

GARRETT VIERA BIVENS FOUNDATION

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This harvest season I give thanks for each of you!

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To further understand the *Garrett V. Bivens Foundation* and *to donate* go to gvbfoundation.org

Dear Friend,

Did you know that you not only joined a community of women invested in improving the quality of their own lives, but *with each purchase, you improve the lives of broken and hurting women and children?!*



Dr. Anna Cabeca, Founder and President
Garrett Viera Bivens Foundation

We donate a generous portion of the sales from our products and services to the Garrett V. Bivens Foundation. GVBF

supports the healing and restoration of traumatized women and children. Read on and join me in thanksgiving for the blessing of being part of this good work.

Providing Hope

With pride we report the progress of our ongoing investment in the *House of Hope*, Brunswick, GA. House of Hope will soon shelter six young women who are victims of sex trafficking. These young women will receive a complete range of therapeutic services, education, and life-skills training all within a safe, nurturing environment.

Our “Road to Restoration” plan reflects the recommendations of the federal government for mental health professionals, healthcare providers, law enforcement and communities of faith to work together and address the needs of the victims of this scourge.

Road to Restoration

Mind	Body	Heart	Soul
Healing from trauma via individual and group therapy offered by licensed professionals as well as grade appropriate education.	Receiving complete healthcare, nourishing food, and personal care services while living in a safe home.	Developing the ability to trust through relationships with trustworthy people, consistent care and healthy boundaries.	Learning to accept and celebrate the renewing, transformative love of our merciful God

Look How Far They've Come

September twenty-first marked one-year since hurricane Maria devastated the island of Puerto Rico. Sadly, many residents still live without clean water and electricity. But the people of Gurabo, Puerto Rico rejoiced when *the students of Fruto de la Vid Christian Academy move out of classroom tents, back into their school building!* Thanks to the dedication and hard work of many parents, church members, and the supporters of the Garrett V. Bivens Foundation, reconstruction of the school building was completed in August.



Michael Cordova and Everidys Morales

Professional psychologist, Michael Cordova and his wife, Everidys Morales, a teacher at Fruto de la Vid and a family counselor, experienced the journey from tent to classroom professionally and personally. They served the children and families through counselling and teaching, as they provided support to their son, (sixth grade) and daughter (eighth grade) both students at Fruto de la Vid.

Michael and Everidys explained that the children were not only traumatized by the storm and the destruction left behind but

exasperated by the radical changes to daily life. The couple reported that initially, their son wanted to move to a new country.

With time and encouragement, the children became resourceful, and began to make the best of the situation, playing board games, riding bicycles, reading books, visiting with neighbors, and generally thriving within the limitations and loss. The parents marveled over the children's ability to adapt.



Fruto de la Vid students

**Continue to prayerfully and financially
Support our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico!**

Our Pledge and Our Purpose

- 🌱 To use your money to change lives, not create dependency
- 🌱 To work with partners utilizing the tools of education, job training, therapeutic intervention and spiritual development
- 🌱 To gather and distribute resources to partners focused on healing and empowering traumatized women and children

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