

# Opening Hospital San Miguel



Hospital San Miguel will finally open the doors on Sunday 7 November.

We very proudly announce that on Sunday 7 November the hospital will be opened! Enormous amounts of work have been completed over the past years to reach this point and we are very excited we are finally there. During this month we are purchasing the remaining equipment as well as hiring staff. In the first phase this means a receptionist, a nurse's aide and a cleaner. At the opening a few important people from Ecuador will be present, such as the honorary consul, the bishop and the mayor. The local television station will most likely be

present too and live stream the opening. Additionally, all residents of Puerto el Carmen and surrounding villages are invited. The Dutch board of Quina Care will also travel to Ecuador to attend this special occasion, naturally at their own expense.

On Monday 8 November Carolien and Jacob, together with the new staff, will start working in the hospital and from that time onwards outpatient, obstetric and emergency care will be provided. All necessary medication is ordered and will be delivered in October, therefore,

when necessary, patients can be prescribed medication. At that time, it is not yet possible to admit patients overnight but this will be possible very soon. It will take a bit longer before the first operations can be carried out.

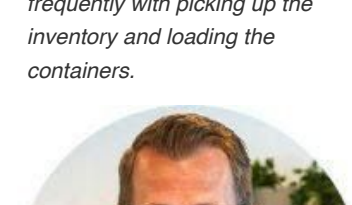
The hospital's full name will be 'Hospital San Miguel - Quina Care', it will be more popularly known as 'San Miguel'. This name has been chosen as the building has been known by the surrounding communities by this name for a long time. This was the name of the boarding school that was previously located in the building.

## Our volunteers

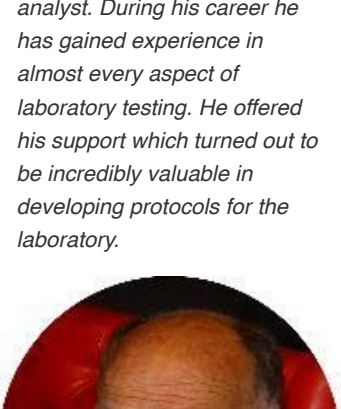
Quina Care would not be possible without them.

The opening of the hospital marks a good moment to focus the attention on our volunteers. We have a number of

volunteers who all have their own input or role with Quina Care. In no specific order we would like to mention:



Hans Haring has supported Jaap van der Ende very frequently with picking up the inventory and loading the containers.



Hans Wilke is a retired medical analyst. During his career he has gained experience in almost every aspect of laboratory testing. He offered his support which turned out to be incredibly valuable in developing protocols for the laboratory.



Barbara van Vugt-Bouwman, a theory of knowledge teacher at The International School of The Hague, has completed many translations from Dutch to English. For instance for our website. But also the newsletters and blogs&vlogs which are always translated to English.



Matthijs Altena has already featured in a previous newsletter. He helped set up the entire ICT-network in Ecuador. Before that he arranged the necessary equipment for this network. He continues to support Quina Care with everything ICT related.



Jaap van der Ende is indispensable for picking up donated inventory through The Netherlands. He also provides extensive storage for all the inventory and helps to load the containers.



Elza Heemskerk has, as an architect, completed many designs for the hospital and the staff buildings. We are convinced that both of these buildings have significantly improved in terms of aesthetics and user friendliness.



Dariusz Blaszyk has developed, in addition to his daily work of producing proteins out of fungi, an electronic health record for the hospital. You will find out more about this in another section of the newsletter.

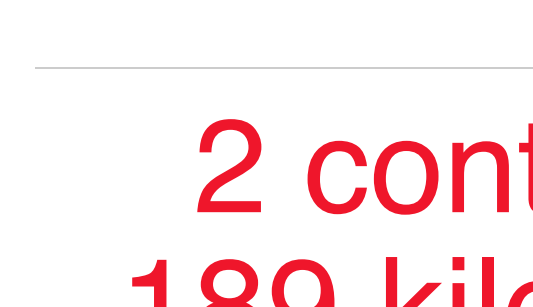
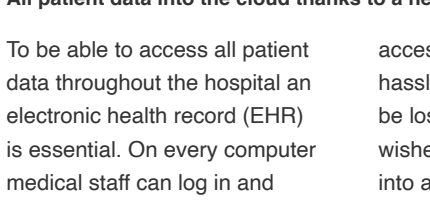
## Completion project nursing department Lions Club Nootdorp-Pijnacker and Wilde Ganzen Foundation

End of renovation in sight.

