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UNITED FOR COLOMBIA (UFC)

is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to fund medical and rehabilitation treatments for severely wounded, maimed and disabled war victims, including children. Since 2005, **UFC** has helped **209** disabled patients, including **151** servicemen and **58** children. These **328** comprehensive medical treatments have totaled US **\$20.7** million.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UFC is a proud sponsor of PorColombia's *Colombian Student and Professional Conference* on April 13-15, 2012. Read more on page 2.

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Rotary International** for many years of success! **26** children, all landmine victims, now have new opportunities in life after receiving state-of-the-art orthopedic care thanks to Rotary International's **\$140,000** five-year grant to UFC.

Thank you to everyone who supported UFC at the 2011 **Bogotá Media Maraton!** With the remarkable **\$30,000** raised, **15** severely wounded children will now receive specialized medical treatment.

UFC partners with PorColombia

UFC is pleased to announce that it is one of the leading nonprofit partners of PorColombia's "Colombian Student and Professional Conference" held at Cornell University from April 13-15, 2012.

Additionally, UFC is excited to share that PorColombia's April Conference and Reception at the Colombian Consulate in NYC will be in honor of Corporal Sixto Javier Pérez (picture below), a beneficiary of UFC's **American Solidarity** program.



In February 2010, Colombian soldier Corporal Pérez stepped on a landmine in the state of Norte de Santander. Corporal Pérez was seriously wounded from the explosion and suffered the loss of both legs and several fingers on his left hand.

With the support from UFC and its **American Solidarity program**, Corporal Pérez started his medical care in July 2011 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Corporal Pérez is thrilled to be the Guest of Honor at the conference. Soon to be walking on two new legs, Pérez will celebrate his remarkable medical recovery with hundreds of conference participants and UFC supporters.



Carlos Jhordan



Lina Angulo



United for Colombia and Rotary International celebrate a very successful partnership to help 26 children

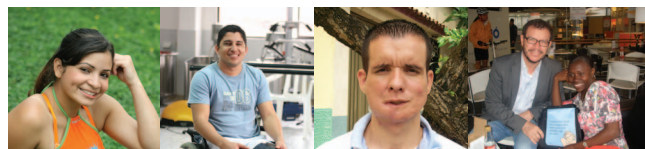
On Friday, March 16, 2012 **UFC** and **Rotary International** celebrated the successful five-year disbursement of a **\$140,000** grant to fund orthopedic rehabilitation for **26** child landmine victims. Seventeen members from Rotary International – representing cities and countries from around the world – visited UFC's operations in Colombia. Rotarians were able to visit with UFC's youth beneficiaries at Otto Bock, a world-renowned prosthesis manufacturer and treatment center in Bogotá. The Rotarians had a unique opportunity to hear the children's amazing medical recoveries and their triumphant stories of survival during their visit, such as Carlos Jhordan and Lina Angulo.

UFC is working on strengthening its vital partnership with Rotary International to continue support of its **A Step to Hope** program in Colombia. Through the program, severely wounded, maimed and disabled children receive annual orthopedic care and rehabilitation, including technologically-advanced prosthetic devices every year. This miracle gives children their youth back, opening new doors of hope for a better and happier future.

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