



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

# Endless Opportunities



2023-24





## Opening Doors

DEAR FRIENDS,

Our community has been thriving over the last year – with special milestones, visitors and accomplishments.

Many of our hopes and dreams for children in the Philippines have become reality. The other day, I was reading a meaningful note we

received from Father Vester, a project manager for Don Bosco, who said, "A lot of windows and doors are opening for us and our students as you had envisioned...your words have proven to be prophetic."

It was so touching to hear that our kids are not only thriving but also taking advantage of opportunities that will improve their lives forever. Our program began with this goal in mind 20 years ago when we supported Father Boyet's lunch program in Tondo, Manila. The lunch program has since moved to Baseco and now feeds more than 600 children. The healthy food nourishes the children and provides them with enough energy to focus on school during the day. They are thriving and breaking the cycle of poverty.

We see this also at the Centro Salvador which has become a meeting place for parents and children from the slums of Tondo, an oasis where our visitors get help and ideas for how to better cope with challenges in their lives. We have medical checks, and programs for parents and students to get extra support.

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*

## A Note from the Treasurer



THE JOHN D.V. SALVADOR'S financial performance during the year 2022/2023 was satisfactory.

Consolidated donations amounted to USD 108049.40. We missed our budget by 28%

due to a delay of one the larger donations to November. Even with this delay, we slightly exceeded our budget for 2022/2023. Our Swiss Chapter was again the largest donor, contributing 27% percent to total funding.

Cost were well controlled as in previous years. Legal fees however increased sharply since the IRS lost our tax documents. Due to this single factor, our Efficiency ratio dropped from 98.89%% to 97.14%. We are still above our target of 97% but have to find a better way of doing our US taxes.

Transfers increased significantly this year due to the completion of the Kitchen Project in Don Bosco TVET. We spent a total of USD 139'896.26 in 2022/2023 compared to USD 95'753 the previous year.

Since 2006, the John D.V. Salvador Foundation raised USD 3.6 million. We built with these funds the orphanage in San Martin de Porres, the Centro Salvador in Tondo, the Casa Soledad & Vicente in Baseco. The latter two are the base for our outreach program which now covers 2'700

young students. We also support Don Bosco TVET in Tondo where we refurbished and modernized the School for Hospitality and Tourism (200 students) and Don Bosco's Agricultural College in Legazpi (100 students).

Hugo Banziger, *Treasurer*

## A Note from Father Vester, Don Bosco's Project Manager



SOME IMPORTANT visitors came to visit us on different occasions since your last visit. Among them are the Mayor of Manila, Representatives from the Education Commissions

of both the Senate and Congress, people from World Food Program of the United Nations in the Philippines. We also had visits from the Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Department Social Works and Development. Lastly, the President and Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines came here for a tour of our facility.

A lot of windows and door are opening for us and our students as you had envisioned.... your words have proven to be prophetic. God bless you more.

Father Vester Casaclang  
*Project Manager, Don Bosco*

## Lunch Program Celebrates 20th Anniversary

EVERY DAY from 11am to 2pm, mothers bring their children to our center in the Baseco near Manila's old town center. More than 600 children are registered for the daily lunch program where they get a healthy meal with vital nutrition.

While most families can afford a bag of rice, vegetables and meats are rare. The slum children thus don't get the quality food they need. It is not only noticeable in their physical development, but also at school. Children often do not have energy to follow the classes, get unruly and drop out. Poor food condemns them to a life in poverty.

The 600 plus meals are prepared by our kitchen brigade, the 30 volunteer mothers whom we taught to cook and prepare simple, but healthy meals.



Our Food program is now 20 years old and often the first contact to enlist children in the Chalice educational program. A year ago, the Food program moved from the Centro Salvador in Tondo to Baseco. With the development of the new container port, more jobs came to Tondo - even poor families can now afford meats and vegetable. Rather than handing out food, we now teach mothers how to shop and cook.

## Laptops for Don Bosco Agro-Technical School, Legazpi

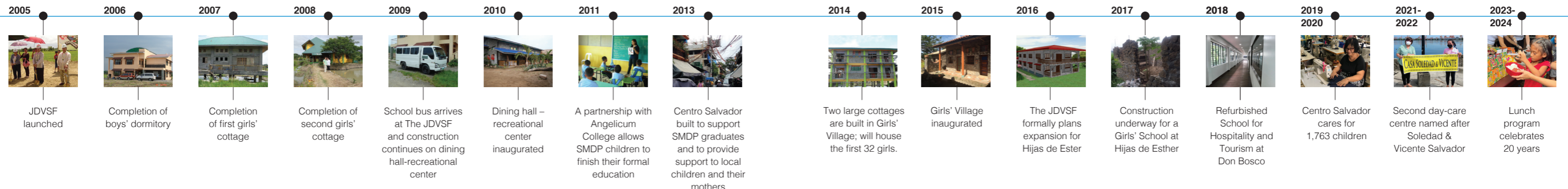
SIXTEEN LAPTOPS arrived at Don Bosco Legazpi, the college that trains young people in modern farming and agro-infrastructure.

Teaching outdoors was always a challenge for Don Bosco's professors since they could not bring supporting class material with them. Moving back and forth between classroom and fields was time consuming and interrupted the flow of teaching.

The new laptops also allow the students to do field research and put the results of their measurements directly into spread sheets they developed. It allows them to directly compare the results with their forecasts.

The laptops are just one of many steps to improve the productivity of farming in the South of the Philippines.

## Milestones: Endless Opportunities



## Kitchen Inauguration at Don Bosco - A Festive Day

AFTER FIVE YEARS OF WAITING, the industrial kitchen, the center piece of Don Bosco's School for Hospitality and Tourism in Tondo, was finally installed.

The students of all divisions at Don Bosco (mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, accounting and hotel and restaurant management) gathered to celebrate the big day that included speeches, songs and dance performances.

The kitchen was officially opened with a simple ribbon cutting ceremony. Eunice Cheng Chua, CEO of the Centro Salvador and Member of the Don Bosco Board, and Hugo Banziger, JDVSF Treasurer, cut the ribbon and declared the kitchen to be Don Bosco's.

The new kitchen now includes a bakery and a bread oven - pastries and oven cooked food can now be prepared in the new kitchen as well. The twin bank of cooking places allows two shifts of students to work independently and prepare complex meals. The kitchen also has frying equipment which allows the preparing of French Fries or any Tempura dishes.

Next to the kitchen is the catering training room which will be used to host live training sessions as well as public events such as a big birthday party or even a wedding.

Employers in the Hotel and Restaurant industry welcome our graduates with open arms. Every student of the last class found a job. Some were even hired by Alain Ducasse, the great French chef.



Clockwise from left: Preparing a banquet, new kitchen equipment, inauguration day including Board member Hugo Banziger.



### 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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