

Every Child Counts
Every Family Matters

Blanca's House

Healthcare Promises Fulfilled

Our Mission



Blanca's House is a non-profit organization of volunteer healthcare professionals who donate their time to provide free, invaluable medical treatment to children and their families. Whether through surgery, medical supplies, or educational outreach, Blanca's House provides twenty-first century medicine to the underprivileged. Across Long Island or around the world, Blanca's House brings healthcare to those who need it most.

MEDICAL TEAMS ABROAD PROGRAM



The Medical Team Abroad Program stretches across national borders to provide essential medical care to children and their families. Teams of medical and non-medical professionals volunteer their time and services to provide health screening and on-site surgeries to children and their families in less developed countries. Volunteers directly finance their own expenditures, whether through their personal contribution or subsidized by individual fundraisers. These expenses include airfare, lodging, and food. Blanca's House arranges in-country housing, food and transportation in cooperation with local hosts.

Blanca's House: a snapshot

Grown from 19 to 63 Medical and
Non-Medical Volunteers

Four
Volunteer
Staff

- Founder
- Administrator
- Administrator
- Administrative Assistant

Junior Volunteers





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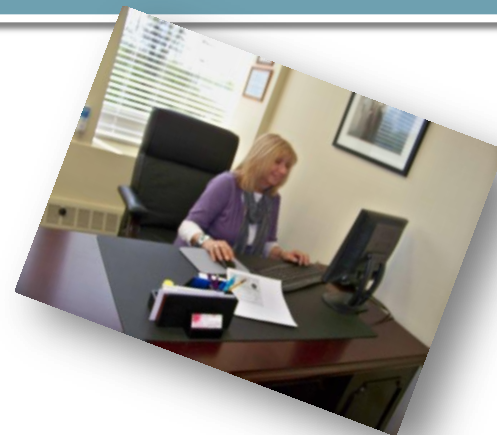


Volunteer Administrative Staff

Robyn Feld - Administrator

Valerie Simpson - Administrator

Rose Zegarra – Administrative Assistant



Junior Volunteers



Junior Volunteers who are interested in the medical field or have a desire to help others can take part in an incredible opportunity by joining Blanca's House on one of our missions! We accept three junior volunteers from 14 to 18 years of age per mission, each of whom must be accompanied by an adult.

Missions include:

- Anesthesia
- Gastroenterology
- Otolaryngology
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Gynecology
- Nurse Anesthesia
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Pediatrics
- Plastic Surgery
- Audiology
- Dental
- Cardiology



