

A newsletter full of financial and material initiatives for Quina Care. Three volunteers raised funds, a book and plant market was held with proceeds going to Quina Care, there were donations during the Wilde Week by Wilde Ganzen, and a donation of twelve Chromebooks. Additionally, new board member Dirk Houtman introduces himself, there's a story about the surgical brigade that visited the hospital, and you'll read more about the kinds of patients visiting the hospital.

## New Board member Dirk Houtman

Contributing to strategy and policy to support the mission.

The hospital, and with it the foundation, continues to grow. This also brings more responsibilities for the board members of Quina Care. It's therefore great that Quina Care has welcomed a new board member: Dirk Houtman. He introduces himself here: "Since the beginning of the year, I have been a board member of the foundation, a role I've taken on with great enthusiasm. It gives me the opportunity to actively

contribute ideas on strategies and policies that support Quina Care's mission. A few years ago, I came into contact with Quina Care and, through my work as an ER doctor, started contributing to organizing emergency care and writing medical protocols for the hospital. This was followed by a trip to Puerto el Carmen, which led to my role as a confidential person within the organization. I'm now happily passing this role on to Milou Rietveld, who will

introduce herself in the next newsletter, so that I can fully focus on my duties as a board member."



## Book and plant market Nootdorp

Quina Care chosen as charity.

On May 9 and 10, a book and plant market was held at the church center Nové in Nootdorp. Nootdorp has long been the residence of Jacob van der Ende and also of board members Yvonne van der Ende and Mariska van de Sande.

Quina Care was chosen as the charity by the Protestant Church in Nootdorp. The proceeds from the market could be used for the purchase of an ultrasound

machine. Yvonne van der Ende was present on behalf of Quina Care to answer questions. There was also a presentation about Quina Care, and posters with more information about the organization were displayed. For those interested, brochures were available to take home. With proceeds totaling €2,400, the market was a great success. And because the Protestant Church had already transferred an

advance of the proceeds for the Wilde Week of Wilde Ganzen (see elsewhere in this newsletter), the total proceeds even came to €3,400! A huge thank you for this!



## Wilde Week by Wilde Ganzen

Extra financial support for the purchase of an ultrasound machine.

WILDE GANZEN  
Klein project Groot verschil

Previous newsletters already mentioned the project for the purchase of an ultrasound machine, which was supported by Wilde Ganzen. In March, this foundation gave it additional attention during their broadcast on NPO2. In mid-April, Wilde Ganzen highlighted several of its projects during their "Wilde

Week", during which every donation was doubled. This proved to be a strong incentive for many to donate. Including the contribution from Wilde Ganzen, a total of nearly €15,000 was raised! Of that amount, €1,165 came from an initiative by volunteer Jessica Nomen. On King's Day in Rotterdam, she sold her handmade dried flower bouquets and raffle tickets for a chance to win one. Given the proceeds, her campaign was a great success!



## Surgical brigade volunteering at the hospital

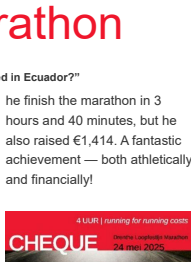
Many operations performed in a short time.

In April, retired surgeon Mart Bender, accompanied by his wife Etje, and surgical assistant Karin Martens visited the hospital. The goal was to further train the staff in performing surgeries. Around 40 operations were carried out in just two weeks! These were often for conditions patients had been suffering from for a long time, such as hernias, and in a few cases for acute problems. Karin Martens contributed not only by



visiting the hospital and sharing her expertise but also by organizing a fundraising campaign. Her goal was to raise €2,500 to cover 50 surgeries at

an average cost of €50 each. Her expectations were far exceeded: she raised an impressive €3,825!

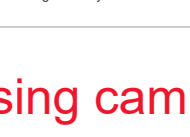


## IT specialist and volunteer Matthijs runs a marathon

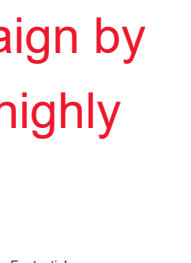
"I crossed the finish line, the feeling is amazing... will it be the same for people in need in Ecuador?"

Matthijs Altena is one of Quina Care's volunteers, working as an IT specialist. A few years ago, he visited the hospital to install the security camera system. Later, he returned to perform maintenance on it. And on May 24, 2025, Matthijs went even further by running the Drenthe Loopfestijn marathon to raise money for Quina Care. His goal was to complete the marathon in under

four hours — the same amount of time many patients need to reach the hospital. Not only did



he finish the marathon in 3 hours and 40 minutes, but he also raised €1,414. A fantastic achievement — both athletically and financially!



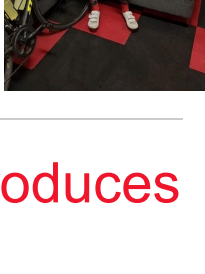
## New Chromebooks

Once again, thanks to Acer.

