



# Curamericas Global, Inc. Grassroots

## Helping Haiti

*Curamericas Global would like to thank everyone* who responded to the tragic earthquake that hit Haiti this January. We received almost \$13,000 to provide aid to victims of this disaster. Dr. Tony Augustin, Director of Management and Resources for Community Health (MARCH), our partner in Haiti, led our relief effort in Port-au-Prince.



*CityMed Clinic run by  
MARCH*

Thankfully, all staff members at the CityMed Clinics, run by MARCH, were safe. However, it did not take long for clinics to fill up with wounded Haitians that needed medical attention, as well as numerous dead bodies. Many beneficiaries of our HIV project completely lost their homes and all their possessions, so they were living under bed sheets, serving as tents. No stores, banks, or gas stations were open for days and communication was extremely limited.

**5,400** Haitians received medical treatment  
**2,130** Haitians were provided emergency food and water

Once stores opened, we purchased basic supplies for our beneficiaries. Your donations were used to buy things like **food, water, toothbrushes, sanitary pads, cleaning supplies, tarps, blankets, diapers, and diesel for generators and vehicles.** Donations were also used to set up a canteen that fed 64 young adults for eight days. Funds will continue to be used to purchase medicine, medical supplies, and hygienic kits.

### *Thank you for helping us rebuild Haiti.*

Curamericas Global is currently revising our HIV project to adapt to the country's current situation, in order to continue providing HIV prevention services.

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## Ronald McDonald House Charities® Awards Grant to Curamericas Global!

Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) announced the awarding of 15 new grants totaling \$2.9 million to support non-profit organizations making an immediate, positive impact in the areas of health prevention and promotion, clinical treatment, and education in various countries around the world.

**The RMHC® grant will strengthen our water and sanitation component of the Nehnwaa Child Survival Project**

With the assistance of RMHC®, this project will reduce the appalling number of children that die every year due to preventable diseases such as diarrheal disease. We aim to save lives by improving hygienic behaviors (hand washing, water treatment and storage, and feces disposal) and expanding access to clean water and sanitary latrines.



**Worldwide, diarrheal disease is the second leading cause of death in children under the age of five.**

Four Water and Sanitation (Wat-San) Officers will be trained and mentored by a Curamericas Program Specialist. Wat-San Officers will access remote villages despite treacherous roadways and will transport construction materials to build wells and latrines.

The RMHC® grant is providing our project with a durable 4x4 vehicle that is essential to meeting project goals. This vehicle will be used in the emergency transportation of sick women and children to health facilities, much like an ambulance. The provision of this vehicle will also improve access to communities, which results in better coverage that can save lives and improve health conditions.

*Visit our website [www.curamericas.org](http://www.curamericas.org) to read more about this component of the Nehnwaa Project.*

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## A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Curamericas Global,

Each spring inspires hope and optimism, as it brings new life. Personally, it is precisely hope and optimism that incite me to lead a small, yet vibrant, organization which is striving to avert suffering and death from incredibly disadvantaged families in developing countries. The work is arduous; the rewards are great, and the support from our friends - invaluable. Along with you, our Friend, I am grateful for the group of very capable and utterly caring individuals that comprises the Curamericas Team. It is them who made it possible to orchestrate an impromptu fundraising effort for Haiti – **Thank you Henry, Stephanie, Ian, Ira and Rosie**. Our team will continue to support the implementation of an innovative HIV prevention project serving women in three regions of Haiti – **Thank you, Bakary**. Their dedication will also strengthen our Liberia Maternal and Child Health project by adding sanitation services with financial support from the Ronald McDonald House Charities - **Thank you Stacey and Erin**. They provide leadership and encouragement to our volunteer work teams who helped built the “Casa Materna” in the Northwestern mountains of Guatemala and are now supporting the construction of the only Community Training Center in the region – **Thank you Elizabeth and Andrew**. The Curamericas Team is also diligently composing our Five-year Strategic Plan – **Thank you Wes, Dick, Linda, Joyce and John**.

In spite of the challenges to come, I am looking forward to celebrating our 2010-2011 successes with you. In the meantime, feel free to call, email or stop by the office if you have any questions or want to know more about our programs.

With sincere gratitude and best wishes,



Jaime Carrillo, MD, MPH  
Executive Director



Executive Director Jaime Carrillo presents the Dory Storms Child Survival Recognition Award to Founder Henry Perry in 2009

### RECRUITING NOW!

October 2010 Mission to Liberia  
November 2010 Mission to Guatemala

Visit [www.curamericas.org](http://www.curamericas.org) to read about all volunteer trips and news. Read about other recent trips in our next issue of *Grassroots*.

## Volunteer News

**JULY 2009** For the third year in a row, the **First United Methodist Church of Cary** traveled to Bolivia and worked to improve the facilities in the Senkata Health Center.

**SEPTEMBER 2009** For **Lynne Randall of Christ UMC in Plano, Texas**, traveling to Bolivia is less like venturing to a foreign land than like reuniting with beloved relatives. A former Curamericas Global board member, she began working with our partner CSRA over 20 years ago and has led several volunteer teams since then. In September, her 13-member team spent two weeks helping in the Senkata Health Center.

### A message from former Executive Director, Teresa Wolf:

I think of Curamericas Global with many fond memories, a bit of sadness, and tremendous pride in what we accomplished during my five years. Thank you to all who supported me and the organization while I was here and know that I remain committed to being an advocate for this amazing organization. I am so proud to have worked with the Board and Staff of Curamericas Global, our partners, and those we serve. I wish all of you the very best!



Photos L-R: Lynne Randall planting flowers with a friend at the Senkata Clinic; Cary FUMC team members celebrate their work at the Senkata Clinic

## Memorial and Honor Gifts

Curamericas Global celebrates the lives of those who have supported our mission. With their families and friends, we remember the lives of those we have lost:  
**Mary Conger, Marie Nicholson, Bette Shafer, & Summer Y. Teague.**

### IN MEMORY OF:

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## **Nehnwaa Project Already Proving to Save Lives** **Child Mortality Lower than Other Areas of Liberia**

In a previous issue of Grassroots, we shared that “everyone counts, and everyone is counted”. The Nehnwaa Child Survival Project, which is located in the rural north-central region of Liberia, tracks all births that occur in the communities we serve. All deaths of children under the age of five are also recorded, as well as maternal deaths that occur during pregnancy, childbirth, or postpartum. This is a standard part of our CBIO (Census-Based, Impact-Oriented) methodology. We know the results of our work because we know what is happening with every individual in our project. Very few organizations do this, which is part of what makes our work unique.



Since April, 2009, there have been 143 live births in the villages we are serving and only 7 deaths among children under the age of five\*. That translates to an under-five mortality rate of 48 (per 1,000 live births). This is dramatically lower than the rate of 130 deaths per 1,000 births for the entire rural north-central region of Liberia (detected by a national health survey in 2008).

While it is always heartbreaking to lose a young child, the lower rate in our project region is no accident. The Nehnwaa staff has been achieving impressive coverage of antenatal care, post-partum care, immunization, treatment for malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhea, and behavior change with respect to hand-washing, water purification, and mosquito net use.

Our next big challenge is to scale up the project to include 30 more villages and extend these health improvements. Support from sources like the Ronald McDonald House Charities grant and donations from individuals are critical to helping us strengthen our project and continue to see these health improvements.

*\*3 deaths from malaria, 2 neonatal deaths, 1 from pneumonia, and 1 from an accident*