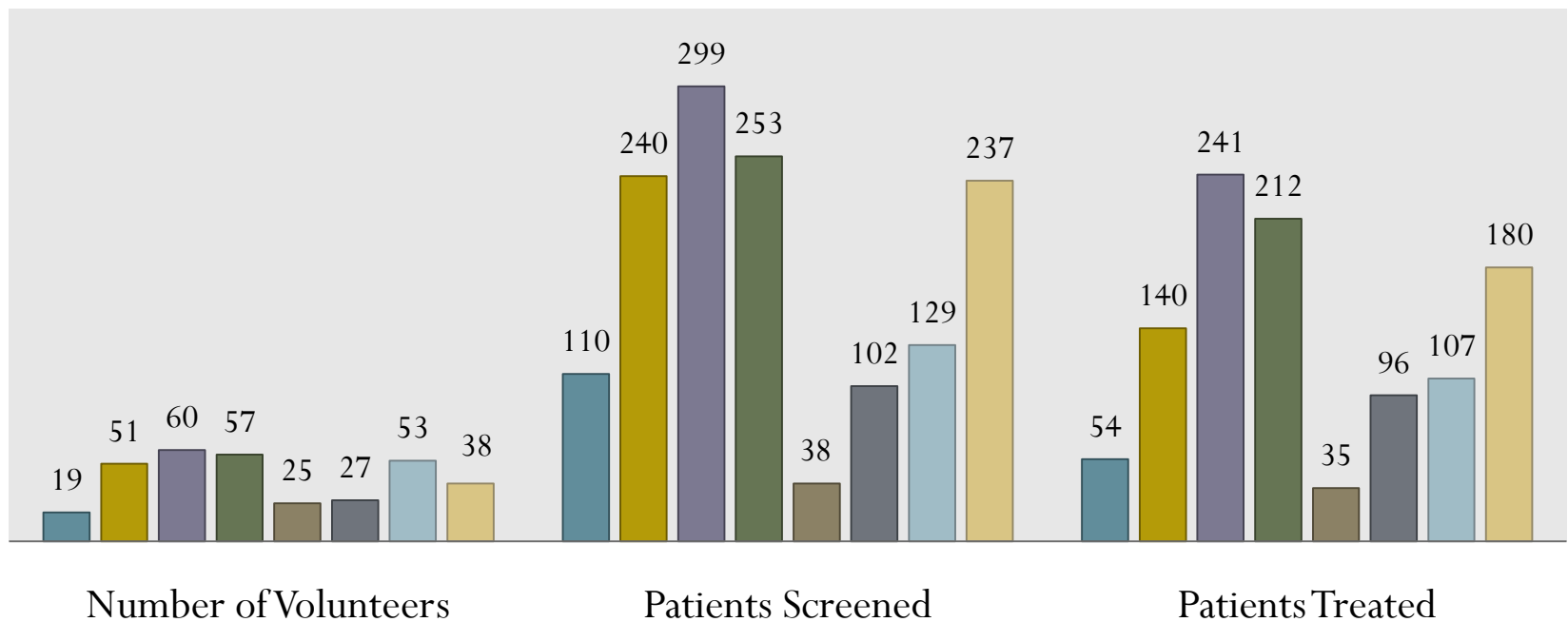
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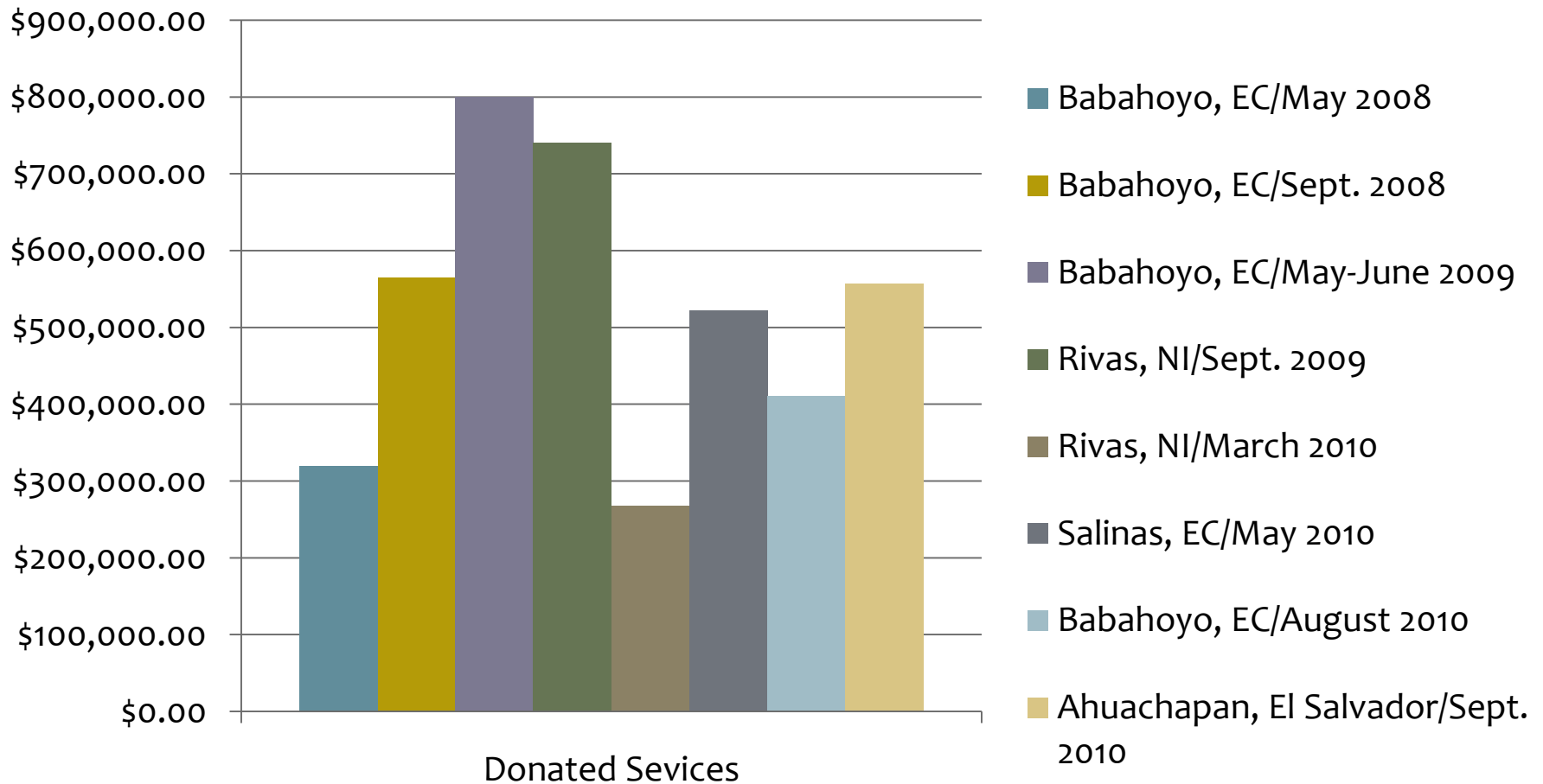
- Blanca's House is a New York-based volunteer, non-profit organization holding a 501(c)(3) tax exemption with the IRS/TAX ID Number: 26-1338765.
- Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2008.
- Start-up costs: \$15,000.00.

