

## *We Exist to Serve the Poor*

Our goal is to improve health outcomes in poor communities through primary healthcare, nursing services, public health, dental care, nutrition and education.



## Shoulders Together

### Shoulder to Shoulder Has Bold Expansion Plan

Thanks to generous funding from Susan T. Kaye, MD and the Benjamin H. Josephson MD Fund, Melanie and Roy Sanders, MD, other members of the Board of Shoulder to Shoulder, and its new academic partners, we are about to embark on a major expansion project to one of the poorest and most isolated areas of Honduras. The municipality of Concepcion, which is in the exact center of our largest projects in Honduras (Santa Lucia, Pinares and San Jose san Marcos de Sierra), is the home to more than 15,000 persons scattered over several hundred square miles of isolated mountainous terrain. 60% of the population live below the world poverty limit (less than \$2 per person per day), and 27% live under \$1 per person per day.

The Municipality of Concepcion has donated approximately 5 acres of pristine land to Shoulder to Shoulder to build a new facility that will include a medical clinic, dental clinic, pharmacy, housing facility for full time professionals and an operating room. Five of the most isolated and impoverished communities have been selected by the local Hombro a Hombro Committee of Concepcion to form a partnership with U.S. Academic Health Centers for the purpose of building an outpatient clinic staffed by a nurse and forming a long term relationship in order to work "shoulder to shoulder" to address issues of nutrition, health and education. Already, Brown University and the University of Wyoming Family Practice Program at Casper have committed to two of the five communities. During the next 3 years we will develop a central hub in Concepcion with 2-4 doctors, 3-4 nurses and a regular schedule of specialty surgery brigades serving the five surrounding communities and the larger region of southern Intibuca. In addition, within 5-10 years look to see a Shoulder to Shoulder bilingual school that will attract the best students of rural Intibuca. This school will educate students who will make significant contributions to the future leadership and development of the region.

#### What we have so far:

5 acres of land in Concepcion to house the clinic, mini-hospital, housing and future school  
A well functioning Hombro a Hombro Board in Concepcion and five in the rural areas  
Two Academic Health Partners committed to two rural communities

#### What we still need

- Funding to begin construction on the medical/dental facility in Concepcion
1. Three more committed Academic Health Center Partners for the three remaining communities
  2. Funding to complete the construction of all the facilities (approximately \$200,000)
  3. Many volunteers for the construction brigades in the summer of 2008
  4. Doctors (preferably Family Doctors or Pediatricians) to work for a 2 year commitment in Santa Lucia beginning in the spring of 2008 and in Concepcion by 2009.
  5. A Dentist to work in Concepcion by August of 2008- preferably a 2 year commitment.
  6. A seasoned educator/administrator to champion the bilingual school in Concepcion (2-3 years in planning and at least the first 2 years of operations living in Honduras)

[Click here for more information](#)

### Central Clinic and 5 out clinics

December 2007



View from New Concepcion Project site

### VIRTUAL FIESTA SUCCESS!

Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support and generosity during this year's fundraising campaign! We continue to receive donations for "virtual" tables, appetizers, desserts, etc. Please contact Mo Jennings at [mjennings@shouldertoshoulder.org](mailto:mjennings@shouldertoshoulder.org) if you are interested in participating!

### Coming Soon: Child Sponsorship Program

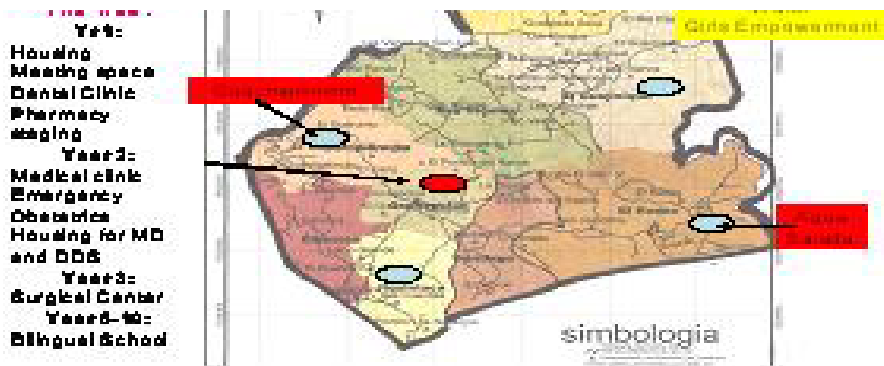
What would it cost to provide these children with:

- Free access to acute health care
- Preventive health care
- Dental care and fluoride treatment
- School lunches
- School supplies



For \$15 per month, you can provide these children with the services above.

**How it will work:** Our Honduran staff identifies children living in poor communities whose families cannot pay even the smallest amount for health care, dental care, food and



**Remember: *If it was easy, someone else would have done it a long time ago. Shoulder to Shoulder can only be successful with courage, boldness and persistence in its advocacy for the poor.***

#### Medical and Dental Services

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#### ALTERNATIVE GIVING THIS HOLIDAY

As you set out for the mall to buy the usual holiday socks or sweaters, we hope that you will consider some alternative gift-giving this season. These alternative gifts will lead to truly lasting changes in the lives of a Honduran child or family. For a few dollars, provide many books for the Santa Lucia library, or help a patient get to the nearest hospital for emergency care. Please consider these:

- ◆ Sponsor a child for a year \$20 per month
- ◆ Assortment of Library books \$20
- ◆ Deliver a baby \$50
- ◆ Fluoride treatment for 200 children \$50
- ◆ 5000 meals for the children \$50

education.

- ◆ Shoulder to Shoulder identifies children in communities that we serve who are exceptionally needy.
- ◆ A photograph of the child in their community plus a brief biography is provided to you, the donor, once a year so that you know who you are supporting.
- ◆ You can pay \$15 monthly for the child's support. Your gift is tax deductible.
- ◆ You receive regular email Shoulder to Shoulder updates.
- ◆ You provide access to acute and preventative health care, dental care and fluoride treatment, and school lunches and related supplies.