



John D.V. Salvador
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THE John D.V. Salvador
foundation

Powerful Partnerships



2021-22





Progress and Pride

DEAR FRIENDS,

While we have celebrated many accomplishments over the year, we also suffered the devastating loss of John D.V. Salvador Foundation founders Soledad and Vicente Salvador, my beloved parents.

My parents were born in the Philippines and met while working in the same hospital in New York City as a nurse and doctor, respectively. Over the span of their 55-year marriage, their commitment to each other, family, friends, medical

profession, and their patients is a testament to their beautiful and charitable characters.

I take consolation in knowing they are at peace and reunited with their beloved son, John David Vincent Salvador, the main inspiration behind our foundation.

We honored them recently with Casa Soledad and Vicente, where we partnered with Bless the Children Foundation and conducted our first medical mission for over 70 families who previously did not have access to healthcare.

We also commemorated 16 years of our work in San Martin de Porres in 2022. Our first dormitory for street children housed more than 230 children at its peak. We are now working toward expanding to four branches for girls, boys, special needs children, and children living with HIV.

There has been so much significant progress across many of our projects over the last two years – including reinforcing our new centre in Manila; bolstering Don Bosco’s vocational training in mechanical and electrical engineering, hospitality and tourism and accounting; refurbishing Casa Soledad, our social center in Baseco; and celebrating the eighth anniversary of Centro Salvador in Tondo, Manila which helps more than 1,800 children and their families.

We also learned many lessons during the pandemic, including the importance of being self-sustainable. Over the next year, we aim to expand agricultural activities to generate a stable income.

As our children become young adults, we are immensely proud of how we have transformed their lives. We couldn’t continue our work without your unwavering support for our children. I am continually grateful for your generosity.

With my best wishes,

M. Lizelle Salvador, *Chairman*

In Loving Memory

OVER THE PAST five months, the John D.V. Salvador Foundation has suffered the devastating losses of **Mrs. Soledad B. Salvador** (December 3, 2021) and **Dr. Vicente H. Salvador** (April 6, 2022), our co-founders and inspirational supporters.

Vicente and Soledad, both born in the Philippines, shared an enormous capacity for love, care, compassion and volunteerism. Their commitment to each other, their family, friends, the medical profession, and their patients is a testament to their beautiful and charitable characters.

Vicente and Soledad leave behind four children, including our JDVSF Chairman Marisol Lizelle Salvador and her brother, JDVSF board member Charles Ian Salvador, and five grandchildren. Together, they are now at peace and reunited with their eldest beloved son, John David Vincent Salvador, the main inspiration behind our foundation.

Vicente, Soledad and John are all sorely missed and will be forever in our hearts.



Update on Bless the Children Foundation

AS OF WRITING, BYSMPI houses 111 children—51 girls and 50 boys.

Most of the 18-years-olds are either enrolled in Dualtech Training Center in Laguna or living outside, doing part-time jobs and attending senior high school or college. We have five college students and 19 in Senior High Schools.

We have had a busy year already: In January, we held our first medical missions in Baliuag, Bulacan and San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan; in February, the fourth cottage at Hijas de Esther, Casita Ana Rosa, was inaugurated; and in May the HIV Counseling Shelter will be inaugurated.

BYSMPI is also engaged in many projects including the native chickens and aquaponics made possible through the partnership with the Department of Science and Technology; and the Hot and Cold Kitchen, which will serve as a training facility for residents. BYSMPI also aims to produce goods for community consumption and income generation. Through a partnership with Bulacan State University, students are trained in Baking, Food Processing, Cookery, and Food Labeling.

As for our in-house school, we partner with the OB Montessori, Inc., who train our teachers and provide materials that we can use to maximize the learning. Aside from major subjects like Mathematics, English and Science, we are also introducing agriculture subjects to the students and strengthening our Technology and Livelihood Education program. –Allen Santiago

A Note from the Treasurer

THE JOHN D.V. SALVADOR’S financial performance during the year 2021/22 was satisfactory, and in line with our budget:

Consolidated donations amounted to USD 129,749 (23,678) in 2021/22. Had it not been for the decline of the British Pound Sterling, we would have met our budget target of USD 150,000. We got most of our donations from a few individuals and institutions. Our Swiss Chapter was the largest donor contributing 11%.

