

Saving Lives in Ecuador

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IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF CHILDREN WITH DIABETES.

Five years ago a boy named Dario, who has Diabetes and Downs Syndrome, entered the life of FUVIDA. His mother had abandoned him because of his health conditions and his grandmother offered what she had – love and care.



Dario's house in 2014

His grandmother worked at the market feeding truckers throughout the night and early morning, in her hometown of Portoviejo, to support her grandson and buy supplies for diabetes. Dario earned some money by dancing in the market for people and when he was tired, he slept underneath his grandmother's countertop, next to the gas cylinder.

Dr Jessica Navas, a volunteer of FUVIDA who has put her heart and soul into working with children with diabetes since she became involved with the cause, visited Dario's house along with executives of the Manabi Branch of FUVIDA and realized his living conditions were subhuman.



Dr. Jessica Navas visit to Dario's house in 2014

We started knocking on doors and sending letters requesting humanitarian aid to the President of the Republic's office, the MIES, MIDUVI, and MSP because Dario needed a home, medical care, and the disability pension. Since his Grandma was over 70 years old she also needed to receive a pension. The response was immediate.



Government's response to our request

The government responded to our requests to the various agencies, and contacted us to formulate a solution for Dario and his grandmother's serious problem.

Two years later FUVIDA visited Dario's house and what a surprise! Today he and his grandmother have a nice house made by the Housing Ministry (MIDUVI), with two bedrooms, a kitchen, dining room and all the facilities that a family in our country deserves. Dario showed, with much happiness, where he is sleeping now.



Dario's house in 2016

Dario's grandma now receives a disability pension and looks after Dario 24 hours a day. She has peace of mind. FUVIDA funds Dario's costly diabetes supplies.

Through US sponsors, Dario has been provided with an insulin pump. He will be trained to use it soon.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jessica, Matt, MIES, MIDUVI, MSP, and the Presidency of the Republic, who fulfilled our requests and have provided dignity for Dario, just as every human being deserves.

Thank you to everyone who made it possible to improve the quality of life of Dario and his grandmother.

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