



Turimiquire Foundation

Annual Report 2019

Our U.S.-based non-profit 501(c)3 Foundation has served the low-income populations of northeastern Venezuela since 1997. Based on more than 40 years of living and working in these impoverished regions, we present our **Recipe for a Thriving Community** as a tested blueprint for action in *four steps* that guides both our own work and offers a model for developing rural communities the world over:

(1) FAMILY PLANNING: Empowering women and families with the means to control their own fertility.

- ⇒ In 2019, we offered our services to more than **4,800** additional reproductive-age women and their families, delivering **26,530 Couple Years of Protection (CYPs)**, the metric by which USAID measures family planning achievement, to the low-income populations that we serve.
- ⇒ Calculating an average family of five+, an *additional 20,000 family members* benefited in 2019.
- ⇒ Cumulatively, from May 1997 through December 2019, we have served over **55,000** low-income women with birth control methods, including **7850 tubal sterilizations**, the most popular contraceptive method for mature women and their families here in Venezuela, for a grand total of **144,270 Couple Years of Protection**.
- ⇒ Well over **200,000 additional family members** have also benefited over these years.
- ⇒ Our operating costs since 2011 have averaged **\$10.68 per CYP**, below documented averages.
- ⇒ Starting in 2003, we have offered a total of over **3070 Workshops in Sexual and Reproductive Health** to more than **57,000 participants**, primarily students and teenagers. Our goal is to combat Venezuela's teenage pregnancy rate, one of the highest in Latin America.
- ⇒ We are reaching more and younger women with reversible family planning. In the past, women survived significant infant and maternal mortality and morbidity, as well as economic adversity related to supporting large families. The average woman we now serve is in her mid 20s with two children, taking control of her reproductive health and fertility with reversible options much earlier in life. These women have become outspoken examples for their extended families and neighbors, showcasing the **improved quality of life accessible through controlling the size of their families**.

(2) EDUCATION: Once families gain 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 **50+** rural high school students to continue their studies each year. More than 500 students from semi-literate families have now attended high school and almost 100 have graduated—the first in their families to do so. Previously, most students in this community abandoned their education at or before the sixth grade.
- ⇒ At any given time, 20 or more selected high school graduates are continuing their studies at the *college level* with ongoing Foundation support, a real precedent.
- ⇒ Our *Rio Brito Education Program* offers staffed library and computer facilities upriver, two hours walking distance from the nearest road, to support students at the remote rural high school. Both rural and urban students study at our *Computer Center* in the city of Cumaná, which offers free Internet, tutoring, snacks and study and social areas during schooldays.

(3) HUMANITARIAN AID: The current Venezuelan crisis has generated great human need.

- ⇒ In 2019, we performed 1426 surgical procedures for low-income individuals who can no longer count on Venezuela's public health system. We also conduct laparoscopic diagnoses and biopsies for patients in need. Cumulatively, we have realized a total of 8551 surgeries since we initiated this program.
- ⇒ We provide emergency assistance to dozens of rural families, helping to alleviate a myriad of problems, including basic nutrition for children, in this time of acute crisis in Venezuela.

(4) **COMMUNITY: Investing in people first!**

We develop and maintain community infrastructure in the remote roadless valley where we have a farm, including water delivery, electricity, public trail improvement, and agriculture. We cultivate and disseminate unusual tropical fruits like Durian, Mangosteen, Jackfruit, Rollinia and Canistel. Our Community Center serves as a base for town-related and educational activities.

Small Foundation, BIG Results

We simply do more with less:

- ⇒ In 2019, **96 cents** of every dollar went directly into the field. Over the past 18 years, an average of almost **94%** of our budget has gone directly into the field.
- ⇒ Donations, *social marketing*, and sliding scale fees for our medical services all help to cover our operating costs. Our services are offered at highly subsidized prices. *No one is turned away* for not being able to pay. Most everyone can help with *something*, and a few need extra help from us.
- ⇒ **Fundación ServYr**, our non-profit organization in Venezuela, received the approximate equivalent of **\$20,583** in patient co-pays and in-country currency support in 2019. This was dedicated to rural education and development.
- ⇒ Our actual budget for **rural education** was therefore \$11,583 plus \$764 = **\$12,347**
- ⇒ Our actual budget for **rural development** was therefore \$9000 plus \$1470 = **\$10,470**
- ⇒ We invest *minimally in public outreach*. Women and their families and state and private public health facilities all regularly refer clients to us.
- ⇒ Our Officers and Board Members are 100% volunteer. All of our paid staff are Venezuelan.

We confront the same social problems that exist in other less-developed countries: public services are unable to meet the demands of growing populations with critically unmet needs. We believe that on-the-ground solutions to this global tragedy can and are being forged in the crucible of small, community-based experiments like our own.

In Venezuela, there are no short cuts, but a little bit can go a long ways. We truly appreciate your help and hope that you continue to support this urgent work!

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Donations are fully tax deductible.

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Our Finances in 2019

Calendar Year Expenses		%	Calendar Year Income	
Non-program overhead:		4%	Multiple Donors over \$5,000	\$ 83,414
Adminis-tration and Infrastruc-ture	\$ 11,116	3.8%	Foundation Support	\$148,440
Fund Raising	\$ 552	.2%	Donations \$1000-\$5,000	\$ 5,336
Programs:		96%	Individual donations up to \$1000	\$ 32,334
Family Planning Services and Reprod Health Education			Interest Income	\$70
\$ 250,824		85%	Total	\$269,594
Humanitarian Assistance: Surgical, Medical, Nutritional and Family Emergencies			We spend very little on infrastruc-ture and staffing. Instead, we ride "piggy-back" on public and private health infrastruc-ture, adding only specifically what is needed to deliver their/our services more effectively. In 2018 and 2019 and now in 2020, we would like to express a special thanks to the Erik and Edith Bergstrom Foundation for their generous support of our work in family planning.	
\$ 29,934		10%		
Rural Education Center and Student Scholarships				
\$ 764		0.3%		
Rural Development and Agriculture				
\$ 1,470		0.7%		
TOTAL				
\$294,660		100%		
Most years our income does not cover our program expenses, but some years we build the margins to see us through.				

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