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WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR SUPPORT IN CREATING NEW REALITIES WITH AND FOR THE STRIVING, LOW-INCOME PEOPLE WE SERVE.

Reproductive Health Achievements: 1997 - 2007

Reproductive Health Education		Family Planning Services						Tubal Sterilizations		
Workshops	Participants	Number of Women Served	Reproductive Health Care Consultations	Monthly Cycles of Birth Control Pills Distributed	Non-Hormonal Birth Control	Average Age of Client	Average Number of Children	Number of Women Served	Average Age of Client	Average Number of Children
1,263	28,986	17,289	65,322	49,717	4,832	23.5	1.9	2,459	28.8	4.0

Financial Report

Throughout our history, an average of 95 cents of every dollar donated has gone directly into our programs!

Expenses in 2007			Income in 2007		
Office and Administration	\$2,437	3.8 %	Donations \$5000 +	\$40,650	62.7 %
Fund Raising	\$2,094	3.3 %	Donations under \$5000	\$12,350	19.1 %
Administration Total		7.1 %	Foundations	\$8,000	12.3 %
Field Staff	\$1,657	2.6 %	Interest Income	\$3,824	5.9 %
Casa ServYr	\$299	0.5 %	TOTAL	\$64,824	100%
Family Planning Services	\$38,391	59.8 %	Donations in Venezuela to Fundación ServYr		
Reproductive Health Education	\$3,721	5.8 %	Family Planning: Donations, Co-pays	\$4,752	
Rural Education	\$3,467	5.4 %	Education: Grants, Fund Raisers	\$9,211	
Casa Barrancas Community Center	\$8,394	13.1 %	Material and In-Kind Donations	\$2,708	
Emergency Family Assistance	\$888	1.4 %	TOTAL Received and Used:	\$16,672	
Rural Sustainable Development	\$2,801	4.4 %			
Programs Total		92.9 %			
TOTAL	\$64,149	100 %			

The Turimiquire Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible. Please help us to continue our work. Thank you.



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Turimiquire Foundation

Supporting human service and environmental projects in the Turimiquire watershed of northeastern Venezuela, with an emphasis on family planning and education.

Annual Report 2007

10 YEARS OF GROWTH: A MODEST FOUNDATION WITH A BIG IMPACT!

A Message from the President:

In May of 2007, the Turimiquire Foundation completed 10 years of service to the low-income rural populations of the state of Sucre in Venezuela - 10 years of dedication that we are proud to celebrate in this anniversary annual report!

We started on our own in family planning, but we now also work in rural education and development, networking with a variety of dedicated organizations. We actively partner with three of the principal Ministries of the state government of Sucre: the Sucre State Legislature, the Ministry of Public Health, and the Sucre Children's Foundation.

In 1997, our family planning program began in Cumanacoa and the outlying rural areas of Montes county (1 - see map below). In 1999, we expanded to Cumaná (our home base) and the rural areas of Sucre county (2). With each additional year, we have added new rural counties (*Municipios*): Municipio Ribero (3), Municipio Cruz Salmerón Acosta (4), Municipio Bolívar (5), and Municipio Mejía (6). And the demand for these services only brings us more invitations from counties further to the east.



Our modest dream was to be a small and effective grassroots Foundation. I never imagined the impact that we are now having. And this, our eleventh year, brings new developments and increasing momentum, **thanks** to all of your support!

Our Venezuelan partners in health care have been instrumental in the growth and success of our programs.



Thank You!



Steven Bloomstein

President

1997 - 2007: HIGHLIGHTS FROM 10 YEARS IN THE LIFE OF A FOUNDATION

"When we are dreaming alone, it is only a dream. When we are dreaming with others, it is the beginning of reality." *Dom Helder Camera*

Family Planning Services



Early on, women waited in Steven's living room to receive our services. As demand grew, we created partnerships with other health care providers.



We began to provide services in outlying rural areas such as this public health facility in Nurucual (west of Cumaná).



