



PROJECT C.U.R.E.

communiqué

Delivering Health and Hope to the World

This past July, Mrs. Marta Martinelli, the First Lady of Panama, spoke about her country's healthcare issues to a crowd of more than 1,600 distinguished business, community and social leaders at Project C.U.R.E.'s fifth annual First Ladies' Luncheon – now one of Denver's largest fundraising luncheons.

About 10 percent of Panama's population is indigenous and live in regions of the country where proper medical care is often not available. As the First Lady explained, "These people are living in remote areas of difficult geographic access in a country struggling for greater equality and a better distribution of wealth and opportunities."

5th Annual First Ladies' Luncheon Sends Health and Hope to Panama



Above: First Lady Martinelli with children from the Denver-based Danzas Folkloricas Panamericans group. Left: Dr. Doug Jackson escorts Mrs. Martinelli at the First Ladies' Luncheon.

Mrs. Martinelli specifically noted how Project C.U.R.E.'s work will help equip these communities with the healthcare infrastructure needed to decrease child mortality, improve maternal health and fight life-threatening diseases like HIV/AIDS as well as common acute illnesses such as diarrhea, malaria and pneumonia.

Money raised from the First Ladies' Luncheon as well as financial assistance from organizations like FundAyuda, will

deliver 11 containers of desperately-needed medical supplies—valued at more than \$4 million—to the most-deserving hospitals and clinics throughout Panama.

In the coming months, Project C.U.R.E. will work with the First Lady to identify recipient clinics and hospitals in effort to create lasting change in the availability and quality of healthcare services for the people of her country. ■

Project C.U.R.E. continues to collect funds to underwrite the costs of collection and delivery of medical supplies and equipment for Panama. To contribute to this effort please visit projectcure.org/donate.

C.U.R.E. WORLD

EQUATORIAL GUINEA September 29
More than \$400,000 worth of donated medical supplies arrive at Malabel Regional Hospital.

PANAMA October 1
40-ft containers of medical supplies arrive in hospitals and clinics throughout the country thanks to funds raised from the 5th annual First Ladies' Luncheon.

PERU October 10-22
C.U.R.E. Clinic team will be in Lima and Pucusana, Peru to conduct health fairs, education days, and training for local healthcare professionals. Peru has one of the highest infant mortality rates in Latin America, and struggles to fight tuberculosis, malaria and many fishing-related illnesses.

CUBA November 5
PhilanthroTravel group arrives in Santiago, Cuba. This marks the sixth PhilanthroTravel trip to Cuba since 2008.



PhilanthroTravelers **Helping Belize** One Hospital at a Time

**PhilanthroTravel
trip-goers exploring
Mayan Ruins**

“[It’s so] rewarding to be able to see the need and actually do something about it first-hand,” said one of the 13 trip-goers who participated in Project C.U.R.E.’s recent PhilanthroTravel excursion to Belize. “I plan on making this a part of my life forever as I continue to introduce my children to Project C.U.R.E. through sorting and eventually traveling across the globe to help others.”

The two-year old PhilanthroTravel program offers a new take on voluntourism, providing donors with an

opportunity to intimately connect with Project C.U.R.E.’s work by personally experiencing our mission in communities throughout the developing world.

With each trip, participants gain a glimpse into the conditions we aim to solve while experiencing an unmatched cultural opportunity that would wow even the most discerning traveler.

This unique itinerary is what prompted the 13 trip-goers to join Dr. Doug Jackson, President and CEO of

Project C.U.R.E., and Leanna Clark, Executive Director of Project C.U.R.E.'s PhilanthroTravel division, on the Belize excursion that took place in early June.

During this trip, the group toured several hospitals throughout Belize and shared in the official opening celebration of the new Emergency Entrance wing of the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan. Many of the medical supplies and equipment that outfitted this building were provided by Project C.U.R.E. and directly funded by the PhilanthroTravel group. They also learned about the country's past and present healthcare conditions from Belize Prime Minister Dean Barrow, First Lady Kim Simplis-Barrow and US Ambassador to Belize, Vinai Thummalapally.

Since 2005, Project C.U.R.E. has been working with Belize Natural Energy and other health partners, to deliver more than \$4.5 million worth of donated medical supplies and equipment to hospitals and clinics throughout the country. Belize PhilanthroTravel trips have helped fund an additional \$1 million of life-saving medical supplies and equipment. Clark says, "Since our launch in 2008, we've taken nearly 70 trip-goers to



Project C.U.R.E.'S Leanna Clark and Doug Jackson with Belize Prime Minister Dean Barrow, First Lady Kim Simplis-Barrow, US Ambassador to Belize Mr. Vinai Thummalapally and wife, Barbara Thummalapally.

