



Sister Peggy's Legacy Lives On...

Education has been a center piece of our Mission for many decades as a key to escaping multi-generational poverty with it being the primary focus of Sr. Peggy Byrne. Providing resources like pre-school, supplies, tutoring, libraries and counseling formed the foundation of increased attendance and graduation from secondary school.

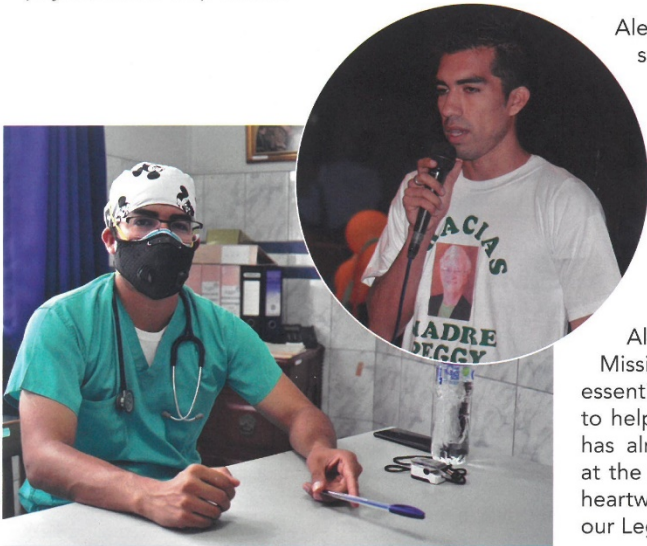
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The success of these programs fed the development of post-secondary options of vocational training and scholarships. Sr. Peggy was again instrumental in professional and vocational training and careers for scholarship recipients who would commit to their education and follow the tenets of our Mission to serve and take care of others.

A key to this ministry has been the Sr. Peggy Scholarship Program. In 2007 with the celebration in Ireland of Sr. Peggy's Golden Jubilee, she asked that any gifts be directed to scholarships to help the poor escape poverty. The Sr. Peggy Scholarship Program was created and grew with additional fundraising campaigns and donor support including those who give generously today.

Over the past 14 years, dozens of students have received scholarship support and personal guidance in completing post-secondary career paths, degrees and certifications in engineering, law, education, nursing, obstetrics, dentistry, medicine, architecture, psychology, management, electricians, mechanics and more. Scholarships continue today.

One of the students with the longest journey and commitment to the program is Alex Sanchez Caballero. Alex was involved with Sr. Peggy in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help including through confirmation. Alex's family of his mother, father, sister and brother had few resources to continue his education upon graduation from secondary school in 2006. He worked to afford part-time classes for 4 years but never lost sight of his dream to become a physician and help others.



Alex's commitment to his studies, work ethic and service resulted in full inclusion in 2012 in the Sr. Peggy Scholarship Program for a medical degree. In May, Alex completed the 8-year program and is now preparing for his year of rural medical service. His goal after service is to complete a residency program, ideally in Pediatrics. While it would be challenging, Alex would like to complete his residency in a country with advanced medical training capabilities like the United States, France or Spain.

Alex shares his gratitude to Sr. Peggy, donors and our Mission for the financial, emotional and spiritual support essential to his training and success. He is very committed to helping others and engaging in our Mission, which he has already demonstrated, helping at our COVID clinic at the Hospice facility. In these challenging times, it is so heartwarming to witness the success and continuation of our Legacy of Education on the journey out of poverty!