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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Obras,

Spring is a time of renewal and redemption, a celebration of God's promise of eternal life through our messiah and savior, Jesus Christ. As we look forward to this beautiful time of year and Easter, I'd like to share with you some information about what we were able to accomplish through God's grace and your continued support of prayers and financial assistance in 2018.

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find pictures of some of our staff and volunteers from last year who played important roles in caring for those who came to the Obras for help.

"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." Rom. 8:11

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GOD CONTINUES TO BLESS THE OBRAS WITH DEDICATED STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Many volunteers from around the world have said that the best place to eat in Antigua is the Obras! Lidia Yapan heads a staff of **8** people, many whom have been with the Obras for years. The kitchen prepares an average of **450** plates of food a day and **55,600** plates of food a year. Well fed patients, staff and visitors are grateful for this well run kitchen. The nutrition department takes care of the menus.

KITCHEN TEAM





LABORATORY TEAM

One of the busiest places at the Obras is the laboratory where Lisbeth Barrera manages **8** employees who process an average of **80** tests a day. Tests from the simple sugar levels to more complex heart enzymes can be obtained here.

50 different laboratory exams are offered making the Obras one of the most efficient health care centers in the country. In 2018, **107,401** laboratory tests were performed.



FAITH IN PRACTICE

Thousands of people came to the Obras and received the medical attention and care they were seeking in 2018. In 2019, our doors remain open to all as we continue to welcome the poor, the abandoned and the sick. **5,917** surgeries were accomplished.

Faith In Practice, one of the leading volunteer surgical groups from the US, sent **17** surgical teams with approximately **700** volunteers in 2018. They performed **1639** surgeries including complete hip and knee replacement, a surgery not available at most charity hospitals in Guatemala.



ECUMENICAL MISSION TEAM

Groups and individuals of all faiths are welcomed at the Obras to join hands and hearts in service. A team representing three Methodist Churches in the San Francisco Bay Area of the US made their yearly visit to volunteer and spend time with the permanent residents at Socorro.

If you would like to volunteer at the Obras or bring a team, contact us at:

info@hermanopedrofoundationusa.org

YOU CAN GIVE A NEW BED TO THE CHILDREN'S NUTRITION CENTER



At the heart of the Obras in Antigua is the Children's Nutrition Center where miracles of love and healing take place every day. Babies are brought in from many regions in Guatemala in various stages of malnutrition. Some have cleft lips and palates, some metabolic digestive problems and still others are the victims of neglect or poverty.

Would you like to help them?

The Nutrition Center needs 30 new specialized pediatric beds with an estimated cost is \$23,000. The cost of one bed is \$767.

In addition, the Nutritional Center also needs 5 baby carriers, 10 eating tables, and 10 baby carts at a cost of \$3,170.

If you would like to help with any of these needs, we welcome a donation in any amount. Please note on your on-line donation, "Nutrition Center".

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