VOLUNTEERS/PATIENTS

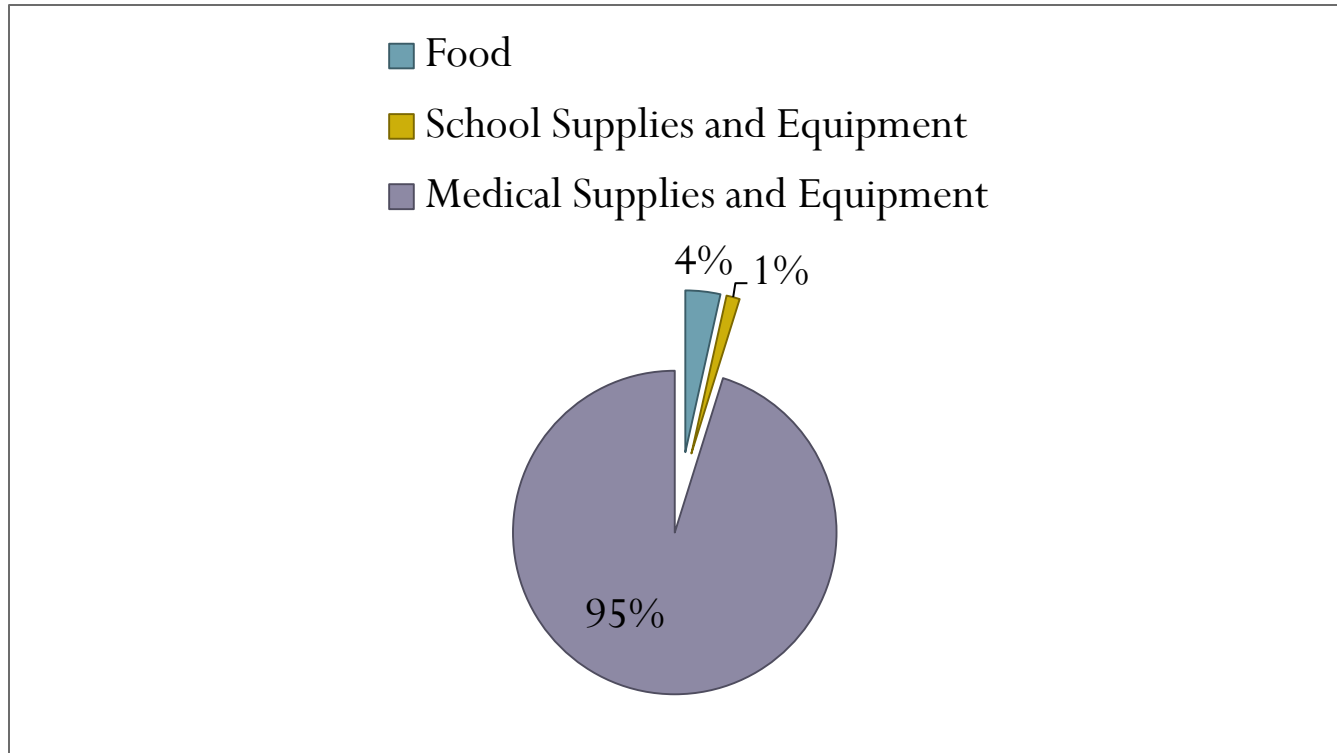
- Babahoyo, EC/May 2008
- Babahoyo, EC/Sep-08
- Babahoyo/May-June 2009
- Rivas, NI/Sep-09
- Rivas, NI/Mar-10
- Salinas, EC/May-June-2010
- Babahoyo, EC/2010
- Ahuachapan, El salvador/2010