In November 2019 during the fundraiser of Lions Club Nootdorp-Pijnacker in collaboration with Wilde Ganzen Foundation enough funds were raised for the renovation of the hospital's top floor. This floor will house among other things the nursing department and

the guesthouse for accompanying family. By now, most of the renovation is completed. At the moment, only a few finishing touches are being finished. And once the container that will be shipped this year from The Netherlands to Ecuador has arrived,

enough beds will be available. Once this has happened, patients can also stay overnight. None of this would have been possible without the enormous support of the Lions Club and Wilde Ganzen. A heartfelt thanks!



## Electronic Health Record (EHR)

All patient data into the cloud thanks to a new programmed EHR.

To be able to access all patient data throughout the hospital an electronic health record (EHR) is essential. On every computer medical staff can log in and

access the information. No hassle with paper files that can be lost or damaged. Taking the wishes of Carolien and Jacob into account, Dariusz Blaszyk has

managed to develop a highly efficient and user friendly EHR. It has taken him many hours but the result is fantastic. He will continue to expand the EHR.

## 2 continents 189 kilometers for the salary of the lab technician

Five enthusiasts are running a half marathon, two a full marathon, all for the same goal: Quina Care.

Amsterdam

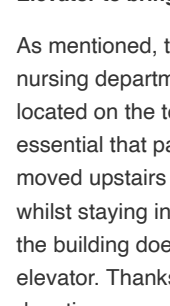
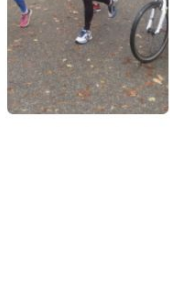
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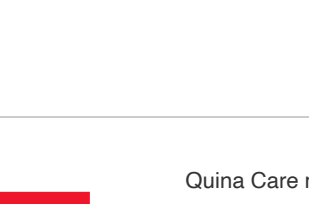
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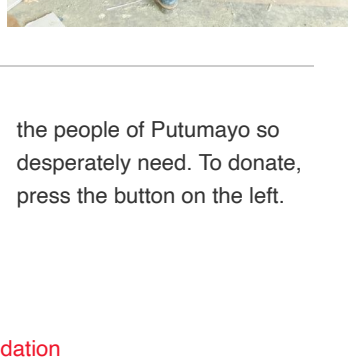
Previously there were running events to raise funds for Quina Care: in 2018 by Jacob van der Ende and Mariska van de Sande during the Rotterdam Marathon. In 2020 Baukje Zaaier completed her own marathon in Groningen, as the Amsterdam Marathon was cancelled. This year no less than seven people will participate in a half or full marathon: Louisa Spaans, chair of Quina Care Ecuador, will complete the half marathon in Amsterdam together with her two brothers Erik and Alejandro on 17 October. Running by her side we also have Frank van den Broek, lung surgeon at the Máxima MC, and Hans Huijberts, responsible for the distribution of cinema films. That same day Baukje Zaaier and Jacob van der Ende will complete a full marathon in Amsterdam. Baukje in Amsterdam, Jacob in the jungle of Putumayo with a finish at the front door of Hospital San Miguel. Shirts and sweatbands with the Quina Care logo have been arranged in order to clearly show for which charity people are running. The raised funds will be spent on the first half year salary of the lab technician.



Elevator to bring patients to the top floor has been ordered.

As mentioned, the future nursing department will be located on the top floor. It's essential that patients can be moved upstairs and downstairs whilst staying in bed. However, the building doesn't include an elevator. Thanks to three big donations, one of which is from the Den Brinker Foundation,

it's been made possible to purchase an elevator and get it installed. By now, this has been ordered from a company in Ecuador. It's expected to be installed and ready to use in about half a year. The maintenance of the elevator will be outsourced to this Ecuadorian company as well.



Quina Care needs the support of donors. Only with your help we can realize the health care

the people of Putumayo so desperately need. To donate, press the button on the left.