Every year, we partner with the Lion's Club to bring medical services to rural communities (pictured: Tataracual, south of Cumaná).



With PlaFam and its mobile medical unit, we offered family planning services in Cariaco (east of Cumaná).



We have performed over 2,400 tubal sterilizations to date, and are unable to keep up with the demand. In 2005, we began using modern laparoscopic technology.



Mothers in rural areas regularly seek pediatric and family medical assistance from our doctors and nurses.



In 2007, we began social marketing, offering subsidized contraceptives to low-income patients at private clinics in small towns and rural areas in several nearby counties.

Reproductive Health Education



As our family planning program grew, we formed a center for adolescents, who in Venezuela have the highest rate of undesired pregnancies in all of Latin America. Here, Dr. Parela shows the winning montages about responsible sexuality created by adolescents at the center.



The Foundation supports social workers, nurses, sociologists, and doctors who travel to urban and rural high schools throughout our area to deliver reproductive health workshops. To date, over 1,200 workshops have been presented to over 28,000 participants. AIDS, HPV and other sexually transmitted infections, avoiding undesired pregnancy, and prenatal health care are the key subjects. Condoms and contraceptives are available for the sexually active population.



In 2006 and 2007, we teamed up with the state government and with a national program to expand our delivery of reproductive and sexual health information and accessible contraception to five counties across the state. We hope to expand this important initiative in 2008 with state support.



Rural Education



In the early days, we tutored local children and young adults in basic literacy at our remote farm. Illiteracy was the norm.



In 2001, with the help of the German Embassy in Caracas, we founded the first kindergarten in our rural area, staffed by the Education Ministry.



In 2003, with the help of the Netherlands Embassy, we refurbished the *Madre María* childcare center in nearby Agua Santa, and offered health services.



Our *Centros Escolares* offer subsidized school supplies and uniforms at prices affordable to these low income rural communities.



Our scholarship program encourages rural students to finish high school. Many walk several hours to the road every day, and then wait for public transport to get to school.



In 2004, with the help of the *Universidad de Oriente* in Cumaná, we inaugurated the first school library in our rural area, staffed by the Education Ministry.



In 2007, we began supporting sports activities for the youth of our rural area, bringing in used baseball equipment from Little League donors in the USA.

Our Urban & Rural Community "Casas"



Board members stand in front of our *Casa ServYr*, the Foundation's home base in Cumaná, purchased in 2003. We are currently remodeling to accommodate our first in-house medical service and provide necessary office space for our growing operation. We also offer computer Internet classes to low-income students here.



In March 2006, we inaugurated our *Casa Comunitaria Brito-Barrancas* rural community center, the vision of two volunteers: Lindsey Bloom and Brian Delay.



In 2005 and in 2006, our students presented our own scripted play about teenage pregnancy titled "It Won't Happen to Me (but it did!)..."



Traditional dance is a popular program with young people, who come from all over to participate. Each year we give a performance in Cumaná.



Here, volunteers Lindsey Bloom and Jana Sharp conduct a community meeting with parents and students at the rural center.



Volunteer Brian Delay conducted instructional carpentry workshops using local timber taken only from naturally fallen trees.

Sustainable Livelihood & Development



The Foundation works with our valley community to maintain and improve the all-important foot and pack animal trails that offer the only human access to this rural area.



Working with the Ministry of Agriculture, we conduct vaccination campaigns for domestic and pack animals against paralytic rabies transmitted by vampire bats.



With the help of the German Embassy and Alternatéc, we installed 25 solar energy systems for rural families who live far from the electric grid. These small systems power lights, fans, radios and TVs where previously none existed.



In one of our favorite projects, rural program director Bob Albert, shown here at our rural center with the hundreds of meters of water tubing required, worked in collaboration with the local government to install gravity-piped water to over 140 rural homes. Previously, women had to carry buckets from the river for all of their family needs.



We introduce new and promising tropical fruit species for local agriculture. Here, Bob shows off a South Asian Durian fruit freshly harvested at our farm.