

*How we help those  
who need it most....*



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## *How the Chiricahua Cares Funds help Maria regain quality of life...*

*"This is the story of my health. When I was 23 years old, I went to a dance club. As I was dancing, a woman passed by and accidentally stepped on my foot with her high heels. Her stiletto heel went straight into my foot, puncturing it all the way through.*

*From that time, I have seen multiple doctors to try to care for my foot. They would always tell me the same thing. They would say it was swollen and infected and would treat me with pain medications and antibiotics. The medicines would only help for a couple of weeks and then I would start to feel the pain again.*

*One day, I was referred to an Orthopedic Traumatologist, who ordered surgery and continued with more medications. In the course of 5 years, I had 7 operations. My foot would remain the same, always swollen and always in pain. This year was the most difficult. I felt like nothing was helping, everything I would try would only make it worse.*

*I ended up in Tucson Medical Center. They said that all the medications prescribed for inflammation or infection were actually hurting my internal organs. I went into renal failure with my organs only working at 6%. I had severe anemia, and received a blood transfusion of 4 bags. They noticed my organs began to slowly start working again. The doctors did a biopsy of the wound on my foot, which came back with the results of osteomyelitis (infection in the bone). At this point, the only option was to amputate. My life was saved, thanks to the amputation performed by the doctor.*

*I am finally feeling better with the help of my family and friends. But now we are faced with the debt of the hospital and the huge down payment for my prosthetic leg. I do not have insurance and at this time I cannot work due to not having my leg. I am currently living with my son and his family. I rely only on his income.*

*All of my family and friends are trying to help raise money for my prosthetic leg. They have been putting together car washes, walk-a-thons and selling tamales. We have been planning every single activity possible to raise money for my prosthetic leg. I come from a poor family and this is why I am asking for Chiricahua Community Health Centers' Chiricahua Cares Fund help. My dream is to be able to walk again and finally play with my 5 year old granddaughter. I would really appreciate any help I can get from the bottom of my heart. God bless you greatly.*

*Maria Granillo"*



*Chiricahua Community Health Centers had the opportunity to provide Maria with the funds needed to receive a prosthetic leg*



*Because of the funds donated to our Chiricahua Cares Fund we can help someone like Maria overcome financial barrierd to care, and ensure our patients can have the healthiest quality of life possible*