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Self-development strategies in health for rural Mexico

The Tia Foundation

Spring Newsletter

We have a lot to catch you up on!

Tia completed a project, donors joined us in the field, raised money at the Biltmore and created a short film. Also, we are working with UVM to expand our services and **our mobile medical lab is about to get an important new instrument.**

This June, Tia will be doing our second project with Brophy in Poncitlán. Sadly, Jalisco (as of March 27th, 2017) was determined to have second highest rate of people with kidney ailments on earth. **40% of all people who inhabit this region of Jalisco are in some level of kidney failure.**¹

The Tia Foundation just completed a project in Atengo, during which we gave healthcare to 7,000 new



Now
Serving
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519
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people. This puts our total at 165,000 people served using 519 Community Health Workers. We would like to thank UVM for the hard work and dedication of their students and professors. **The fine people of Atengo treated all of us with kindness, respect and worked incredibly hard to master the material.** They will surely be some of our best Promotores to date.

Barry and Carmen just joined Tia on the last project and they are now donating a spectrophotometer to our mobile medical laboratory. This extremely versatile piece of equipment is used in many fields of science and medicine. In blood it can quickly measure hemoglobin, the amount of protein in plasma, screen new born babies for metabolic disorders and much more.

When you walk into the mobile chemistry lab, you are greeted by the hum of a centrifuge, the clinking



7,000 new people with healthcare

... and 38 more Promotores

Brophy is joining Tia in Poncitlán

of sample test tubes and the caring voices of biotech students preparing patients for a blood draw. **Diabetes and kidney failure are rampant across rural Mexico** and the lab is our best weapon to detect and manage these illnesses.

Breakfast at Biltmore was a great success and Tia is already planning next year's Biltmore event. Stay tuned for an invitation to the valley's classiest cocktail party! Dress up, be entertained and get a little giggly with the Tia Foundation. If you or anyone you know would like to be on our charity planning committee, please email us at tionate@cox.net

The Tia Foundation premiered its first short film² at our event this February at the Biltmore. The video was designed to introduce people to the Tia Foundation who may not know what we do and to show loyal Tia supporters how a project happens. If you would like to view the



Laura was nominated for a nonprofit executive award



Biltmore Cocktail party next year for Tia



Diabetes just became the #1 cause of death in Mexico

film, visit the Tia Foundation's YouTube channel (leave us a comment and let us know what you think).

Thank you for reading and for your support. **It is very important us and to the thousands of people who benefit from your generosity.** The Tia Foundation works hard to keep you informed about what we do and produce content that is entertaining. If you have comments or suggestions, we would love to hear them. **Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and send us a funny GIF!**

¹"Kidney Failure Cases Probed in Jalisco." *Mexico Daily News*. N.p., 27 Mar. 2017. Web. 21 Apr. 2017.

²Tia Foundation Video

<https://youtu.be/YidAtqR12ko>

Playlist "Who is the Tia Foundation?": The Tia Foundation



See Tia's
short film on
YouTube



Thank you
so much
UVM

