



Turimiquire Foundation

Annual Report 2011

There is a growing **consensus** within the international community that progress in the less developed world depends on a combination of factors: *family planning* and reproductive health; *education*—especially for girls; the civic and economic *empowerment of women*; an appreciation for the *human* factor in capital—with a focus and emphasis on *human rights*; infrastructure and financing. While various constituencies favor different aspects of this equation, most everyone agrees that enduring success comes with initiative on *all* fronts.

Our **Recipe for a Thriving Community** supports **three** spokes (listed below) on this rolling wheel of progress. This Annual Report highlights our 2011 achievements and financial status in numbers. Our periodic **e-newsletters** will help to paint the human picture that is so much bigger than the numbers. *Stay tuned!*

One - Family Planning: The first and crucial step towards truly empowering women and families is to offer them the means to control their own fertility.

- ⇒ In 2011, we offered our services to **2451 new women** and delivered **3438 Couple Years of Protection (CYPs)** - the metric by which USAID measures family planning achievement - to the low-income populations that we serve.
- ⇒ From May 1997 through December 2011, we have delivered **58,374 Couple Years of Protection**.
- ⇒ To achieve this, we have served over **26,000 rural and urban women** with birth control methods, including **3,389 tubal sterilizations**, the most popular method for mature women and their families here in Venezuela.
- ⇒ Venezuela has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in Latin America and the Caribbean. To reach the younger population, we have offered **2,027 Workshops in Sexual and Reproductive Health to 42,500 participants**, primarily students and teenagers.
- ⇒ We have done all this on a budget of less than **\$50,000 a year** dedicated to family planning and reproductive health. Our operating costs, **less than \$15 per CYP**, are well below documented averages.

Two - Education: Once families have gained control of their fertility, they concentrate on giving their children the best possible future through schooling.

- ⇒ Our *Scholarship Program* for the Vía Cumanacoa community enables **45 rural students** to continue their studies at local high schools each year.
- ⇒ **Ten** of our high school graduates are now studying at the *college level* with ongoing Foundation support, a real precedent for this rural community.
- ⇒ **Two** of these college students are about to graduate with *nursing degrees*.
- ⇒ Our graduated students run **three remote rural outlets** of our *subsidized school supplies* out of their own homes.
- ⇒ Our *Brito-Barrancas Community Center* offers the only staffed library and computer facilities for students in our extended rural area.
- ⇒ We support the local primary and secondary schools and their lunch programs.
- ⇒ Our rural high school and college students, as well as many low-income urban students, regularly study at our *Computer and Internet Center* in Cumaná.

Three - Community: Investing in People first!

Our organization endeavors to develop and nurture a sense of community in the remote road-less rural valley where we have lived and worked for over thirty years. Our Community Center supports neighborhood initiatives, offers sports and educational facilities for youth, and serves as a logistical base for commerce and town-related activities. We regularly organize and supply material support for valley infrastructure projects such as water and electricity, trail improvement and maintenance, and the cultivation and distribution of promising new fruits and vegetables.

We confront the same social problems and *highly inadequate services in the face of growing populations with critically unmet needs*, that exist in most other less developed countries. We believe that it is in the crucible of *small, community-based experiments like our own* that some of the more effective on-the-ground solutions for poverty are being forged today. This truly GLOBAL problem responds to a myriad of LOCAL solutions that directly improve individual lives, one at a time. There are no short cuts, but the cumulative effect over time can be dramatic.

Our Finances in 2011

Our support: Our funders are individuals and organizations who believe in the direct service delivery model that we have created. Small donations by individuals and institutions within Venezuela, social marketing, and sliding scale fees for those who can afford to pay a subsidized fee for our medical services, also help to cover our operating costs.

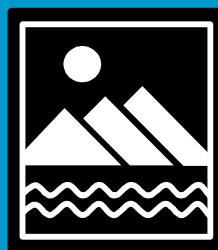
Doing more with less:

- ⇒ Our programs work with local institutions and programs already in place. We ride *piggy-back* on the existing **public health** infrastructure, adding just what is needed to deliver services more effectively.
- ⇒ In the private sector, we use *Social Marketing*. Our services are offered at highly subsidized prices. But *no one is turned away* if they cannot pay. Our goal is to help a maximum of low-income people to improve their lives.
- ⇒ We invest *minimally in public outreach* - there is little need for it. We offer what people need and they eagerly share information about our services with others by word-of-mouth. Government and private agencies also regularly refer to us. More people come to us for help than we can possibly satisfy at our currently funded service levels.
- ⇒ Officers and Board Members donate their services and take no compensation of any kind.
- ⇒ Our sister non-profit in Venezuela — **Fundación ServYr** — independently received **\$10,064** in patient co-pays and in-country material support in 2011. By law, these funds are dedicated to our in-country programs in the same year that they are received.

We work hard to accomplish a great deal on a small budget. Administrative costs for 2011, including fundraising, were 8.6% of our overall budget. Over 91 cents of every dollar went directly into the field. Over the past twelve years, an average of over 93% of our budget has gone directly into the field, and this will continue to be our goal.

We need your help! In Venezuela, a little money goes a long way. Donations in any amount, large and small, help to cover our operating expenses. We appreciate the help that many of you give us, and hope that you'll continue to support us. **Thank you!**

Expenses		%	Income	
Administration:		8.6 %	Donors \$5,000 and higher	\$ 25,000
Office	\$ 5,050	7.1 %	Andrew Tobias and in memory of Charles Nolan	\$ 10,000
Fund Raising	\$ 1,019	1.5 %	Charles Merrill	\$ 10,000
Programs:		91.4 %	Brush Foundation	\$ 10,000
Field Staff	\$ 3,713	5.2 %	Merrill Family Charitable Trust	\$ 4,000
Casa ServYr	\$ 3,539	4.9 %	Harry & Molly Marcus Charitable Trust	\$1,000
Family Planning	\$ 40,354	56.8 %	Assorted Donations up to \$3,000	\$ 22,061
Reproductive Health Education	\$ 2,781	4 %	Interest Income	\$ 174
Rural Education	\$ 2,747	4 %	Total	\$82,235
Casa Barrancas Community Center	\$ 7,852	11 %	We received a generous grant from the Brush Foundation at the very end of 2011. This grant registers here as an excess of income over expenditure for the calendar year, but it is in fact a funded commitment to increase our family planning activities in 2012.	
Family Assistance	\$ 1,151	1.6 %		
Rural and Agricultural Development	\$ 2,771	3.9 %		
Total	\$ 70,978	100%		



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