



CIELO de Amor Newsletter July 2024



CIELO de Amor is thriving



(right) Patricio is our newest hire. He is not only an experienced woodworker, but also an experienced advocate for people with disabilities founding his own organization 15 years ago, that continues to thrive in San Antonio, a nearby town.

We are thrilled to share that our staff are growing in numbers and in expertise. We now have three physical therapists and two technicians. Jessica and Kevin (Pt's) received basic level certificates by the International Society of Wheelchair Professionals (ISWP), and this summer will complete the requirements for intermediate level certification. We are so proud of our team.



Our new center

(below) We are delighted to share that we moved to a new center in December. It is spacious, accessible, and centrally located. The families enjoy picking a mandarin on their way out with their new or repaired wheelchair.



Check out this video

Thanks to Pangea TV and Momentum, this beautiful short video was made, showing the impact on the daily life of Jhon Jairo and his family.

Facebook: <https://fb.watch/sm4JyrIGA9/>
YouTube: [https://youtu.be/sGFDQeNCHik?
si=iACgEKIREJFcqzZz](https://youtu.be/sGFDQeNCHik?si=iACgEKIREJFcqzZz)

Our new project in Ecuador is expanding, with your support we are impacting the lives of so many children, adults, and their families.
Thank you so much for making all this possible!

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Advocacy and empowerment

We are promoting the rights and needs of people in a variety of ways. We teach wheelchair users how to assemble and repair chairs, teach families how to put wheelchairs in taxis, and navigate ramps, and provide trainings about wheelchair provision to government administrators, physical therapists, and health care workers.



257 customized wheelchairs provided, including follow up services



Accomplishments!

- *Hired and trained five staff members
- *Moved to a new wheelchair provision center that is spacious, and accessible
- *Provided customized wheelchairs, repairs, and follow up services to 257 children and adults
- *Provided 5 trainings to government administrators, physical therapists, health care workers, teachers, wheelchair users, caregivers

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Needs!

- *Monthly, annual or one time donors, in any amount, to help guarantee salaries for the local staff every year.
- *Share our mission and this newsletter with others.
- *We are still dreaming of a purpose built center and have one grantor, but are looking for others who could contribute more substantial sums toward a capital campaign of \$200k
- *Physical therapists to volunteer by consultation, or come visit us in Ibarra

Thank you...

to all our donors and supporters for continuing to stand with us as we expand to providing mobility and education in Ibarra, Ecuador. You give us strength and hope in a time where kindness and compassion are needed more than ever!

—Ruth Weinberg, Kit Frank and the CIELO de Amor Family

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