



WHO IS HATUEY?

Hatuey stands for “**Health Advocates in Truth, Unity and Empathy,**” in honor of Taino chief Hatuey — known as one of the first heroes resisting European colonialism.

Today, the U.S. has maintained a total blockade of Cuba for more than 60 years. Although Cuba provides free, high-quality medical care to all its residents, a wide array of U.S. laws and sanctions prevents Cuba from importing much-needed medicine and supplies.

We are health care providers and social justice activists concerned about the harmful effects of the U.S. economic blockade of Cuba. We started this medical aid project to extend solidarity to the Cuban people with the procurement of vital medicines and medical equipment. **Together, we can break the blockade!**



Donate to Hatuey

GET INVOLVED

DONATE

The Hatuey project makes regular trips to Cuba to donate vital medications and supplies. **100% of donations are used to purchase medicines and supplies to deliver to the Cuban people.** Donate to support our efforts!

HEALTH AND BIOTECH PROFESSIONALS: JOIN US!

Workers in the medical industries have a critically important voice to educate our colleagues about the harmful effects of the blockade. **Our organizers reach out to medical institutions and pharmaceutical companies to secure donations to support the Cuban people.**

Contact us at
info@hatueyproject.org to join!

The Hatuey Project is a project of The People's Forum, a non-profit public charity exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



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CUBAN KIDS COUNT TOO

Starting July 2023, the Hatuey Project has launched a new campaign to raise **\$150,000 to provide medicines** for Cuban children with Leukemia & other cancers.



Photo: Isabel, 12, a cancer patient at Juan Manuel Márquez Pediatric Hospital in Havana, Cuba.

Did you know that the 5-year survival rate of childhood leukemia is over 90% with the right medications?

Despite the incredible advances made by the Cuban medical system, the United States Blockade prevents doctors from accessing basic, life-saving medications for children.

Hatuey organizers have partnered with Cuban medical professionals at Juan Manuel Márquez Pediatric Hospital in Havana, at the José Luis Miranda Pediatric Hospital in Santa Clara, and with the Institute of Hematology and Immunology in Havana, where **doctors have been unable to purchase much-needed medications and materials.**

In Cuba, there are medications that could be purchased in third countries, but when they have some U.S. component, Cuba is not allowed to buy them.

*This means that sometimes we do not have the ideal or indicated medications for the specific illness of the child. We use an alternative, which does not give the same result. **It is the children that pay the price for this needless policy.***

Dr. José Valdez
Director of Oncology
Juan Manuel Márquez Pediatric Hospital

While we continue to fight to end the US Blockade and to remove Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism List, the people of the United States can stand in solidarity with the Cuban people through material support.

TIMELINE

1959 — A people's revolution in Cuba brings down a US-backed dictator. The US quickly cuts ties with Cuba and imposes sanctions.

1991 — The Soviet Union falls. Cuba loses its biggest trading partner and is forced to rapidly diversify its economy.

1994 — Activists now with the Hatuey project defy US sanctions to deliver \$2 million of life-saving insulin to Cuba.

2016 — The Obama administration removes some sanctions against Cuba, but keeps U.S. blockade in place.

2020 — The COVID pandemic begins. Cuba shuts down tourism to save lives. US blocks Cuba's purchase of ventilators.

Jan 2021 — Trump adds Cuba back to the so-called "State Sponsors of Terrorism" list along with 243 new anti-Cuba measures.

May 2021 — Cuba independently develops five COVID vaccines, including the first pediatric vaccine, providing them to countries of the Global South. Activists deliver millions of syringes and needles to aid Cuba's vaccination effort.

July 2022 — The Hatuey Project launches, donates vitamins and supplies for the 133 maternity homes for high-risk pregnant women.

August 2022 — Hatuey delivers critical medications to victims of the Matanzas oil tanker fire.

February 2023 — Hatuey ships 40,000 pounds of building materials to aid the hurricane recovery effort in Pinar del Rio.