

# A Snapshot of the Open Door Clinic



## **New Addition to the ODC Staff**

This fall we are welcoming Ammy Martinez into the ODC community.

Ammy is originally from Hoboken, NJ and was drawn to the more relaxed lifestyle in Vermont. Throughout her life, Ammy has worked in many different types of jobs, from office work to teaching to bartending. Ammy is multilingual (Portuguese, Spanish and English) and has brought diversity and cultural understanding into her various jobs. Ammy's favorite job was teaching English; this combined her passion for writing and working with people. She found it to be a very rewarding experience. Through a network of friends, and with the help of Front Porch Forum, Ammy was able to find the ODC, and is our first native Spanish speaking employee.

*Welcome, Ammy, and we hope to have many wonderful years with you as a part of the team!*



Foz do Iguaçu, between Brazil and Argentina

## **Fall Events at the ODC** *Fundraising photo exhibit at Carol's Hungry Mind Café*

Until December 15<sup>th</sup>, thirteen photos taken by Christiane Kokubo, our administrative assistant who has a background in Journalism, will be on display and available for purchase at Carol's Hungry Mind Café, in Middlebury. Swing by Carol's, enjoy a nice cup of coffee and explore these wonderful photos from Brazil! All the sales will benefit the ODC. Carol's is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm and on the weekend, from 8 am to 5 pm.

## An Update on Our Annual Appeal

Huge thanks to all who have participated thus far in our annual fundraising campaign! To date, we have raised a total of \$48,922.00!!! These funds came from 17 organizations and 209 private donors.

In comparison to last year's campaign, by the same time in November, we had raised \$46,968.00 from 23 organizations and 199 individuals. **We are happy to see we have raised about \$2,000 more and received gifts from 13 additional individuals.**

Thanks to all of the organizations and households, we couldn't do what we do without your support!

### Volunteers Make the Difference!

Without the many ODC volunteers, a lot of the things we do would not be possible. From photocopies to interpreting there is always work to be done and help needed. A recent count showed that we have close to four thousand volunteer hours!!! This is close to three full-time, paid employees.

Now here is where you come in: we always need more volunteers, interpreters, health care providers and most importantly: drivers. Any and all help is always greatly appreciated.

Please email

[ckokubo@opendoormidd.org](mailto:ckokubo@opendoormidd.org) to learn about the many ways you can volunteer and be part of the ODC team!

### Slideshow about the ODC

Would you like to learn more about the Open Door Clinic? Come to the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society on Wednesday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 pm. CVUUS is located on Water St, Middlebury.



### Migrant Farmworker Visits

Throughout the fall, Julia Doucet, our outreach nurse, and a group of volunteers including Mary Beth Tichacek, Steve Brown, Elana Dean, Barbara Ekedahl (all in the picture above), Carol Causton, Wendy White, Ed Sullivan, Kathy Hession and Sara Stowell will visit over 30 farms around Addison County. They will be providing over 260 flu vaccines for the farmworkers. We hope to continue these outreach visits and have a happy and healthy flu season.

*A fun fact about one of the farms visited (picture above): the Foster farm in Middlebury produces about 1.5 million gallons of milk per year!*