

Rev. Carmen Castañeda, one of the founders and former president of FEDICE

My heart swells with emotion when I recall the first meetings to achieve this dream that we now call FEDICE.

FEDICE was established on April 11, 1994, by volunteers, with Violeta Groth and Víctor Vaca sharing a common dream: to create a foundation that would reach and help groups considered vulnerable or impoverished due to the unequal distribution of wealth in our country.

We wanted a foundation that would provide comprehensive support—physical, emotional, and spiritual—and help people grow economically.



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For this, we needed committed, courageous staff, professionals in various fields, but above all, people sensitive to the needs of others. To achieve this, it was essential to follow the example of Jesus Christ when he reached out to those in need.

Thirty-two years have passed since then, and it has been an honor to accompany FEDICE (Ecumenical Foundation for Integral Development, Training, and Education) and be part of the work that has been done during these years, witnessing many lives changed, rights defended, and a constructive community.

Congratulations to FEDICE Ecuador and thank you very much for the work done at FEDICE USA for every step taken and for those to come. Thank you for reminding us that service is the greatest act of love and solidarity. You can always count on me, Rev. Carmen Castañeda



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