As in previous years, costs were well controlled at USD 1,446 (1,216). The year-on-year fluctuation relates to bank service charges when we finance projects. Our Efficiency Ratio stayed high at 98.89% (99.17%) – we are all volunteers – and is well above our target range of 97%. From every USD donated, 99 cents go to projects.

Transfers amounted last year to USD 95,753 (147,351) and financed the following:

1. USD 24,060 were spent for buying tools & equipment for the School of Automotive Engineering at Don Bosco TVET in Tondo, Manila
2. USD 9,120 were used to buy TV screens for in-class teaching at the Don Bosco Agricultural High School in Legazpi
3. USD 8,020 financed a project management position at the Centro Salvador, which supports Bless the Children CEO Eunice Cheng Chua in her activities and coordinates all programs in Tondo and Baseco
4. USD 19,400 were transferred to the orphanage San Martin de Porres in Bulacan for pay for House Parents’ and the Chef’s salaries.
5. USD 35,153 financed the refurbishment of the Casa Vicente e Soledad in Baseco, Manila.

Since 2006 the John D.V. Salvador Foundation raised USD 3.5 million for children at risk in the Philippines. –Hugo Banziger, *Treasurer*



Milestones: Powerful Partnerships



Centro Salvador Celebrates Eighth Anniversary

CENTRO SALVADOR in Tondo Manila was opened eight years ago with a big party on the neighboring basketball court. More than 1,000 people attended, a brass band played, teenagers from San Martin de Porres played popular music and even a Manila TV Station showed up for the occasion.

The Centro Salvador quickly became a big success and houses far more activities than anticipated. Under the dynamic leadership of Eunice Cheng Chua, our Executive Director, the center now covers more than 1,800 children and their families.



Some changes have resulted in such success: almost 30 mothers were recruited and trained for managing the kitchen - they now prepare more than 650 meals a day in three servings; another 30 mothers were trained on sewing machines and now make the school uniforms and back-packs for all of our 1,800 children; Eunice forged an alliance with the Canadian

Chalice Foundation which sponsors the children and pays for social workers and child psychologists; after school programs make sure that all our children do homework as there is neither space nor calm in their little slum houses for homework/

Additionally, a planned medical program was set up. Once a year, doctors and nurses from Belgium come to Manila and give our children a full medical check-up including small surgery and dental care.

After eight years, the Centro has achieved far more than ever hoped. The number of children we keep in school and prevent from becoming street children is increasing every year, the rank of our high school graduates is slowly growing, and we are now able to place our teenagers in promising apprentice positions.

From Rice Paddy to Island of Tranquility: 16 Years of San Martin de Porres

IN 2006, WE INAUGURATED the first dormitory for street children at San Martin de Porres. They came primarily from Tondo, the slum near Manila's modern harbor. At the peak, there were more than 230 children at the orphanage.

Today, the number has dropped by half and is equally split between boys and girls - the girls live in the separate hamlet of Hijas de Esther which opened in 2015. Thirty-five additional teenagers are in vocational training in Metro Manila and live with foster parents.

San Martin is at an important step in its development: from growth to sustainable, long-term operation. Going forward, it will have four branches for girls, boys, special needs children and children with HIV.

The pandemic showed the importance of being self-sustainable. Without its own food production, San Martin de Porres would have folded. Father Boyet, head and spiritual leader, aims to expand the agricultural activities from producing food for own use to generating a stable income. SMDP's agricultural school will also provide vocational training to our students.

He launched a native chicken farm last year which today already holds 900 free range hens. A year ago, SMDP started with only 35. Already, 1,000 hens have been sold for profit.

His next project is to expand the pig farm which currently has nine pigs. Thanks to the National Development Fund, a new



stable was built. The farm opened over the summer with 30 piglets and plans to increase the number to 90. Pork prices have gone up significantly. The pig farm should generate substantial income for San Martin de Porres.

We are also working on a hydroponic greenhouse for farming lettuce and Chinese spinach. The system requires almost no external input except sunshine. The system is

scalable and SMDP could become a big lettuce producer in Bustos.

Whilst our orphanage is put on sustainable footing, the fourth house at the Hijas de Esther is close to completion. It will help the elder girls to transition from a dormitory life to living by themselves. It will be the last big building. School, training facilities, multipurpose house and three dorms have been completed.