VALUE OF DONATED SERVICES



Distribution of Donated Goods...2008-2010



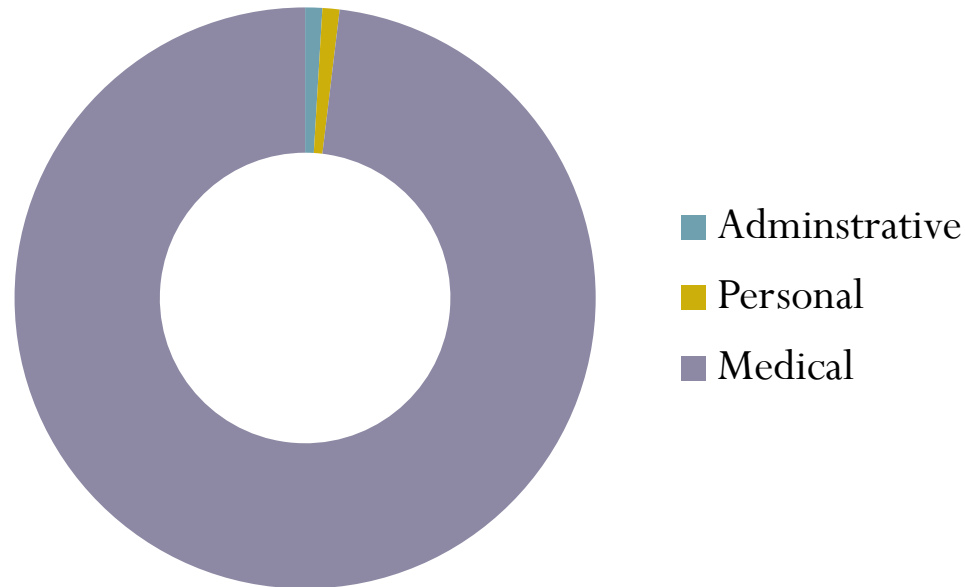
Food, school supplies, and clothing are collected and donated on each mission. Food baskets have been distributed to feed over 2000 people. School supplies donated to more than 700 children attending local schools include backpacks, pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, and crayons. Over 1000 pairs of shoes and flip-flops have been given to the neediest children and adults in our host “neighborhoods.”

INTERNATIONAL INBOUND SERVICES

2008

One patient was brought to John T. Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson, New York for treatment beyond the scope of available services in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

The total for medical and personal expenses, legal papers, administrative costs, pre- and post-operative care in the United States and in Ecuador are outlined in this graph.



