the Amigos and food, drinks and condoms for everyone.



	2012	2011	Difference
Income			
PayPal Subscriptions	\$ 1,950	\$ 2,200	
PayPal One Time	\$ 1,978	\$ 4,860	
Checks	\$ 7,692	\$ 46,357	
Cash Received in DR	\$ 2,687	\$ -	
Grants	\$ 27,942	\$ -	
Interest Income	\$ 131	\$ 256	
Total Income		\$ 42,380	\$ 53,673
			\$ (11,293)
Expenses			
Printing	\$ 58	\$ 290	
Building	\$ 4,125	\$ 2,546	
Cleaning supplies	\$ 15	\$ 63	
Drugs	\$ 3,784	\$ 5,639	
Food	\$ 3,411	\$ 3,162	
Travel	\$ 3,794	\$ 3,976	
Grant Expense	\$ 259	\$ 91	
Medical Supplies	\$ 224	\$ 496	
Office Supplies	\$ 6,595	\$ 1,206	
Program Supplies	\$ 11,939	\$ 3,236	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 32,961	\$ 29,838	
Taxes & Legal	\$ -	\$ -	
Filing Fees	\$ 148	\$ 4	
Teleconference Charges	\$ 20	\$ -	
Scholarship Funds	\$ 11,410	\$ 9,094	
Preschool Construction	\$ -	\$ 395	
Preschool	\$ 4,503	\$ 4,551	
Bank Charges	\$ 168	\$ 32	
Depreciation	\$ 3,536	\$ 3,537	
Bad Debt	\$ -	\$ 100	
Dominican Republic subtotal		\$ 86,951	\$ 68,254
			\$ 18,697

Reimbursement: travel expenses				
Nebraska Incorporation fees	\$ -		\$ 20	
Bank fees			\$ 62	
Postage	\$ 32		\$ 41	
Wire transfer fee	\$ 90		\$ 75	
IRS Federal Tax Payment	\$ 5		\$ 1	
Tax Preparation Fees	\$ 995		\$ 995	
PO Box	\$ 44		\$ 69	
Office Supplies	\$ -		\$ 6	
PayPal Fees	\$ 127		\$ 208	
Liabilities				
United States subtotal		\$ 1,293	\$ 1,477	\$ (184)
Total Expenses and disbursements		\$ 88,244	\$ 69,731	\$ 18,512

January 1, 2013**Current Assets**

Cash	\$ 18,820
Donations	\$ 25,000
Grants	\$ -
Inventory	\$ 985
Supplies	\$ 2,466
Total Current Assets	\$ 47,271

Fixed Assets

Land	\$ 1,050
Clinic Building	\$ 83,880
Acc. Dep.	\$(17,836) \$ 66,044
Additions	\$ 26,472
Acc. Dep.	\$(5,121) \$ 21,351
Preschool Building	\$ 26,566
Acc. Dep.	\$(2,016) \$ 24,550
Equipment	
Generator	\$ 5,558
Acc. Dep.	\$(5,558) \$ -
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 112,995

Total Assets \$ 160,267

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 18,458
Salaries Payable	\$ 13,272
Taxes Payable	\$ 1,620
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 33,350

Owner's equity

Total Equity \$ 126,917

Total Liability and Owner's Equity \$ 160,267

Our Team

