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Friends of the Children of Venezuela is a non-profit organization that focuses efforts to positively impact the health, education and quality of life of the most impoverished children in Venezuela.

Our Mission is simple: Through our allies in Venezuela, people who support daily life and living in educational and health centers in the country, we prioritize the needs and supply children with the most urgent resources. Partners control and monitor the timely delivery of these supplies. This help goes directly to the affected children and helps restore their nutrition, their health, and in many cases, their lives.







TO OUR FRIENDS

During 2018, we made important and overwhelming achievements for our children. We are deeply grateful to all those who with their support and solidarity made this possible.

We used a large part of our resources and contributions to help restore the nutritional level of a significant number of children affected by severe malnutrition, which in most cases put their lives at risk. This was achieved through ongoing donations of infant milk formulas, whole milk, cereals, vitamins and food supplements provided by individuals and organizations in South Florida, Michigan, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas and Mexico City.

In the area of children and teen health, we frequently returned to Venezuela's Central-Western Region, specifically to support the patients of the Children's Hospital of Valencia, Carabobo State. We focused on this hospital not only because it is the largest care and educational institution in the region and one of the most important in Venezuela, but also because it has a multidisciplinary collaboration team where pediatricians, along with the Nutritionists, are committed to the health and nutrition of the children who visit this health center. In addition, we provide medical treatments for different pathologies and medical devices that make medical interventions easier and more effective in trauma patients.

Currently in Venezuela, more than 50% of students and teachers at schools in low-income areas do not attend classes regularly. Several problems contribute to school dropout, the most pressing being the food crisis that most of the population is facing. The shortage of food, its high costs, and the difficulties in getting it to the people have a negative impact on children's health.

For this reason, with the firm conviction that education is the main tool for the development of the country, during 2018 we committed to support **Alimentando Futuros**. Born as a result of rising school drop-out experienced by all low-income schools in Venezuela, the program's objective is to provide a balanced diet to these students. With nutrition and other incentives to encourage school attendance, children enjoy improved development and a chance at a better future.

Satisfied with the goals achieved, we and our friends closed 2018 with a bold commitment: To continue making the greatest contribution possible in order to improve the health and quality of life of those children who need us so much.





Alimentando Futuros

We set out to support this Project with the intention of providing the most disadvantaged children the opportunity for a better future. With a daily, balanced diet directed to students from areas most in need, we sought to correct and improve child development and at the same time, create an incentive for attending school.

In 2018, we delivered **273,800 meals**, specifically to U.E. Fe y Alegria "Luis Maria Olaso" and Educational Unit Canaima Schools, both located at La Vega Parish of the Capital District. In all, **920 students** were provided meals.







MEDICINES

During 2018, we continued to provide medicines to low-income children who are treated at the Children's Hospital of Valencia, Carabobo State. More than **2,215 children were beneficiaries**, not only in the treatment of general conditions where they received antibiotics, anticonvulsants, vitamins and others, but also with specific treatments for nephrology, pneumonology, and neonatal and pediatric intensive care.

Vancomycin, Meropenem, Ciprofloxacin, Clindamycin, Amoxicillin, Unasyn and Penicillin are high-demand, high-cost antibiotics. Yet, they are those medicines most frequently used to combat childhood bacterial infections, as well as tetanus and diphtheria.

Among anticonvulsants, we donated Epamin, Fenorbarbital and Rocuronium Bromide as a help for general anesthesia to ease tracheal intubation during routine induction, and to achieve relaxation of the skeletal muscles in surgeries.

Likewise, we donated doses of Prednisone, Solumedrol and Losartan, mainly to patients with renal affections. We also donated Adrenaline, Folic Acid, Profenid, Omeprazole, and Metronidazole for wide hospital use.

2018 
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patients
benefited



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a blue and white striped polo shirt, is sitting in a hospital bed. He is holding a clear plastic cup filled with a yellowish liquid, likely juice or a nutritional supplement. He has a slight smile on his face. In the foreground, a hand is holding a silver spoon, suggesting he is about to eat or drink. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

NUTRITION AND DIAPERS

Improving the development of children at an early age, as well as reducing infant mortality, is critical to long-term health. In 2018, we worked intensely in the area of infants and young children nutrition, without minimizing the importance of breastfeeding.

With guidance from the Nutrition team of the Children's Hospital of Valencia, the most critical cases of malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies were identified throughout the year. **We directly assisted 3,311 children** in a state of medium to severe malnutrition by supplying them during their hospital stays with milk, cereal and nutritional supplements. We also monitored their recoveries at outpatient facilities.

The supply included milk for the first months. Products varied in caloric content, and included predigested formula for those children with special digestive and metabolic function. Additionally, whole milk and different types of cereal were provided for older children, according to the child's age and needs. We emphasized Pediasure based on proteins, and in different presentations, as a food supplement for children over 1 year old, as well as vegetables and fruits compotes for complete and balanced nutrition of small patients.



