

The Casa de Fé

Imagine being discharged from the hospital, sore and groggy after major surgery, facing two options. You can sleep on the street until you're ready to make the long journey home or you can prepare yourself for a long, crowded, bumpy bus ride through rural Guatemala, each bump from the road or other passengers causing pain to your healing body.

In 2003, Faith In Practice opened the doors of the **Casa de Fé** to patients and their families who travel great distances to receive care at the Obras Sociales del Santo Hermano Pedro (The Obras), Antigua's Charity Hospital. Think of it as our version of a *Ronald McDonald House*, in Antigua, offering hospitality before and after surgery.



The Casa de Fé provides:

- A clean, warm place to sleep each night (150 maximum capacity).
- Security cameras and locked doors for safety of families and personal belongings.
- Food - breakfast each morning, lunch for those who cannot leave during the day, and dinner for everyone each night.
- Coffee and pure water served all day.
- Hot showers with shampoo, soap, and toothbrushes.
- An ecumenical chapel open 24 hours a day for prayer and comfort.
- A loving, dedicated staff.

The **Casa de Fé** depends on the support of visiting surgical mission teams operating at the Obras. While each team pays a nominal fee to help support the cost of running the facility, the remaining deficit is raised through the generosity of individual donors. The annual budget is approximately \$45,000 USD per year.

How you can help:

- **Donations** are needed and appreciated. \$5 will support one night of lodging and food for someone in need.
- **Volunteers** are welcome, so come by for a tour of the facility and see how you can join us.



29,000 beds have been filled by patients and their families finding safety, rest, food, and healing at Casa de Fe.