

About MIMA Foundation - MIMA Foundation

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MIMA Foundation was founded in 1996 by a group of South Florida Physicians and nurses. This group has grown to include members from across the country.

A private nonprofit, non-denominational organization, The team sends medical specialists each year to Developing Countries that have limited or unavailable medical care for the indigent population.

MIMA is derived from the Spanish "MIMAR", which means " To Care For". Since inception, MIMA has traveled to Bolivia and Peru and hopes to expand to locations in Central America in the future....

All the members are volunteers; no one is a paid employee and all funds are raised by the team members. It costs approximately \$1500 to send a team member on a trip, and all donations are tax deductible. Each volunteer is responsible for contributing \$1350 for the trip in addition to their medical expertise.

MIMA Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization recognized by the IRS. Founded in 1995, MIMA is 100% funded by private charitable, tax-deductible donations.

There are no paid employees and all labor, supplies and funds are donated. The organization coordinates with area hospitals, pharmaceutical representatives and local businesses to collect needed items. All supplies are brought by the team to the host country. MIMA is funded primarily from private individuals...your help is needed.

The MIMA Philosophy

To provide medical care to indigent populations and underserved individuals who cannot otherwise access health care. To share medical knowledge with health care providers to insure continuity of care.

Our first trip was to Cochabamba, Bolivia, where we found great need for our services. We have returned there every year since and have felt the warm reception of the people who await our visit each year. MIMA has consulted with more than 2000 patients and performed more than 1200 surgical procedures.

In 1999, we made our first trip to Peru and in the wake of Hurricane Mitch some of our team members assisted in Honduras.

Now, MIMA hopes to expand to Guatemala where our services are greatly needed. We are connecting with Partner For Surgery (www.partnerforsurgery.org) and look forward to a long and successful relationship with them to aid MIMA to provide the needed services there.

Anna and Norberto Benitez head up the MIMA Uganda Program (www.themimafoundation.org) and have had great and ongoing success there.

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