



## GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

Construction of the Good Samaritan Hospital began in 1990 as a walk in clinic for people living in La Romana, Dominican Republic. From the start it became the hub for multiple services extending into the many sugar cane farmer communities (Bateyes) throughout the region.

Today it is a full service general hospital providing health care from family practice through general surgery. The thirty departments, including Dialysis, CT Tomography, Ultrasound, and Arthroscopy treat 50,000 patients annually.

Building continues today on the third and fourth floors. The third floor will be dedicated to overnight care, expanding the thirty beds currently available to more than fifty.

Social services provided through a network of organizations in American communities are not available in the Dominican Republic.

To fill this void the hospital has stepped forward. Many programs have been created through the efforts of American volunteers with continued support being provided by the hospital.

The oldest and most beneficial is a network of community health providers. These people monitor the public health of the bateyes providing the first line of defense against dreaded diseases such as cholera.

Woman's Health and Family Planning education have helped improve the overall standard of living.

Supplemental educational programs such as the 'Sugar Cane Kids' and the 'After School Kids' are improving the success of early education resulting in more students continuing beyond the fourth grade and higher high school and university graduations.

The hospital has partnered with many US health and Service organizations such as Rotary International, University of Massachusetts Medical School, and the Yale University School of Nursing among them.