



ROTARY CLUB OF BELIZE

PROJECT OUTLINE

MERCY CARE CENTER ROOF

Area: Community Development

Beneficiaries: approx 800

As a non-profit, charitable facility and the only geriatric care facility in Belize, Mercy Care Center (MCC) offers primary healthcare and social services to the vulnerable, low-income elderly and depends on donations from the community and abroad for its funding. MCC is comprised of two units, Mercy Kitchen and the Kitchen of who over 50 are homebound. In 2007 approximately 831 registered clinic patients (of which 400 are active) had access to quality, comprehensive healthcare by participating in one or all of the following: outpatient clinic, home nursing care, health education, palliative care and physical therapy. Due to financial constraints MCC have had to scale down the clinic facilities. The Government of Belize is in the process of assisting MCC with a doctor three days a week as well as allowing patients to facilitate the National Health Care prescription program. MCC at one time was sponsored by the religious order of the Sisters of Mercy of Belize but since Hurricane Katrina sponsorship has just about ceased.

MCC also serves a vital role in the community as a local expert and advocate for the health and social needs of the country's vulnerable low-income elderly. It has a high level of recognition for providing quality service and compassionate medical care to the country's vulnerable low-income elderly in Belize.

This project proposes to install a new roof on the center and to provide for an apartment within the facility for visiting doctors in order to provide the following:

Outpatient care: clinics operates 3 days a week.

Outreach Home Care Programs-consistent professional nursing care is made available in home

Palliative care-is part of the outreach nursing program; dealing with end of life issues.

Outreach and education- provided in the community through participation in health fairs and one-on-one patient counseling.

Advocacy-MCC promotes recognition of the elderly across sectors.

Human Services- Congregate dining and meals delivery. Simulation activities and personal/hygiene care, pastoral services.

Club: US\$500

4250 DDF: \$0

Needed: US\$14,852

TOTAL: US\$15,352

Contact Person: Anthony Hunt

Implementation Time : 3 months

Email: yellowtail@btl.net

Location: Belize City