



Belma Corozo's eyes well up with tears when recalling what her daughter Andrea lived through with headaches and vomiting due to a brain tumor, caused by sclerosis tuberosa diagnosed at the age of two.

She became acquainted with La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil through the "Friendly Camera" T.V. segment from channel 10, whereby the Social Work area from La Junta contacted Belma to help her daughter. Surgery was the solution and all expenses were taken care of by La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil through their Opportune Help Program.

Nowadays Andrea is 17 years old and still in treatment. "When she turned fifteen the Doctor told me she had to be operated before the tumor continued to grow and that she would begin to have convulsions", said Belma.

At the moment Andrea is studying third year of high school and dreams of graduating to pursue her college career. "I would like to be a Psychologist to help many youngsters who become involved with drugs so they can understand this hurts them and their family", concluded Andrea.

"I know God never forsakes me and the help provided by La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil is proof of that", commented Belma. Andrea is enjoying a better quality of life. A valve was installed in her due to a hydrocephalus condition shown and though not all of the tumor could be extracted, she no longer feels the symptoms that burdened her.

"All Medical consultations held with specialists, the medicine and all she needs doesn't cost me a cent. I just sign and they tell me, you are exonerated, you're in the Opportune Help Program. Both of them are still standing, with undying faith and a smile filled with hope.