

Argentina Marks Anniversary of Operation Miracle Project



Córdoba, Aug 9 (RHC), -- The Córdoba-based Dr. Ernesto Guevara Ophthalmological Center, headquarters of Operation Miracle in Argentina, is celebrating today ten years of continuous work.

Doctors, assistants, activists and patients who regained their vision as part of this humanitarian program gathered on Friday at the auditorium of the Luz and Fuerza Union of Córdoba to celebrate the goals attained so far with a party-concert.

"We are very happy to continue living this dream of Fidel Castro," Claudia Camba, from A Better World is Possible Foundation (Ummep), told Prensa Latina, referring to the historical leader of the Cuban Revolution, who was the main promoter of this humanitarian initiative.

"It has not been easy, and if we have gotten here, it has been thanks to the effort and sacrifice of many people, and also because of Cuba's selfless collaboration," she said.

At least 4,351 free eye surgeries have been performed on poor people by Argentinean and other foreign doctors graduated from the Havana-based Latin American School of Medicine, guided by Cuban experts in the ophthalmological center of Córdoba.

Camba recalled that in the early years of the project, started in 2005, the Argentinian patients travelled to Havana to undergo surgery. Later, thousands more went to centers created in Bolivia after President Evo Morales took office, until we "managed to open our own space in the Junin Clinic of Cordoba in 2009."

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