Guayaquil, Ecuador, is the country’s largest and most populous city and the capital city of the Ecuadorian province of Guayas. Home to over 2.6 million residents and the nation’s main port, the city contains an array of citizens, from the wealthiest of the wealthy to the poorest of the poor. Recognizing the needs of those poor, La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil was founded in 1888 by a group of Guayaquil philanthropists to provide medical and other care to those who need it most - and they have been doing so ever since.

Today, La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil is the largest NGO in Ecuador and a major contributor to the well-being of the city’s inhabitants. It provides premium healthcare, education, elderly care and end-of-life services to millions of Ecuadorians each year at low to no cost. Its hospital network, which treats over 5 million patients annually, includes specialty hospitals for women’s care, pediatrics and neuroscience. Outside the healthcare arena, La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil provides educational opportunities to thousands of under-privileged children annually through its schools and homes for at-risk youth. Not to mention its nursing home and funeral and cemetery services. And the list goes on and on.

Globus Relief once again supported La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil’s long legacy of humanitarian health care this past January with a shipment of three containers of medical equipment, including electric and hydraulic hospital beds, mattresses, physical therapy equipment and patient monitors. These items, donated by generous donors and sorted, tested, refurbished and packaged at Globus Relief’s Salt Lake City warehouse, will be placed into service in La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil’s hospital network to serve those in need in Guayaquil and surrounding areas in 2017 and beyond. We are grateful for the partnership of La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil and the continued support of our Globus Relief donors that make these efforts possible.