



Seventy-one year old Nicolas Aviles led a normal life but one day intense bone pain began to appear, suddenly his body became paralyzed and he ceased to walk. The Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil rushed to the rescue and he was transferred to the [Hospital Luis Vernaza](#) where the medical attention he required was given free of charge in order to improve the quality of his life.

Nicolas led a normal life next to his wife. He worked as a nighttime guard and played soccer y with his friends during the day. He was very active until one day he began to experience pain in his bones, at knee level and the ankles. These symptoms grew, his whole body became paralyzed and he stopped walking.

It was then, that he and his wife in desperation not knowing where to turn to, allowed a neighbor to call the RTS T.V. Channel. At once, la Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil came to the rescue. He was transferred, to the Luis Vernaza Hospital where exams were performed, among them a resonance and several X-Rays. He was diagnosed as having problems with a cervical disc with myelopathy.

According to Nicolás he was well attended to during the during the seven days he stayed at the Luis Vernaza Hospital. He received medicine, food and medical attention completely free of charge.

"I am very grateful to the Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil, because they were determined to help me, without pay, all for free, well attended to as well as to the doctors and nurses. The Junta gave me a walking cane, a wheelchair and another special chair to bathe. I have no words to tell them how grateful I am and may God bless them", he concluded.