

## Press Release

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### **Serving At The Crossroads**

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#### **SERVING AT THE CROSSROADS RECEIVES PRAISE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll presented a citation to the Board of Directors of Serving at the Crossroads at her office in the State Capitol building in Harrisburg, PA. It was given in recognition of the service provided by the West Chester based organization, which runs a medical clinic in the Copan region of Honduras that is focused on children, women of child-bearing age and their families. SATC has built multiple partnerships in the country, including establishing a medical network, a concept unknown in this part of the country. Bob Sumner, president of the Board of Directors, said "asking for help or seeking support for a community initiative from others is not something the Hondurans are accustomed to doing."

The Lieutenant Governor cited the great social needs required by folks caught up in the cycle of poverty, both here at home as well as in many of the emerging nations in Central America. She was "gratified to see the all-encompassing strategic approach taken by Serving at the Crossroads and the involvement of many groups and organizations from Pennsylvania participating in this philanthropic effort."

The clinic provides the community of La Entrada de Copan with treatment and medications at little or no cost to the patient. Since opening its doors in 2005 the clinic has treated more than 20,000 patients, many of whom live on less than \$2.00 per day.

Jodi King, the group's theology adviser and social justice advocate, pointed out "it is necessary to look at the big picture, like pieces in a jig saw puzzle and to identify the activities and pieces required for developing micro-enterprises and finding ways for mothers to have jobs so they can afford to buy high protein food for their families. In a country like Honduras, Dr. Pete Thompson, a West Chester dentist and member of the Board of Directors, said "there has to be more to quality of life like having dreams and sharing them with your family rather than having wrinkling skin and losing your teeth as you age because you live in poverty."

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