

EVERYMAN FOUNDATION CELEBRATES ITS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN COLÓN

Everyman Foundation, an international non-profit and non-governmental organization, first began operations in the city of Colón, Panama in 2001, where it has fostered social welfare and humanitarian aid programs ever since.

The driving forces behind this were Everyman Founder and President, Gerald Henry of New Zealand and Everyman Co-Founder, Omar Alexis Brunette of Colon Panama.

This NGO (Non Governmental Organization) was first organized in the USA in 1997 by Gerald Henry, with the idea of human solidarity regardless of racial, economic, or social differences.

He was mainly motivated by the great work of Mother Teresa of Calcutta – known the world over for her dedication to the most needy and for her devotion to human solidarity.

Strengthened by her faith and hope in the “option for the poor” – as articulated by Pope John Paul II – Everyman was launched as a humanitarian aid organization providing direct benefits to those who need them most.

In spite of being a global corporate strategist, Gerald Henry has essential qualities that are defined by his people skills and human solidarity.

Even with the affluent and professional levels he has reached he is still a humble and simple person who knows and understands the feelings of others whose suffering and



Everyman Foundation has provided custom built wheel chairs that have transformed the lives of severely handicapped children and their families.



needs are usually overlooked by the society in which we live.

Omar Brunette, president and liaison of Everyman Foundation in Panama, constitutes the human resources side and echoes the main motivations of the Everyman founders in the USA. Omar organized the Panamanian branch of the NGO, bringing together interdisciplinary professionals, youth, and ordi-

nary citizens in Colón, getting them to develop human solidarity actions, donating medical supplies and in places where government aid does not reach.

Omar Brunette passes on his enthusiasm for sharing to other organizations like churches, educational facilities, associations, and universities.

Today, Everyman Foundation has over



Everyman Foundation Founder, Gerald Henry, is pictured holding a child who became severely handicapped due to lack of access to basic medical help.

106 volunteers in Colón who come from all levels of society and interdisciplinary training, who have worked for 10 years in hard to reach places and with people who have low schooling levels or no income who represent those in extreme poverty.

Year after year volunteers donate their free time and to complete the hard task of sharing with these disadvantaged groups of

people.

Through its serious, organized, and honest work in Colón, Everyman Foundation has gained the respect and credibility of an entire community, including its main authorities, mayors, deputies, district representatives, and governors.

In the last ten years Everyman Foundation has successfully completed hundreds of

social projects including both special and regular wheelchair donations and other tools that help disabled people.

At the same time it has donated substantial medical supplies to public hospitals and clinics located in rural and suburban areas.

It has been able to donate food baskets to families without any income, which has had great emotional impact on the volunteers.

Throughout these years of work it has organized Christmas parties for poor children, giving them Christmas bags and toys.

A great dinner was organized for Everyman’s anniversary, and each volunteer was recognized for their work by international president Gerald Henry.

Everyman Foundation organized the main activity of its 10-year anniversary celebration with a motivation for peace, family unity and love – distributing more than a thousand Teddy Bears in the historic auditorium of José Guardia Vega High School.

The town of Colón, through its regional authorities, government officials, and ordinary citizens, is grateful to Everyman Foundation – especially its founder Gerald Henry – for the grand initiative to share with those who need it most and give a bit of happiness and hope to the poor of this world.

More information (including video documentaries) about Everyman Foundation can be found at www.everymanfoundation.org



For 10 years, Omar Alexis Brunette, Gerald Henry, and 100s of volunteers have distributed 1,000s of food baskets to those living in extreme poverty.



The joy of serving can be seen on the faces of Everyman volunteers.



The Everyman Christmas gift is often the only gift these children receive.



To share love, spread joy and give hope, Everyman Foundation distributed over 1,000 teddy bears to children living in poverty in the city of Colón.