

WHO WE ARE

We are the largest NGO in Ecuador and the only one of its kind in Latin America, which fills us with pride and motivates us to continue our work of massive charity in favor of those in need in the areas of health, education, elderly care, and funeral services.

We are committed to society to improve the quality of life for those who have less, offering them a wide range of assistance services, with trained professionals, top-notch equipment, and appropriate infrastructure to meet their needs with quality and warmth.

We conceive of Social Responsibility as a commitment and vocation that derives from our essence as a service provider institution.

{tab=WHAT WE DO}

Thanks to our hard work, we have been able to create a network of top-level services at subsidized costs, including:

- Four specialized hospitals: Luis Vernaza Hospital, Alfredo G. Paulson Women's Hospital, Dr. Roberto Gilbert E. Children's Hospital, and the Institute of Neurosciences. We oversee the health of pregnant women, children, adults, and individuals with mental health issues from all regions of the country. In 2011, our hospitals provided over five million medical services.
- Two educational units: José Domingo de Santistevan and Santa Luisa de Marillac to promote the physical and intellectual development of more than 3,000 children and young people. Similarly, in our Calderón Ayluardo Home and Manuel Galecio Home, we provide spiritual formation, educational tutoring, psychopedagogical support, housing, food, and clothing to over 200 girls and young women from marginalized areas.
- Two homes for the elderly: Hogar del Corazón de Jesús, in Guayaquil, and Hogar San Pedro, in Alausí, where we contribute to the well-being and peace of mind of more than 400

men and women, mostly elderly.

- Two cemeteries and funeral services: Patrimonial Cemetery and Metropolitan Pantheon, whose spaces are exempt from property tax. In some cases, we provide dignified cremation free of charge to low-income individuals abandoned in non-profit institutions, hospitals, or morgues.

{tab=HOW WE HELP}

Each of our institutions has a Social Work unit composed of a team of specialized professionals with the required experience and human quality to assess and analyze the different needs of low-income individuals who come to us, identifying cases that require more assistance, providing timely solutions, and benefiting those who have less.

Likewise, our hospitals have the valuable support of the Voluntary Ladies of the Hospital Volunteer Association (ASVOLH), who, with dedication and commitment, complement our social work with their service hours to support the recovery of men, children, and women.

Indirectly, we are a source of employment for more than 3,000 Ecuadorian families, for whom the sale of National Lottery products represents a dignified livelihood and a way to contribute and show solidarity with our work.

{tab=HOW WE SUSTAIN OURSELVES}

The income from the sale of National Lottery products is entirely devoted to the maintenance and continuity of our extensive charitable work. To offset the high costs of providing care and well-being to millions of Ecuadorians, we engage in self-management through the sale of private services in the clinics or pensions of our hospitals, hospices, and cemeteries. In this way, we offer services and personalized attention to those who can afford it, benefiting hundreds of thousands of economically disadvantaged people who come to our institutions for healthcare, education, and more.

Our name has crossed national borders, and important foundations, institutions, and hospitals in the United States, Canada, Germany, Japan, Chile, among others, support us with donations of medical supplies and equipment, as well as sending medical missions to perform high-complexity surgeries in collaboration with the medical staff of our hospitals. This allows us to share the donations we receive from other institutions with smaller foundations and provide them with training and guidance in the healthcare field, just as these foreign institutions have done for us.

The donations received also allow us to support the work of other social assistance foundations and institutions in Ecuador, especially those providing healthcare services.

Despite the generous help we receive and self-management efforts, the income is not sufficient to cover the rapidly growing urgent social needs day by day. This is why we appeal to the solidarity of all those who wish to join this massive and rewarding charity work that will restore well-being and hope to hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children in the less fortunate sectors of Ecuadorian society.

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*"For the Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil,
la Social Responsibility is our reason for being,
it is our ongoing commitment to the community and to the
community and to the sustainable development of our Organization."*