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# Mission of Hope















### World of Possibility

#### DEAR FRIENDS,

I was honored to visit Hijas de Esther and Centro Salvador with Board member Ellen Goodridge earlier this year. It was heartwarming to see so many girls thriving at Hijas de Esther and to witness Centro's expansion beyond its original mission.

How the 39 girls flourished, laughed and played at Hijas de Esther, moving with newfound confidence. There were beautiful displays of their schoolwork and further evidence of their active and engaged young minds. Their home and school facility was vibrant and thriving- and it is only improving with construction of a new building that will enhance school gatherings.

Centro has fulfilled more than its original mission, and serves many different people in many ways, including a small clinic on the first floor. At Centro Salvador, over 800 school-aged children are sponsored, and they gain services including daily meals, school support/tutor-ing, and music lessons.

The wonderful part of visiting St. Martin de Porres is seeing these children receive not only shelter, food and stability, but also intellectual, spiritual and creative skills that will sustain them throughout their lives, and prepare them for when they make their way in the world.

As always, this work has only been possible because of our generous supporters and volunteers. With such support and concern for our children, I am so very excited to see them get the most out of a world full of adventure and possibility.

With my warm wishes & respect,

M. Lizelle Salvador, Chairman

# 2016 Highlights

- ★ Admissions cottage completed for children who are brand new to San Martin de Porres
- ★ The JDVSF decides to expand the Hijas with a two-story multi purpose facility
- ★ The Swiss Chapter raises funds for SMDP with traditional holiday treats



## A Blessed Year

AS THE SECOND QUARTER of the year opens, the St. Martin mission has marked a number of milestones. At present, we have 153 children. Among them, five are new additions to the family—three boys from Mindoro and two girls from Tondo—and 11 more angels are expected to join our growing community in the next month. Training have started their on-the-job-training (OJT); three of them took classes on House Keeping, Food and Beverage, and two took Machining. After their OJT, they are ready for the real world, equipped with skills necessary for them to land a good job coupled with spiritual nourishment; whilst the four other gradu-

We had nine St. Martin junior high school students march at Sto. Domingo Church in Quezon City for their completion rites under the home study curriculum of Angelicum College's Re-Entry Agenda for the Poor (REAP) program. The junior high school graduates will pursue senior high school during the next school year. Also, seven more students are aiming to complete junior high school this summer.

Additionally, five of our first batch of junior high school graduates who attended Don Bosco Technical-Vocational Education

## A Note From the Treasurer



IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 – 2016, our Foundation raised USD 143,328.69, roughly 55% from the United States and around 45% from Europe and Asia. We thus missed the annual budget by only USD 6,671.31. As in previous years, a few long-time supporters made again significant contributions to our fund raising. Also, there are now more than a dozen donors who contribute every single year

since the foundation was established in 2005.

The cost development was highly satisfactory as well. Total expenses dropped from USD 3,431 last year to USD 2,346 in the current fiscal year. As a result, our efficiency ratio increased from 96.3% to 98.4%, which is well beyond our target of 97%. In other

### Milestones: A Changing Landscape and Healing Hearts



Novembe

JDVSF

launched



Novembe

Completion of

boys' dormitory



November

Completion of

second girls'

cottage

November Completion of first girls' cottage



 February
 May

 School bus
 Dining hall –

 arrives at The JDVSF
 recreational

 and construction
 center

 continues on
 inaugurated

 dining hall 

recreational center



September A partnership with Angelicum College allows co SMDP children to finish their formal education



December Check signing advances the construction of the Tondo residence for SMDP grads



Centro Salvador

the halfway house

in Tondo,

inaugurated

house built to

support graduates

of SMDP



Two large cottages are built in Girls' Village; will house the first 32 girls.

May Girls' Village inaugurated

ates are now done with their first year in senior high school (Grade 11), and will be moving up to Grade 12.

"Also the home for abused girls is upcoming – this will be their haven as they rebuild themselves to realize their fullest potential."

> God bless us all and our work. Father Boyet



words, we are able to spend 98 cents on every dollar donated for our children.

The foundation focused last year on the completion of the Admission House which accommodates newly arrived street children for up to three months. We also contributed to hiring an additional social worker. The work for the school building for the Hijas girls, which was originally scheduled to start in 2016 was postponed to 2017. Total spend for 2015-2016 was thus lower than anticipated and amounted to only USD 66,458. The remaining funds of USD 77,523 will be used to financing the Girls' School in 2017. The budget for the fiscal year 2016–2017 remains unchanged at USD 150,000 which we are confident to reach. Our target efficiency ratio remains unchanged.

Hugo Banziger, Treasurer



decides to expand the Hijas

#### 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.

### Reflections

JDVSF founder Lizelle Salvador and Board member Ellen Goodridge visited San Martin de Porres, Hijas de Esther and Centro Salvador in October 2016. Here is an account of Ellen's experiences.

I FIRST VISITED San Martin de Porres in 2007 for the inauguration of the first boy's dormitory funded by the JDVSF. At that time, San Martin de Porres was a fairly modest facility with just a few simple buildings and only about 30 boys resident. On my next visit in 2010 for the inauguration of the Comedor (dining and activity facility) I observed SMDP had grown to a much bigger facility with multiple dormitories, additional mixed use outbuildings, and a beautiful church, yet was still missing certain elements to make it a complete refuge for the children.

Now in 2016 the vision is fully realized, and San Martin de Porres is a spacious and welcoming facility that provides a fulfilling home for

over 140 children, boys and girls. The roads are paved, the buildings are functioning to fulfill the needs of the SMDP community, and the entire facility is just beautiful with colorful paint, mosaics, creative light fixtures, and carefully tended plantings.

The main thoroughfare was once a muddy track; now it's a paved street, bordered by mature plantings and connecting all the buildings. Inside the dormitories the children keep their home clean and neat. They learn responsibility and self-sufficiency through chores and caring for their home. The Comedor serves as the heart of the facility where everyone gathers regularly for meals and group activities. There is an amazing playground (even with a zipline!) as well as a shaded full-size basketball court to enable playtime and exercise.

This was also my first visit to the Girl's Village, since named Hijas de Esther, which is just across a large field from SMDP and was completed in 2015. Enabling the girls to have their own facilities gives them the opportunity to thrive according to their specific needs, while still being part of the larger SMDP community as it's only a short walk away.

Inside Hijas de Esther was evidence of many active and engaged young minds; with beautiful displays of their schoolwork, art and even fun Halloween decorations. Their home and school facility was vibrant and thriving. I am excited to help expand the facilities there through the upcoming Multipurpose building that starts construction in a few months.

The best part of my visits is interacting with the children. On my visit, we saw them present great musical and dancing performances, and observe the kids thriving at school. Not only do they receive shelter, food and stability, but they are also gaining intellectual, spiritual and creative skills that will prepare and sustain them throughout their lives.



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