Belize and Cuba. Everyone always returns home with a strengthened sense of global health issues and a more rooted connection to our mission of Delivering Health and Hope to the World." ■

Project C.U.R.E. anticipates future PhilanthroTravel trips to Belize as well as Panama and Cuba. If you are interested in participating or learning more about this program, please contact Leanna Clark at leannaclark@projectcure.org.

Little Hands Make a Big Difference: The Next Generation of Philanthropists

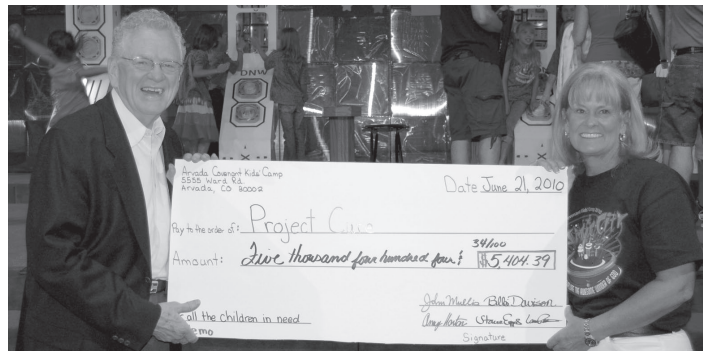
When children from Colorado's Arvada Covenant Church's Kids Camp learned about Project C.U.R.E.'s work this summer, they were immediately inspired to do something for our poorest neighbors on the other side of the world.

The 400 camp participants joined together and forged a combined fundraising effort that included everything from sharing their allowances and canvassing for door-to-door collections to donating Lego funds and tooth fairy money—sometimes teeth included! Within



weeks, their good deeds raised more than \$5,000 for Project C.U.R.E. and served as a lasting lesson on the importance of giving back. The money raised from Arvada Covenant Church's Kids Camp will send 200 boxes of medical supplies to hospitals and clinics throughout the developing world. ■

Want to get your church or group involved with Project C.U.R.E.? Contact Lori Vaclavik at lorivaclavik@projectcure.org or call 303.792.0729.



C.U.R.E. Clinics Teaming up for Tanzania



Dr. Edra Weiss has volunteered in 12 African medical missions over the last 20 years so she wasn't surprised to see the turnout of more than a thousand plus people waiting in line for free medical treatment from the C.U.R.E. Clinic staff at St. Carolus Hospital in Mtinko, Tanzania. "This happens every time I come. They are desperate for help." said Weiss.

The majority of the Tanzanian population resides in rural areas, like Mtinko, where one hospital often serves upwards of 350,000 people and the ratio of doctor to patient is 1:20,000.

Malaria, typhoid, tuberculosis, respiratory problems—due to smoke inhalation from cooking in small, unventilated huts over open fires—and nutritional diseases brought on by the locals' limited diet of mostly ugali, a corn meal paste, are just some of the predominant cases that the C.U.R.E. clinic team saw during their two-week long medical mission.

While some cases were frustrating and heartbreaking—like diagnosing a child with congenital heart disease resulting from untreated strep throat—many were hugely rewarding. A newly diagnosed diabetic patient was taught how to regulate his insulin and patients with respiratory problems were given inhalers. Seizure patients were taught how to keep their seizures under control through medicine.

Even children with heart problems who couldn't be entirely healed were prescribed medicine to help treat their condition. Volunteer Monica Kahl, a pediatric nurse, who had volunteered in Africa once before, felt particularly proud about the children with CP and other disabilities whom they helped. "Many of the parents came in expecting that we would immediately "fix" their children, which of course we couldn't do. But we were able to teach them exercises to maximize their ability to lead more fulfilling lives," she explained enthusiastically. "We taught the nurses in the hospital the exercises too," she added, "and they were very grateful. Knowing we had taught them something they could use to help their patients in the future made me feel we had made a difference." ■



Upcoming Clinics

San Juan La Laguna, Solola, Guatemala
November 12-20, 2010

Lima and Pucusana, Peru
January 8-20, 2011

El Crucero, Nicaragua
February 6-20, 2011

Mtinko, Tanzania
April 26-May 12, 2011

View more C.U.R.E. Clinic trips at www.projectcure.org/volunteer.

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■ Sponsor a Box: \$25 ■ Sponsor a Pallet: \$500 ■ Sponsor a Container: \$20,000



Give medical equipment and supplies. For more information and to view a list of acceptable donations, please visit ProjectCure.org/givesupplies or call our donation line at 720.323.5448.



Volunteer your time and talent to Project C.U.R.E. Our 12,000 volunteers across the country help make our work possible. If you would like to be part of this growing community, please visit projectcure.org/volunteer or call our volunteer line at 303.792.0729 Ext. 400.

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