A Note from Father Gaudencio



DON BOSCO YOUTH CENTER - Tondo, Inc., and John D. V. Salvador Foundation's partnership started way back in the year 2017 when the foundation was introduced to Rev. Fr. Gaudencio T. Carandang Jr., SDB as he was the Rector and also the TVET Director of the TVET Center.

A delegation from the JDVS Foundation came to Don Bosco Tondo to visit their scholars studying in our TVET Center. I was then formally introduced to Hugo Banziger, the Foundation's Treasurer, since I was the TVET Director and Rector.

The JDVS Foundation was impressed with the quality of our work in TVET and noticed the poor condition of our facilities. To our delight, Don Bosco TVET fit the criteria of projects, which the JDVS Foundation would support. A beautiful partnership started.

We started small. The JDVS Foundation helped us to replace the tools in our automotive repair shop and we learned how to work together. It was at that time we invited Eunice Cheng Chua, the CEO of the Centro Salvador, just around the corner, and board member of the JDVS Foundation, to join the board of Don Bosco TVET.

Over the years, we cooperated on many important projects. Together, we replaced the asbestos roofs of the entire premise which allowed us to use again facilities which had been closed for years. This was followed by the refurbishment of the Mazzarello building, which houses our College for Tourism and Hospitality Management. The building was entirely overhauled and received a modern industrial kitchen as you find in any modern hotel. The refurbishment of the college necessitated the upgrade of our power supply from Meralco. Today, the school has access to sufficient electric power for the foreseeable future. Thanks to our cooperation we were also able to refurbish the engineer's classrooms and to buy modern laptop for our students.

The JDVS Foundation did not leave us alone during Covid. We ran a food program together and when a neighboring slum burnt down where many of our students lived, the JDVS Foundation generously supported us with construction materials which allowed the rebuilding of the burnt-out area.

Looking back on the five years of cooperation, we are happy with the progress we could make together. Without the USD 0.5 million from the JDVS Foundation, we would not have been able to achieve these goals. We are looking forward to many more years of cooperation and are most grateful for the help received.

Respectfully yours,
Rev. Fr. Gaudencio T. Carandang, Jr., SDB
Rector, Don Bosco Youth Center - Tondo, Inc

Working Together: The John D.V. Salvador Foundation & BYSMP Bless the Children

A STONE'S THROW away from the idyllic Intramuros in Manila, lies Baseco, where the most densely populated urban settlers reside. Many children are malnourished, affected by tuberculosis and not in school since they have no birth certificate.

In 2021 and 2022, with the support of The John D.V. Salvador Foundation, we built the Casa Soledad & Vicente to provide a place where 550 slum children can get a healthy meal each day, where parents receive training, and social services are provided for the poorest residents in Baseco. We opened the Casa in June 2022 with a modest ceremony.

BYSMP Bless the Children also works closely with The John D.V. Salvador Foundation at the Centro Salvador in Tondo. The Centro was inaugurated in 2013 and is the base for our activities related to the Sponsorship Program - a joint program with the Canadian Chalice foundation to keep poor children in school. There is not a quiet day as more than 2000 children and their parents take turns to attend meetings and seminars, get food, do homework, get school uniforms and back packs, and learn to play the violin and other instruments. Our aim is to keep families together - the best way to prevent children from living in the streets.

The John D.V. Salvador Foundation also opened doors to the facilities in Don Bosco TVET, the vocational high school in Tondo. The Bless the Children Foundation has access to many facilities and trainings offered by Don Bosco.

The John D.V. Salvador Foundation also shoulders salaries of our Program Coordinator and Social Worker. Without the JDVSF's continued support we could not continue our programs and provide our valuable services.

Eunice Cheng Chua,
Chief Executive Officer, BYSMP Bless the Children



Photo Gallery: Around Town



Clockwise from left: Volleyball players, second boys house, girls playing in their dormitory, feeding neighborhood families, seamstress Arlyn Llog, hydroponic gardening



THE JOHN D.V. SALVADOR FOUNDATION

A commitment to give at risk children the opportunity to thrive.

The Mission: As children grow, they enrich the lives of those around them, and once they mature they have the chance to make a difference. But in order to fully develop this potential, children need and deserve a healthy, secure, and supportive environment. The John D.V. Salvador Foundation (JDVSF) works to establish, fund, and support programs to benefit children who, without the consistent care of loving parents, might fall victim to the poverty, disability, and abuse that could thwart development of their innate, unique gifts.

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