

Local Groups help Dominican Republic *RPX, CitiHope and Rotary deliver medical relief*

Delhi, NY – November 22, 2006 - Three local organizations collaborated to deliver \$500,000 in essential pharmaceuticals to the Dominican Republic. The Resource & Policy Exchange (RPX) coordinated fundraising efforts which allowed CitiHope International to deliver donated medicines from Andes, NY to the Dominican Republic. The Delhi Rotary Club provided \$1000 toward the effort a grant from the Rotary Foundation. The \$1000 check from the Delhi Rotary Club was presented to RPX at the Rotary meeting at 6:15pm on Tuesday, November 21 at Crossroads Café in Delhi.

Citing the benefits of RPX assistance, Delhi Rotary Club President, Nancy Olechnowicz, said that "RPX's special work in the Dominican Republic, represents the best of our community to those overseas", and presented a \$1000 check for transportation of medicines to Matthew Krzyston, Executive Director of RPX.

Mr. Krzyston gave credit to the local community for its support, noting that RPX's recent work in several worldwide locations was made possible because of this type of help. "We reach out to help others as much as we can", said Krzyston, "but your help extends that reach".

"Our objective is to stretch generous gifts like the donation from the Delhi Rotary Club to their fullest extent, matching them with other support and reaching those most in need. We are very grateful for this recognition and help", said Krzyston.

RPX brought together the three organizations in an effort to improve access to quality healthcare for the poorest people living in and around the city of Puerto Plata. Donated medicines targeted the region's main health problems and included antibiotics, gastrointestinal and hypertensive treatments. Rotary member and RPX Chairman, John Leddy, traveled to the Dominican Republic to oversee the safe delivery of medicines.

Medicines were airlifted from JFK airport in New York to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic where they were received by Dominican partner, Servants of the Sick (Catholic Nuns) and provided to patients free of charge at both inpatient and outpatient facilities.

RPX was founded as a nonprofit organization in 2003 to equalize standards of health care, information access and participation in government around the world. RPX addresses its mission by providing material and technical support to other nonprofit organizations in developing regions. CitiHope International is an

Andes-based Christian relief and development agency that delivers tangible help in the form of medicine, food and training to healthcare providers worldwide. Delhi Rotary Club is the local branch of Rotary International, which operates under the motto: service above self.