## 2009 President of WCMA, Martha Picado-Seegers, reports:

The Wichita County Medical Alliance is proud to have an Alliance that is well organized and very active. They focus their efforts on three main goals:

One: be a positive impact in their community. They sponsor programs such as Bee Wise Immunize, a Halloween party for foster kids, volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and allocate donations to non-profit organizations. These activities have made their Alliance a prominent and integral part of their community.

Two: strengthen their medical family. They support and promote ties of friendship among their doctors. Their social events, in addition to being fund raisers, are aimed to keep the medical family connected. They believe that everything begins with a strong and united group of doctors and their families.

Three: to reach out to others abroad. They have "expanded their reach internationally", by sending medical missions to the Philippines and Guatemala, as well as helping countries during specific times of need. They have sent funds after the most recent earthquake in India and Pakistan, and the tsunami in Myanmar. This year they are excited to focus their efforts on Nicaragua. Their mission trip scheduled to leave in February 2010, will consist of dentists, dental assistants, doctors, and volunteers. They seek to provide the people in the rural area of San Carlos with lifesaving medicines and care. All the money collected will go 100% towards buying medicine and medical equipment that are so needed in the area. Their desire to find new ways to help local, internationally, and each other is what keeps their Alliance growing.



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