*Medical

- Pre-operative care
- Operative
- Post-operative care/United States
- Post-operative care/Ecuador (\$10,000.00)
- Radiation Therapy
- Oral surgery
- Dental
- Other Consultation fees



Babahoyo, Ecuador

Babahoyo, founded September 30, 1948 by Legislative decree, is the capital of the Los Rios province of Ecuador. It is surrounded by two rivers, the San Pablo and the Caracol, which join to form the Babahoyo River, flowing into the Guayas River, eventually emptying in the sea. A processing and trade centre for the surrounding agricultural region, the city handles rice, sugarcane, fruits, balsa wood, and tagua nuts (vegetable ivory). Rice and sugar are also milled here



OUR HOST: Fundación Teolinda Troya Escobar

Dra. Marjorie Lopez-Roman

Dr. Ivan Roman

Outcomes: Babahoyo, Ecuador May and September 2008

Medical Specialties

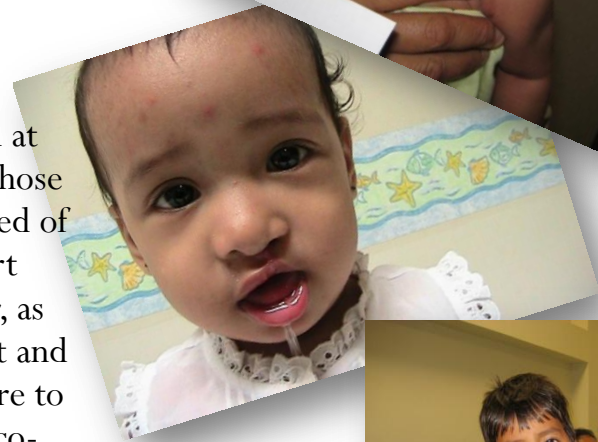
May, 2008 :

- ❖ General Surgery, Plastic Surgery

September, 2008:

- ❖ ENT, Gastroenterology, Gynecology, and Plastic Surgery

While health care providers do a lot of good at home, some go to heroic lengths to help those around the world. A team largely comprised of doctors and nurses from Mather in Port Jefferson traveled to Guayaquil, Ecuador, as volunteers for Healing Children Northeast and Blanca's House. They provided medical care to those in need, but also met Tatiana Franco-Rosero, a 28-year-old mother of two with a life-threatening tumor.





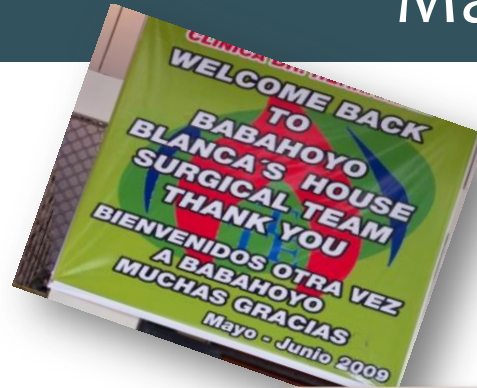
Outcomes: Babahoyo, Ecuador

May/June 2009

Medical Specialties

- Plastic Surgery
- General Surgery
- Thyroid Surgery
- Audiological Evaluations and hearing aids

It's difficult to grasp how much we accomplished in eight days and back-to-back missions.. We did leave all our shoe bags of supplies and meds for the hospital staff to tend to the people we leave behind. The most difficult part is saying goodbye to the people we've met and the new friends we've made. "When will you be back?" reverberates through hallways and rooms. "Thank yous,," are exchanged and hugs shared. Quite a humbling experience....



News 12 Long Island produced an Emmy Award-winning documentary
HEALING HANDS

BABAHOYO, ECUADOR



Rivas, Nicaragua



OUR HOST

Hospital Gaspar García Lavinia



**GASPAR GARCIA L.
NACIO EN ASTURIAS,
ESPAÑA, EL 8 DE NOVIEMBRE
DE 1941. MURIO EN LA GUERRA
DE LIBERACION DEL PUEBLO
NICARAGÜENSE,
EL 11 DE DICIEMBRE, 1978.**

Our hosts:

Hospital Gaspar García Laviana
Rivas, Nicaragua



Outcomes: Rivas, Nicaragua

September, 2009

Medical Specialties

- ❖ Plastics
- ❖ Gastroenterology
- ❖ Gynecology
- ❖ ENT

This is the first time a Gastroenterologist has been in the hospital, and the first time laparoscopic surgery has been performed.