Similarly, diapers are an ongoing, urgent need for children of different ages. We delivered **5,915 diapers** during 2018.



INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE

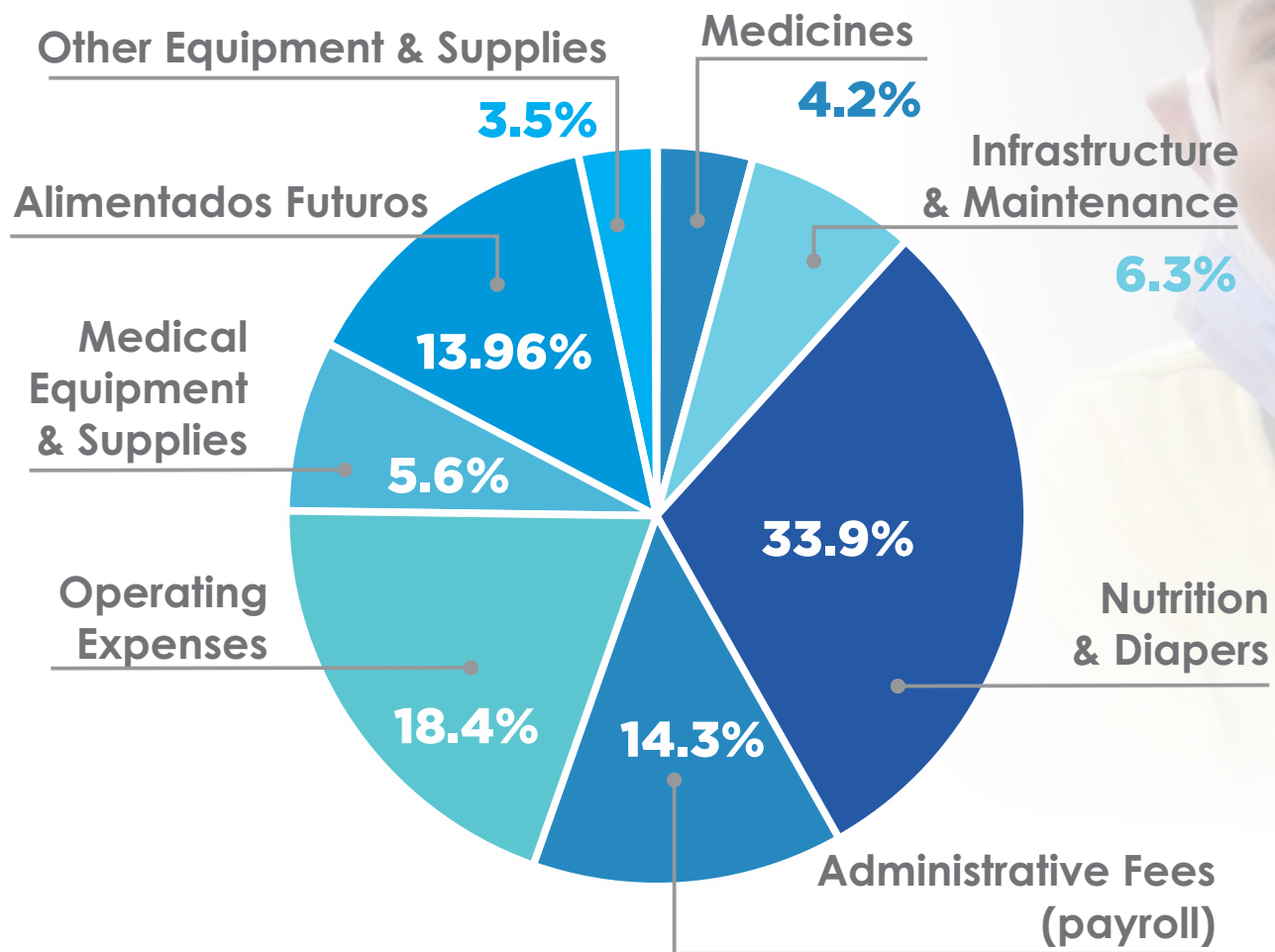
An important rehabilitation of the Traumatology room was performed to improve the maintenance and recovery of the physical plant of the Children's Hospital. , This included walls and lighting, as well as the supply of **4 clinical beds and 2 clinical cribs, along with their respective mattresses, and 6 reclining chairs** for accompanying mothers. From the moment of adaptation to the last four months of the year, we served approximately **25 patients**, helping provide the children with better conditions for their recovery and the possibility of being accompanied by mothers or other relatives during their hospitalization.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

To further enhance the pediatric traumatology unit at the Children's Hospital of Valencia, **2 complete Osteotomy devices** were donated. One served small fragments; the other served medium fragments. These devices included specific instrumentation required for trauma surgeries of the extremities. Each device contained **more than 45 elements** contained in metal boxes for their protection and future sterilization.

MANAGEMENT 2018



We offer you a moment of happiness...
When we give, we also receive.

