FAMILIES AS CARERS OF THE ELDERS IN PAN AMERICA

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GRAYING POPULATION

The global share of older people (aged 60 years or over) increased from 9.2 per cent in 1990 to 11.7 per cent in 2013 and will continue to grow as a proportion of the world population, reaching 21.1 per cent by 2050.

Globally, the number of older persons (aged 60 years or over) is expected to more than double, from 841 million people in 2013 to more than 2 billion in 2050. Older persons are projected to exceed the number of children for the first time in 2047.
GRAYING POPULATION

- U.S. → 43.1 Million 65 or older
- Canada → 5 Million 65 or older
- Mexico → over 434,000 over 60
- Peru → 6.3%
- Latin America → 6.8%

2012
AVERAGE LIFE SPAN

- U.S. 82.2 Women; 79.8 Men
- Canada: 84.6 Women; 82.5 Men
- Mexico 78 Women; 73 Men
- Peru: 77.8 Women; 74.7 Men
- Latin America 73-78 both Men & Women

2012
FAMILY CAREGIVING: THE FACTS

- U.S. 65.7 Million = 29% of adult population
- Canada: 3.8 Million 35% of adult population
- Latin America- Family-centered pattern of care provision
LANDSCAPE OF CAREGIVING

- Social & Demographic
- Family Structure
- Economic Factors
- Health Care & Service Delivery
COST OF CAREGIVING

• To the Government
  Economic Value-
  Estimated $450 billion/year

To the Family
  ➢ Financial
  ➢ Physical
  ➢ Emotional
  ➢ Productivity
Provisions for providing care

Church Community
Faith Community Nurses & Health Ministers
Adult Day Care
Respite Care
Home based care
Support Groups
Government
Role of Faith Community Nurses (FCN)

Case Manager
Advocate
Resource Liaison
Health Counselor
Health Educator
Growing Old in America

Recent Report:
2012-
11.8 (28 %) Million non-institutionalized older persons lived alone
ALTERNATIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

- Naturally Occuring Retirement Communities
- Continuing Care Retirement communities
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Nursing Homes

Eden Alternative
Green House Project
Family: The Ultimate Carers of Elderly

The degree of involvement as caregivers has remained constant for more than a decade, bearing witness to the remarkable resilience of the family in taking care of its older persons.