With the growing number of staff working daily at the hospital, the need for Chromebooks is also increasing. Since the hospital operates paperless, everyone who has contact with patients needs one. Acer was once again willing to donate these. To also replace outdated Chromebooks, they

donated twelve at once!

In the photo, you see Bart Janssen, General Manager Acer Northern Europe, on the right, and Sjoerd van der Noen, Sr. Manager Operations Acer Benelux, on the left. A huge thank you!



## Fundraising campaign by doctor Anje Post highly successful

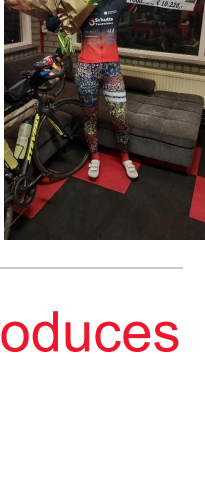
Thanks not only to Anje, but also to her mother.



In September, Anje Post will begin a six-month volunteer placement as a doctor at the hospital. Like many volunteers before her, she wanted to raise funds in advance. Her goal: to raise €10,000. To achieve this, she and a friend cycled an impressive 1,000 km from May

30 to June 4 during the ASA Epic, a bikepacking tour from Amersfoort to Sauerland and back. An incredible athletic achievement! Her mother, Everdien Post, is a porcelain specialist who gives workshops and courses in Zwolle. She decided to help Anje by organizing several workshops on making porcelain houses, with all proceeds going to the fundraising campaign. At the start of each workshop, Anje gave a short presentation about Quina Care. Together with her mother, Anje managed to raise the incredible amount of €10,470.

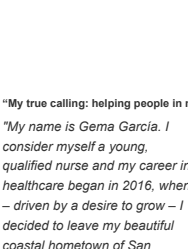
Fantastic!



## Nurse Angelo introduces himself

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"My name is Angelo Reyes. I was born on August 7, 1996, in the city of Ibarra, Ecuador — a city known for its many lakes and beautiful nature, which make its landscapes truly unique. I am the second of three siblings. My life has been



strongly influenced by my parents and grandparents, as they taught me from an early age the importance of pursuing an academic education and instilled in me strong values.

Since I was very young, I had a passion for being part of the healthcare field, because I liked everything related to medicine and helping people. Over the years, I realized that my true calling was to become a nurse. My academic training began at "Victor Mideros" Educational Unit, where I received my high school diploma. Shortly after, thanks to the support of my parents, I had the opportunity to

enter the Nursing program at the Universidad Técnica del Norte (UTN) in Ibarra, Ecuador."

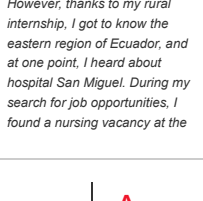


You can read Angelo's full story via this [link](#).

## Nurse Gema introduces herself

"My true calling: helping people in need of medical care."

"I consider myself Gema García. I am a young, qualified nurse and my career in healthcare began in 2016, when — driven by a desire to grow — I decided to leave my beautiful coastal hometown of San Vicente to begin studying nursing at the University of Manabí (UTM). Five years of hard work, and I earned my degree in nursing. Along the way, I discovered my true calling: helping people in need of medical care. Even though I had graduated, job opportunities were scarce.



However, thanks to my rural internship, I got to know the eastern region of Ecuador, and at one point, I heard about hospital San Miguel. During my search for job opportunities, I found a nursing vacancy at the

Quina Care Foundation.

Without hesitation, I applied — full of uncertainty, fear, and nerves — because this opportunity was far from my place of origin."

Gema's full story can be read via this [link](#).



## A quarter ...

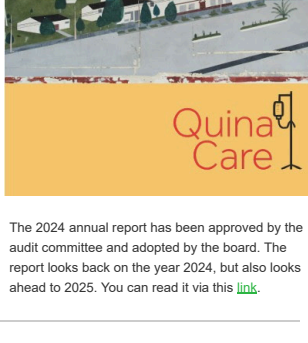
with fact about patients.

- From March to May, 401 new patients were registered
- 201 women and 200 men
- 135 patients aged 0–20 years
- 131 patients aged 20–40 years
- 103 patients aged 40–60 years
- 32 patients over 60 years old
- 78 from Colombia, 323 from Ecuador
- 267 of the Ecuadorian patients live in the Putumayo district, where the hospital is located
- The Putumayo district covers an area of 3,527 km², approximately 105 km from north to south and about 38 km from east to west
- Since the roads are poor and some remote villages are only accessible by boat, travel time quickly increases to 4 hours.



## Annual report 2024

Now available to read online.



The 2024 annual report has been approved by the audit committee and adopted by the board. The report looks back on the year 2024, but also looks ahead to 2025. You can read it via this [link](#).

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