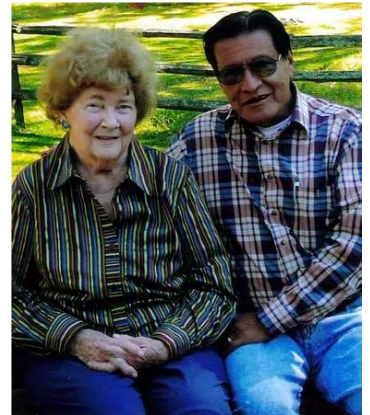


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Founded in 1994, FEDICE has now completed 30 years of work to benefit women and children in communities in northern Ecuador. Victor and Violet Vaca began this amazing organization with \$8,000. Since then, FEDICE has invested over \$1.2 Million USD in 56 communities affecting the lives of more than 20,000 people in Ecuador.



One Great Hour of Sharing, an international relief and development fund of the United Church of Christ, recently provided a \$1,000 grant to support FEDICE projects. This gift will help will start a second round of microloans in the community of Santa Rosa. The first project assisted 14 families as they started raising livestock. The second project in Santa Rosa involves 15 more families, who will raise pigs, chicken and cattle plus the operation of two small family run grocery stores.



FEDICE in Ecuador has received funds from friends in the U.S. to support **Christmas activities** in communities and to show appreciation to staff.



The **FEDICE USA board** met by videoconference with FEDICE Executive Director Blanca Puma on October 26, 2024 for an update about national conditions in Ecuador and program operations.



FEDICE USA, the U.S. nonprofit that helps links North American friends with FEDICE's work in Ecuador, has a new website at www.fediceusa.org. The website can accept online gifts for FEDICE through PayPal. Gifts can also be sent by check to **FEDICE USA, PO Box 19466, Portland, OR 97280**.

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