

GARRETT V. BIVENS FOUNDATION

Offering the Broken Hearted a Future & a Hope

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PASSION PLANNING PROGRESS

The **PASSION** of one woman, Dr. Anna Cabeca, led to an act of great generosity and compassion. After the tragic loss of her son Garrett, Dr. Cabeca was determined to turn her pain into a vehicle of grace. Thus, the Garrett V. Bivens Foundation (GVBF) was born. **PLANNING** to focus on healing for traumatized women and children, GVBF developed partnerships with the House of Hope in Brunswick, GA and Fruto de la Vid Christian Academy in Gurabo, Puerto Rico.



Dr. Anna Cabeca

With passion fueled planning, we made **PROGRESS!** GVB's has been instrumental the development of House of Hope, a refuge for young women rescued from sex trafficking. We look forward to continuing this collaboration as the program advances. We also rejoice in the restoration and outreach of Fruto de la Vid, as they recover from the \$100,000 of damage reeked by Hurricane Maria.

Please consider becoming a partner by contributing to GVBF!

Doors Wide Open...welcoming all children!



Principal Anna Ceruto

Anna Ceruto, the principal of Fruto de la Vid, recently opened the doors of the academy to children in the community whose public schools remain closed since Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. Passionate about the welfare of children, Anna welcomes children regardless of their ability to pay tuition.

The cost of educating one child is \$250 per month. Principal Ceruto is seeking sponsors for these children. GVBF needs your generous support to reach our goal of sponsoring ten children.

You can designate your donation to this sponsorship program!

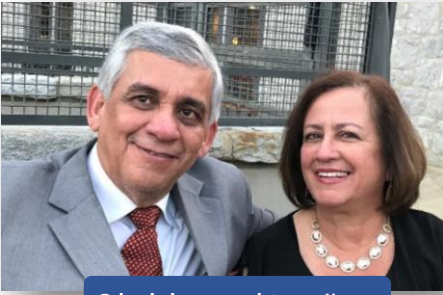
Sister Schools: Learning More Together

GVBF initiated a partnership between St. Simons Christian School here in Georgia and Fruto de la Vid. Using tools such as Skype and Facebook, the students will interact in both Spanish and English. Our goal for this project is **CHANGED HEARTS AND LIVES**. We pray for students to grow in compassion as they develop relationships with people from a different culture.

All these students shared the experience of utter powerlessness as hurricanes ravaged their homes this fall. Yet, their post-hurricane experiences differ greatly. With lack of resources and infrastructure, the students in Puerto continue to struggle while the students in Georgia move forward. Join us in praying for these students to develop hearts yearning for justice and lives demonstrating love.

*"Beyond gifts of money and supplies the Garrett V. Bivens Foundation, gave us the gift of **HOPE!** Knowing we are not forgotten, gives us courage to **PRESS-ON!**"*
-Principal Ceruto

A Quiet Passion Fuels Her Power



Crispiniano and Jamellette

There is a hidden treasure tucked in the office of Dr. Anna Cabeca. Jamellette Difffoot greets visitors with sincerity and kindness. As a staff member, she works behind the scenes to promote and distribute Dr. Cabeca's excellent products. Jamellette warms the office with her welcoming presence.

Beyond her role in the office, Jamellette and her husband Crispiniano co-founded, and

now direct "Freedom by the Blood of Jesus Christ Ministry." FBJCM works with Principal Ceruto at Fruto de la Vid Christian Academy assisting with rebuilding and outreach. Through FBJCM, students recently received 300+ backpacks filled with school supplies FBJCM.

The couple also speak-out on behalf of the people of Puerto Rico here in the U.S. They give voice to the needs which still exist post-Hurricane.

Jamellette and Crispiniano proclaim the story of suffering which must be heard even though the reporters have gone.



The Children enjoying their new backpacks.



Darcelle in front of House of Hope

Darcelle's Dream House

For over a decade, Darcelle Burandt, Founder of House of Hope, prayerfully held on to a dream that one day she would open a group home for young women. This year, her dream came true.

House of Hope provides refuge for women rescued from sex trafficking. The need for shelters for these women is the number one need for residential care in the State of Georgia. We rejoice that the House of Hope will open this spring and fill a portion of this need.

Darcelle Burandt recently wrote the following words of gratitude to GVB:

Thank you for believing in House of Hope's mission from inception to birth. I met with the GVB Foundation just after we bought the house. GVBF

immediately blessed us with a donation for flooring, attorney fees, paint, and much more. Later contributions helped us through licensing and construction.

GVBF shares our passion for helping these young women. What a blessing when two passions meet, one with needs and the other with means!

Thank you GVB Foundation



Word of Encouragement on a desk at House of Hope

- At the **Garrett V. Bivens Foundation** we pledge:

- To invest your money into the lives of women and children who need it the most
- To only partner with those who empower the powerless through education, therapeutic intervention, job training and placement and spiritual development
- Not to support the further victimization of people through irresponsible charity

Please go to gvbfoundation.org to donate!