

March 1sr, 2017.

Mrs. Jan Parker
National Minister
Secular Franciscan Order
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Dear Sister Jan,

Peace and good

On the occasion of this Lentenperiod, when we are preparing ourselves to fully experience Christ's passion and resurrection, we find it to be the best time for offering our appreciation for YOUR work of mercy!



In the name of the local Fraternity of "Our Lady of Chiquinquirá" in Caracas and from the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) of Venezuela, I am writing to you to express our gratitude to all the brothers and sisters from the USA National Fraternity who have contributed with medicines to our project called in Spanish, "*Remedio entre Todos*" (translated as "sharing medicines among all".)



“Remedio entre Todos” is a project carried out by our Fraternity at the premises of the Parish Church where our Fraternity is located. It was launched in June 2015 as the imminent response to the big medicine scarcity Venezuelans are suffering in recent years. A long list of meds have disappeared from drugstores mainly due to the fact that local laboratories are not producing them. On the other hand, imported medicines have a very high price which most people are not able to pay.



We know that when our sister Chelito made a plea for a possible donation of medicines from brothers and sisters coming to the USA National Chapter, an action plan was immediately put forward, not only asking people to bring medicines, but also finding a way to deliver them to the Chapter site and later on to Venezuela. Chelito was able to bring around 17 lbs in her luggage, and two boxes weighing 44 lbs. each were also later sent by a direct courier to Venezuela. When medicines and first aid supplies arrived, it made a tremendous impact in the inventory of “Remedio entre Todos.” Not only it was possible to fulfill the need of those coming to the service, but many medicines were sent to other locations, schools and Franciscan missions, especially outside the Capital city of Caracas where the situation is even worse. It was certainly amazing to see how many medicines, vitamins, first aid supplies, etc. you were able to collect!!



Through the invaluable contribution from brothers and sisters from the USA, we have experienced the gift of “fraternity” and the true living of the spirit of the Beatitudes to which we are all committed.



We are sending you pictures showing how this service is in place. On a weekly basis we assist around 100 persons looking for medicines. We are able to fulfill their request in 60% of the cases.

We ask the Lord’s blessings for each and everyone of our dear OFS brothers and sisters from the USA who have been so generous supporting and caring for others through *Remedio entre Todos*.

Peace and good,


Igor Almario



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Minister

