

# Yesterday it was "jacks" ....tomorrow a nurse!

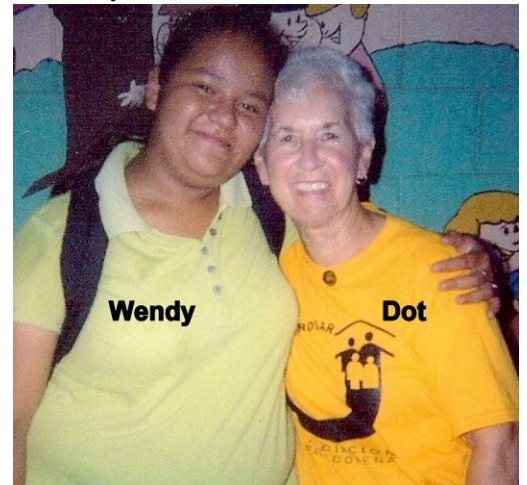
Wendy Medina

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It has been a joy for me to watch Wendy Medina grow into an accomplished young woman. I first met Wendy in 1996 when she was around 9 years of age. She loved to play "jacks" so we played game after game. My past skills were strongly tested as I fondly recall how Wendy tried to claim the set as her own. Throughout the years her mother has been active with the Barefoot Angels' program, adding incentive and support for Wendy and her older brother, Gersón. Wendy is an example of the success of the Barefoot Angels Program. She grew up

amidst the struggles of living and working in the marketplace, but determined to dream her future into reality.



This spring Wendy will be graduating from nursing school. After that she will fulfill her mandatory year as a social intern with the government and then become a graduate nurse. In the meantime Wendy volunteers with the Barefoot Angels and has become one of their fine young well-trained magicians. The latter skills are taught by a professor from Vermont. (Tom Verner, [www.magicianswithoutborders.org](http://www.magicianswithoutborders.org) )

ASAPROSAR and the Barefoot Angels' program is a beacon of hope for the disadvantaged youth of Santa Ana, El Salvador. The support and caring of dedicated staff provides a positive environment for youth to realize and fulfill their potential in life. Indeed, they are part of the future for El Salvador.