



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 4550 BAHIA / BRAZIL

"Aide Memoir"

Illustrated Notes about Rotary Projects in Partnership with District 6920 and Georgia Rotary Clubs

Project APAE – Jequié

Rotary International District 6920 has been having a very important role as their Rotarians do participate actively in motivating Brazilian Rotarians of various clubs of District 4550 – Bahia – Brazil.

The very first partnership was established with Rotary Clubs of Jequié, Bahia and District 4550, in the Rotary Year 2011/2012, for a Matching Grant co-sponsored by the Rotary Foundation for providing a vehicle for transportation handicapped children for the APAE, a not-for-profit association (photo).

Project Rotary Mobile Health 01 – MG# 1378286 - Public Health Medical Assistance Fairs

A fruitful partnership for assisting the needy people of Bahia was strengthened in the following Rotary Year 2012-2013, as the Rotary Clubs of Georgia District 6920 co-sponsored the Project Rotary Mobile Health Unit 1 for medical assistance to needy communities named **Public Health Medical Assistance Fairs. The Fundação José Silveira**, a not-for-profit foundation, was selected by Bahia Rotarians as the operating entity for the project. The Project was deployed and the very first fully equipped motor-clinic did an awesome work in many a community of the suburbs of Salvador and cities of the Interior of Bahia State, including some cities of the neighboring RI District 4390 (photos).

Project Rotary Mobile Health 01B – MG# 1379539 - Assistance Vehicle for Transporting Patients and Doctors for the Public Health Medical Assistance Fairs

A 14 passenger Van was added to the project and a solution for an identified bottle-neck was made viable, by the partnership with Rotary Clubs of District 6920, also with the operational duties delegated to the Fundação José Silveira (photo).

Project Rotary Mobile Health 02 – GG# 1420077 - Assistance Vehicle for the Centro de Referência Estadual para Pessoas com Transtorno do Espectro Autista (CRE-TEA) – Novo Mundo , (english – State of Bahia Reference Center for Persons With Autism Specxtrum Disorder, having as operating partner the LABCFMI – Liga Álvaro Bahia Contra a Mortalidade Infantil – Hospital Martagão Gesteira

(<http://martagaogesteira.com.br/> and <http://martagaogesteira.com.br/cre-tea-promove-semana-do-autismo/>), under the National Health System – SUS, a totally free (public health) pioneering pediatric assistance.

Such Rotary Mobile Health Unit 2 is a mobile reference center for identifying autistic children in various towns and needy communities. Children with autism if they are assisted in early ages the majority of them can be socially integrated in their communities. The specialized treatment is quite expensive and the Brazilian Public Health System adopted this pioneering project – a totally free assistance for autistic children and Rotary International came into such a project as a co-sponsor the mobile reference unit. The Center is now in full operation (photos) and the mobile unit has been aiding in identifying patients, as well as having a promotion role for alerting families for the possibilities of public special medical and educational assistance. The Rotary Mobile Unit 2 – AUTISM is equipped with two clinical rooms in side of a bus and the two rooms are separated by a see-through mirror, which allows professionals to observe behavior of children, while they play in the neighboring room. The multi-disciplinary team is made up of: social assistants, medical doctors, physical educators, nurses, physical therapist,

speech therapist, musical therapist, nutritionist, pedagogy specialist, psychologists and occupational therapists.

The Center for Autism assists 200 needy children per month, and it will also be equipped for training various professionals for the adequate care of children with the Autism Spectrum Disorder, in the State of Bahia and vicinities.

Project Rotary Mobile Health 03 – GG# 1532160- Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis. Having as its operational partner the Fundação José Silveira – IBIT – Instituto Brasileiro para Investigação da Tuberculose – one of the pioneering scientific and medical assistance entities in Brazil dedicated to eradication of tuberculosis. This Rotary Mopbile Unit id in process of acquisition. The unit will initially be focused on the Penitentiary Interns and Street Dwelling (Homeless) people.

Project Rotary Mobile Health 04 – GG# 1638617 – Mobile Intensive Care Mobile Unit for assisting the Unidade de Treinamento para Desospitalização-UTD and its integrating Project PAVD – Pacientes com Assistencia Ventilatória Domiciliar – Patients with Home Ventilatory Assistance, also a pioneering pediatric medical assistance for families whose children used to need a full time ICU Assistance, occupying general care hospitals with a high risk of infection. In the UTD the Family member is trained to give a full timer assistance for their children in the home environment.

Such assistance differs from a home-care, since it is paid by the trained family members, and thus the treatment is much more effective and interaction of a much higher intensity. The cost of the home assistance is much smaller, thus allowing the assistance of a greater number of patients, under the comparing public service budgeting. This is a pioneering pilot project in Brazil.

The mobile ICU will also be equipped by Rotarians to be able to provide urgency and emergency transportation for the already operating Neo-Natal ICU of the Hospital Martagão Gesteira. This project was led by the Rotary Club Salvador Barra, and the Rotary Club of Bahia helped training their leaders for the promotion of this GG project. The unit is presently in bid collection process, with the assistance of Rotarians.

Project Rotary Health 05 – GG# 1745280 – Deployment of the 11th. Surgical Room for the OSID – Obras Sociais Irmã Dulce, which operates a not for profit needy people Hospital Santo Antonio, withbeds for a totally free medical assistance (Brazilian SUS – Sistema Único de Saúde).

That is the most recent Rotary International Co-sponsoring Project by RI District 4550 and the Rotary Club da Bahia, with participation of Rotarians from the 6920 District and other Brazilian and international clubs and districts. It will benefit more than 10,000 patients per year, presently in waiting list situation and severely affected by oncological diseases. Many donation campaigns are in course both by Rotarians of District 4550, in order to raise US\$ 250,000.00 for the project, as well as US\$ 100,00.00 by the OSID system for construction works. OSID is a highly reputed social entity founded by Irmã Dulce dos Pobres, a catholic nun of admirable vision. The Foundation Stone for the project was laid in a special Rotary ceremony and Rotarians applied for a GG which is now in its course for approval by the Rotary Foundation, for deployment of the actions for the equipment acquisition and installation.

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Photos – attached