There was an interesting potpourri of pathologies; from massive thyroids and uterine fibroids to complex plastic procedures....we saw it all.

It's pretty amazing how a group of friends and strangers can become so close in such a short time. The long days, shared experiences, and love of what we're doing can sure create a common bond to last a lifetime.



Outcomes: Rivas, Nicaragua

March, 2010



Blanca's House teaches surgeons at el Hospital Gaspar García Lavinia laparoscopic surgical techniques

The focus of this mission was to teach the doctors and operating room nurses at Hospital Gaspar García Laviana laparoscopic surgery techniques. Prior to this mission, the doctors at the hospital in Rivas waited for teams of visiting physicians to perform this procedure. Utilizing laparoscopic towers donated by St. Charles hospital and refurbished laparoscopic instruments donated by Mather hospital the doctors in Rivas developed into skilled professionals and utilized their new-found knowledge with confidence in a very short time.

Patient letter of gratitude

Domingo 21 de Marzo 2010

Es esta mañana le agradeceremos primero a nuestro creador por haber permitido nuestra llegada y encontrarnos con su gran hospital y gracias por la buena atención, tratamiento a todos por igual, nosotros no podemos olvidarles económicamente pero si por el amor de nuestro Dios que el los bendiga y los acompañe a todos por los que vanagamos gracias por todo esto, sin más a que repetimos gracias por todo.

Esta hora de agradecimiento es en nombre del grupo que asistieron al día Sábado 20 de marzo en

El señor los Bendiga hoy, mañana y Siempre
Siempre los bendigamos presente
Gracias.

21st March, 2010

Jason Bowdler M.D.

Dear Dr. Bowdler

I am very grateful to you for what you did to my community. During this time you performed celestectomies by laparoscopy; you taught our surgical team the technique and tips and how to get the craft to do it in such ~~easy~~ a gentle way that showed us the sort of person you are: Competent, humble, and ~~good~~ magnanimous. You share ~~with~~ ^{that} with us what you are and what you have and make you a great person.

All good wishes,

yours sincerely
Sergio Raúl Corrán M.D.
Hospital de Rivas
Nicaragua

Letter of appreciation from one of the doctors in Rivas

A map of the coastal region of Ecuador. Salinas is marked with a red dot and a yellow star. Other locations include Guayaquil, Machala, and Cuenca. The map also shows the Pacific Ocean, the Gulf of Guayaquil, and various islands and reserves.

Salinas. Ecuador

Our Host

Hospital Dr. Jose Garces Rodriguez



Our Host:

Hospital Dr. Jose Garces Rodriguez
Salinas, Ecuador

Outcomes: Salinas, Ecuador

May/June, 2010



Volcanic eruption in Ecuador= MAINTAIN MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY

The team, quite short-handed and, at first, without supplies, pulled together one General Surgery table operated by Dr. Rochman and Dr. Taranto, one Plastic Surgery table operated by Dr. Kneesy, and one Gynecology table operated by Dr. Bakshi. With the arrival of all needed supplies, the ORs finally functioned smoothly. It is evident across the board, the team was severely understaffed, but everyone has been incredible doing their job times two.



Fundraising

2008

- 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser
- Summer Softball Game
- Halloween Fundraiser



2009

- 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser
- Halloween Fundraiser



2010

- 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser
- Gala Fundraiser and Celebration

Why Volunteer with Blanca's House?



Your
knowledge
and skills are
needed



You can make
a lasting
contribution
to the global
community



Renew your
professional
commitment



Surprise
yourself with
your own
abilities



Have fun



To donate:

Your donation to
Blanca's House will ensure

Every Child Counts...

Every Family Matters

100% of your donation goes directly to providing
free medical care for needy
children and their families.

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