Dear Friend,

In the spring of 2020, I was honored to be selected to present at the 2020 Western Pediatric Society (WPS) meeting in Detroit. My talk focused on the strategies that I observed in La Romana – a team-based approach to community healthcare, which has helped to build a successful pediatric practice. I am now a pediatrician and director of a clinic for homeless youth in Detroit. I have used many of the lessons I learned in La Romana to build a successful clinic.

When I was 22, I received a college travel fellowship and moved to the Dominican Republic, where Dr. Stephen Nicholas invited me to join the amazing work in La Romana. I have worked as a medical student volunteer from Columbia University’s Program for Education in Global and Medicine, nephrology, nutrition and HIV PrEP (HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis) services.

In the past 20 years, Clínica de Familia in La Romana, Dominican Republic, has succeeded in evaluating the mental health status of health care workers in the Caribbean. The grant from Gilead Sciences has allowed us to evaluate the mental health status of health care workers in the Caribbean. The grant from Gilead Sciences has allowed us to evaluate the mental health status of health care workers in the Caribbean. The grant from Gilead Sciences has allowed us to evaluate the mental health status of health care workers in the Caribbean.

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Why I Keep Giving

Dr. Maureen Connolly

Maureen Connolly in 2008 with CFLR Colleagues in La Romana.

While we have made substantial strides to expand patient care revenues that will sustain the patient care programs, we rely on external funding from individual and corporate foundations, grants, and other donors. Support from you helps us continue to provide care to the most vulnerable in our community, including children, youth, and women. For greater detail on recent progress, please visit our website here.

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For a profile of Dr. Connolly, visit www.childrensglobalhealthfund.org/donate.

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