

## Special points of interest:

- Zacapa, Guatemala lab up an running! Over 200 devices already fit
- BSN-Jobst donates over \$250,000 in supplies!
- Prosthetic Class begins! Welcome Luis, Daniella, Marco and Juan Carlos. *Buena Suerte!*
- Plans for expansion of the Guatemala lab underway resulting from the generosity of the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Special Fund for the Disabled.
- We're half way there! 50/50 amputee sponsorship program achieving goals

## ROMP Staff

David Krupa CP  
CEO  
Eric Neufeld CO  
President  
Josh Kaplan  
CFO

## ROMP in Guatemala... Our Commitment Grows

After one year in operation, over 50 custom-made prosthetic limbs and over 200 orthotic devices have been provided for people in Guatemala living with amputation or neuromuscular disorders who otherwise have no access to these services. With the generosity and commitment from our donors, and the hard work and time donated by volunteers at home and abroad, many people once denied the most basic right of mobility have been given the opportunity to experience and contribute to their own families and communities. So far, four teams of clinicians, techni-



cians, translators and support staff have continued to reassure the Guatemalan people in need of our services that ROMP is committed to helping every amputee in need, in an ongoing, responsible and sustainable manner. **How are we going to do this?** Several local technicians that have volunteered with ROMP in Guatemala and Ecuador will become students in an internet distance-learning program developed by the *Center for International Rehabilitation*, a Chicago-based not-for-profit organization that develops research, education and advocacy programs to

improve the lives of people with disabilities internationally. These students will be instructed by David Krupa, CEO of ROMP who will be living in Zacapa, Guatemala, and working throughout the developing world on a full-time basis beginning July, 2006. By training and employing local practitioners, and utilizing local sources for supplies and materials, ROMP is dedicated to the growth of this project, and others like it, to be carried out with long-term vision with priorities rooted in empowerment of our patients and their communities.



## Next Stop: Honduras

With the unwavering support of *Hearts in Motion*, a U.S. based non-profit organization dedicated to the health, education and welfare of people in need throughout the world, ROMP has been given the opportunity to serve people in need in, and around Roatan, Honduras. Plans are underway to construct a fully operational prosthetic and orthotic laboratory complete with a gait training gymnasium and dormitories to house patients undergoing prosthetic and orthotic care. The timeline for completion of the lab is within one year. We are grateful for this amazing opportunity to continue to mitigate the inequity of distribution of rehabilitation services throughout the world.



Join us for the 2nd annual  
**ROMP Golf Classic**  
**August 26, 2006**  
**The Links of Carillon**  
**Plainfield, Illinois**

## Patient Profile: *Christy P.*

Christy was born without a left arm below the elbow. Because of the lack of prosthetic services available to her family, for 14 years Christy had always desired, but was never fit with a prosthesis. In February, 2005 ROMP volunteers designed, fabricated and fit Christy with her first custom-made prosthetic arm.



# Letter from David

Dear friends,

This July I am moving to Guatemala to live and work among the poor at the ROMP prosthetic clinic in Zacapa. Last October, when we first began building the clinic, one event clarified in my mind an unacceptable yet answerable need. It came Telma, a nervous 12 year-old girl with a deformed leg, whose story forever solidified my personal resolution to fight for the ROMP mission of access to prosthetic care for all amputees. Telma and I were born with the same congenital defect. Her deformity went untreated for an entire childhood while my youth was quickly normalized with amputation surgery and proper prosthetic rehabilitation. If someone can justify why Telma had to crutch to school daily for lack of access to proper care I'm all ears. Must the "needs and ways" of our world cause us to neglect such obvious and treatable suffering?

In the process of doing this work for ROMP I've been lucky to serve alongside loving and compassionate people who I now call close friends – my partners, ROMP volunteers, donors and supporters. This work depends on the generosity of our supporters therefore I owe all of my thanks to you. It's hard not to be filled with eternal optimism and hope when every day I am able to interact with such a noble cross-section of humanity as are those willing to defend the weak, advocate for the disabled and treat the poor through their own personal sacrifices.

Making this decision to leave my life, my family and friends here in the US has not been easy but when a specific reality bothers me to the very core of my being I have to face it or turn away in ignorance. Curiosity has landed me in far too many rooms with crying fathers, frustrated by the inability to work because of a missing prosthesis, to turn my attention away in willful ignorance. I remain hopeful that little by little, people will see that not only does disability impact an individual but a family, their city, a country and the entire global community. Thousands of untreated people with amputations have burdensome problem and ROMP remains committed to providing the simplest and most tangible solutions. I firmly believe that our human nobility is rooted in how we tend to the most vulnerable and neglected of our world. Technology, design, art, medicine and business exist as testaments of our human ingenuity yet our human spirit is revealed in the ways we apply these accomplishments to preserve equality and each individual's dignity.

Thank you for empowering the people of Guatemala, Ecuador and Pakistan during this last year. I hope you will remain as committed to this project as we resolve to be.

Take care,

David Krupa CEO

## July, 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
— ROMP in Zacapa, Guatemala—Prosthetic Clinic						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Prosthetics class begins					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## August, 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					**Container Load	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						GOLF
27	28	29	30	31		

\*\*Need volunteers

Range of Motion Project, NFP 180 N. LaSalle St. Ste 3200 Chicago, Illinois 60601

Phone: 312.420.3748 Fax: 312.368.0111 info@rompglobal.org

*Empowerment through mobility.*

**ROMP is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity. We operate regardless of political or religious affiliation**