

Ride for World Health



A journey across the nation to meet needs across the world.

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Ride for World Health (R4WH) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization founded in November 2004 by a small group of medical students with a shared interest in global health issues. They were concerned about the disparity of resources affecting access to healthcare and wanted to take a proactive role in changing it. The organization completed its first cross-country cycling trip and “Coast-to-Coast Lecture Series” in the spring of 2006.

The mission of R4WH is to address global health disparities by focusing on education, advocacy, and fundraising. This is accomplished by utilizing a national cycling event as a vehicle for change. Each year our “Coast-to-Coast Lecture Series” initiates meaningful dialogue throughout communities along our 3,700 mile journey. Through our efforts, we raise significant funds to be donated to non-profit organizations with goals consistent with our vision and empower our audience to become informed, active global citizens.

Education and advocacy are fundamental to the mission of R4WH. However, alone these are insufficient to generate the change we hope to see in the world. Donor money drives global health efforts. This year, we are proud to support two organizations **Esperança** and **Village Health Works** as our beneficiaries.



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R4WH is happy to be supporting two beneficiaires in 2009!

Esperança is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving health and providing hope for families in the poorest communities of the world through sustainable disease prevention, education and treatment programs. Since its formation in 1970, Esperança has provided services in 14 countries. Esperança currently has projects in Bolivia, Nicaragua, Mozambique, and Arizona.

Through their programs Esperança provides surgical, dental, and preventive medicine services. Among Esperança's accomplishments, the organization's surgical teams have performed over 2,000 surgeries in Bolivia and demonstrated surgical techniques to countless local medical personnel. In Mozambique the organization provides education and preventative services against HIV/AIDS, cholera, and malaria. In the United States, Esperança provides medical services in Central Phoenix where 55.7% of the population lives 200% or more below the Federal Poverty Limit.

Village Health Works (VHW) is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing high quality healthcare to the people of Burundi, reported in 2006 by the World Bank to be the world's poorest country. Death rates in Burundi from preventable disease are among the highest in the world. One out of every five Burundians dies from water-born diseases and poor sanitation.

VHW believes integrating community members in their own care is crucial to creating the lasting partnership needed for people to improve their own health and lives. VHW strives to recruit, train, and employ local health professionals. Current health care programs provided by VHW are focused on primary care, particularly pediatrics and women's health, and include comprehensive services for HIV/AIDS, malaria, TB prevention and care, and a nutritional support program.

Find out more at www.Rideforworldhealth.org