

QI of Las Piñas: Supporting a Pediatric Ward and Building Bridges for the Deaf



Members of the Las Piñas Quota club work to improve the health of babies and teens while also providing education to deaf children. When the club first started working with the Las Piñas General Hospital and Satellite Trauma Center, women were delivering babies in rooms without air-conditioning, lying on mats on a hard cement floor. The babies were then sent home without benefit of simple screening tests that could identify treatable congenital disorders, and many faced an early death or a life of disability.

Quota members recognized the dire needs of the labor and delivery room, and the need for better infant care in the pediatric ward. In 2005, Hand-in-Hand funds were used to purchase 20 steel beds so women could deliver their babies in greater comfort. Further improvement came in later years with the donation of much-needed medical and hospital equipment. Funds were also used to increase the number of babies given a simple heel-prick blood test as a routine part of newborn baby care and to provide free surgery to children born with a cleft palate.



Conditions have improved with the help of Quotarians around the world, but much remains to be done at the newly named Quota International of Las Piñas Pediatric Ward. Donations in 2013-2015 will ensure all newborns born at the hospital have neonatal screening tests (not provided otherwise), funding medical supplies for the screening (\$12 per baby), linens & gowns for the babies, and infant care education for families. The club also plans to provide teenage girls with cervical cancer vaccinations for future protection against the disease at the hospital.

Simultaneously, Las Piñas Quotarians will give local deaf children a positive start in education, providing an elementary school with uniforms for students, a salary for the teacher, as well as books and learning materials. The government provides the building, and nothing more, for deaf students. Quota provides opportunity.



Quota's caring and support is essential to deaf children, babies, and teens in Las Piñas.

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