



Ecuadorian Organizations Come Together to Celebrate World Diabetes Day

Ambato, Ecuador November 26, 2005 (AYUDA) In honor of World Diabetes Day, AYUDA Inc, Fundación Centro de Comercio de Ambato (CENEC), and the Fundación Diabetes Juvenil Ecuador (FDJE) met Saturday to encourage all Ecuadorians to learn more about diabetes.

“We wanted to hold a conference within the local community that would raise diabetes awareness, information & education that is lacking here in Ecuador””, said Merith Basey, AYUDA’s Country Officer in Ecuador.”

Speakers at the conference included, Dr Miguel Pascal who spoke of the importance of good diabetes control and the power of self-management, and Paulina Mantilla, President of the FDJE, who spoke of the services offered by the FDJE to help children with diabetes and their families. Merith Basey discussed opportunities for Ecuadorian youth with diabetes, noting Campo Amigo Ecuador and other AYUDA projects.

Founded in 1996, AYUDA is a youth led organization that works to help to provide diabetes the education and supplies throughout Ecuador. In 1999, AYUDA’s vision was first realized as Campo Amigo Ecuador: a week long overnight camp where teams of American youth unite with Ecuadorian youth to create a safe, fun, and educational environment for children with diabetes. Since their first camp, AYUDA has had over 600 campers participate and has provided over \$1.75 million dollars in medical supplies and services to Ecuador and other parts of Latin America.

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