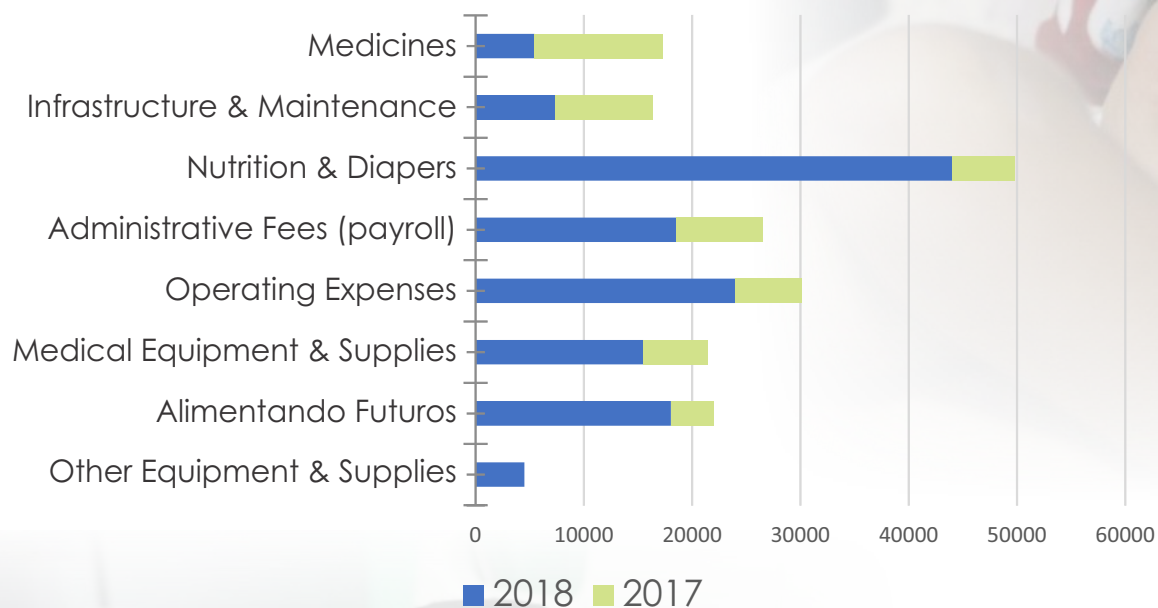


DONATIONS 2018

\$129,924

TOTAL DONATIONS 2018	TOTAL	%
Medicines	\$5,433	4%
Infrastructure & Maintenance	\$8,173	6%
Nutrition & Diapers	\$44,043	34%
Administrative Fees (payroll)	\$18,519	14%
Operating Expenses	\$23,952	18%
Medical Equipment & Supplies	\$7,288	6%
Alimentando Futuros	\$18,016	14%
Other Equipment & Supplies	\$4,500	3%

2018 vs 2017



	2018	2017
Medicines	\$5,433	\$11,837
Infrastructure & Maintenance	\$8,173	\$9,023
Nutrition & Diapers	\$44,043	\$5,783
Administrative Fees (payroll)	\$18,519	\$8,012
Operating Expenses	\$23,952	\$6,196
Medical Equipment & Supplies	\$15,463	\$5,975
Alimentando Futuros	\$18,016	\$3,935
Other Equipment & Supplies	\$4,500	\$0
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$129,924	\$50,761

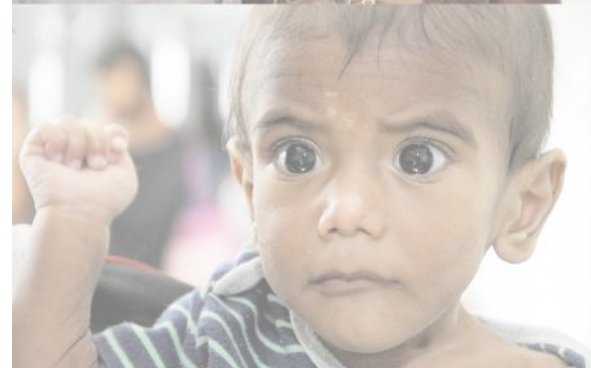
In conclusion, we are pleased to report that during 2018, we had a positive and verifiable direct impact on **5,550 children** at the Pediatric Hospital. In many cases, we participated with different types of contributions related to food, education, recovery and healing of those children.

Additionally, through the Feeding Future Program, we provided **920 children diners** with a daily balanced diet, achieving a total impact of 6,463 children during 2018.

With this success in mind, we are very pleased and committed to continue our efforts in this beautiful and rewarding work. To our contributors and volunteers we wish to extend our sincere gratitude for trusting us and allowing us to be an instrument of their kindness and solidarity with Venezuelan children.

We recognize once again the important role doctors, nurses, workers, teachers, and all the staff of the different medical and assistance centers play. It is from our donors and through these professional care givers that our work is made possible and that these critical donations reach those who need them most.

THANKS to you all!!!





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