



Thank you **Mayo Clinic** and its outstanding group of **doctors** for **5 years** of dedication and commitment to helping severely wounded Colombian servicemen!

SEASONS GREETINGS

We wish you a delightful and happy Holiday Season. Your kindness is helping to restore the lives of hundreds of children and servicemen — turning hopes and dreams into vibrant realities one miracle at a time. Thank you!

BIG NEWS

- UFC hosted its first **Medical Mission** to Colombia from December 4-10. Details on page 2.

HOLIDAY WISHES

- Support **UFC** by clicking on **GlobalGiving.com**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Eighteen-year-old **Ferson Gutierrez** is walking this holiday season thanks to UFC.
- Two Colombian soldiers wounded in combat, **Harwin Arley Muñoz** and **Gerardo Antonio Arenas**, arrived in the U.S. in November 2011 to receive medical care at the Mayo Clinic.

UFC helps Ferson to receive two new legs

In February 2011, 18-year-old **Ferson Gutierrez** was walking with friends and came across a metallic tube. Being curious, he picked it up and without warning, the tube exploded. Ferson lost both legs due to the incident. With the support from **UFC** and its **A Step to Hope** program, Ferson received two technologically advanced legs in the fall of 2011. *"I can walk again; it's incredible! My new legs are so light and easy to use. Thank you!"* stated Ferson.



Medical Mission to Colombia

From December 4-10, nine specialized physicians from The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN traveled to Colombia to evaluate the health system of Colombia's Armed Forces and to learn more about UFC's operations and core programs, including American Solidarity, A step to Hope and A New Beginning. *"The Medical Mission to Colombia was the best mission of my life. Outstanding results!"* stated one of the nine Mayo Clinic doctors who attended the week-long trip to Colombia. The Colombian Minister of Defense, Juan Carlos Pinzon, as well as many stakeholders, community leaders and medical specialists participated in UFC's Medical Mission to Colombia. The Medical Mission was made possible thanks to the support of the Colombian Army and the Colombian Secretary of Defense.

Some of the activities included: a tour of the Military Health Battalion and Military Hospital in Bogotá; a visit to Apiay Military Hospital where treatment of trauma and surgical victims occurs; a visit to the Pain Clinic and Department of Physical Therapy to review strategies for patients with spinal cord trauma; a visit to Otto Bock to meet UFC's beneficiaries; and a visit to a Prostheses Workshop at the Military Hospital. The Mayo Clinic doctors provided consultation, expertise and advice to multiple clinics and departments in order to improve work performance and outcomes. A special ceremony was held in the presence of the Colombian Army to recognize and acknowledge the support of Mayo Clinic doctors who have provided medical care to over 20 severely wounded soldiers in the U.S. through UFC's American Solidarity program.

Be the miracle we see in you. Support United for Colombia on GlobalGiving.com. Just click on **"Donate"** — **"Gift or in-honor of"** and help us to build a better life for severely wounded children, civilians and war heroes in Colombia.

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