



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

## Building on Hope



2013





## A Message of Hope



DEAR FRIENDS,  
Our hearts are heavier – and yet more hopeful — than ever this year. Destruction in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines is shocking and devastating. We were hurt to our core when seeing families torn apart, homeless children who don’t have clean water and infrastructure crumbled to the ground. In the same way we feel that St. Martin de Porres (SMDP) children are our own, our spirits are also connected to children in these ravaged cities.

While we are very fortunate to have missed the storm’s path and to have had money to build structures strong enough to withstand winds and floods, we are committed to rebuilding lives of these children. Our mission to provide children with a healthy, supportive environment remains as strong today as over the last eight years. Repairing lives is daunting, but we will focus on helping these desperate children.

After all, the JDVSF was founded on hope. Over the last year, many of our hopes for our children have turned into sustainable solutions. When we looked for a solution to meet the needs of our children, we didn’t immediately see the answer. Instead, we found an empty plot of land in Tondo. After visiting some vocational training centres in Manila, we understood there was an urgent need for accommodating young apprentices. Bringing these two ideas together is how our halfway house, Centro Salvador, began.

We hoped for a solution and we found one. Centro Salvador in Tondo was inaugurated in July, 2013. The dormitory provides support for around 30 teenage boys doing vocational training in Manila. It also feeds malnourished children daily and provides free dental care for impoverished children and adults.

We knew our girls also needed housing and support as they moved on to high school and college. We purchased a 28,000 square meter plot this year and we hope to have a new home next year that will become the centre for vocational training and housing for these young women.

As we built these new homes, we continued supporting improvements to SMDP in 2013. This year solar cells converting sunlight into electricity were installed on all cottage rooftops, reducing an expensive power bill. Children gained further lessons in responsibility as they participated in agriculture chores such as raising cattle and helping create a self-sufficient food supply.

All of this was possible because of our generous supporters and volunteers. Your support for the JDVSF’s children has been unwavering and we also appreciate the outpouring of support for children affected by Typhoon Hiayan. We will have information on our website if you’d like to continue supporting children affected by the typhoon.

On behalf of the JDVSF Board of Directors, thank you very much for stepping up to help us turn our biggest hopes for children into realities.

With my best wishes & respect,

M. Lizelle Salvador, Chairman

## The Strongest People on Earth

MY RECENT VISIT to the storm-ravaged Leyte province caused me to gasp in disbelief at devastation from Typhoon Haiyan. The catastrophic wrecker claimed an unimaginable toll on lives and properties, mercilessly reducing the once bustling Tacloban city.

Thousands were shoved into mass graves as continuous rains hampered recovery efforts for more bodies. The scenario was morbid and disturbing, reminiscent of a post war zone. Relief efforts were minimal and evacuees sought refuge in leaking wooden bunkhouses.

Rebuilding is projected to take up to five years – and the victims, many of whom are children, will struggle during this time. Survivors, who have no time to grieve over losing loved ones, are still reeling from emotional shock. But they refuse to surrender.

They are roofless and homeless, but not hopeless.

We came upon groups of people lighting candles, praying under tarpaulins in torn down churches and chapels. Others clung to whatever they could salvage. They are bent on bouncing back despite their pain. They still manage to smile, deeply grateful for whatever kind missionaries hand them. As CNN recently reported: The strongest typhoon hit the strongest people on earth.

The collective endeavor to ease these survivors’ suffering is our mission as well. The JDVSF will continue supporting children in any way possible and rebuilding their lives.

Father Boyet



## A Note From the Treasurer

THANKS TO A NEW fundraising concept, the John D.V. Salvador Foundation (JDVSF) experienced a significant increase in revenue for the fiscal year 2012 to 2013. Rather than organising one big fundraising event, we split it into two, which allowed us to expand our circle of friends and supporters. Both events, the charity dinner at the House of Commons in November 2012 and the charity reception at Morton’s in April 2013, were a considerable success. Total revenue of the combined US and UK entities increased by 20% to USD 246’566. With 5.5%, our affiliated Swiss chapter again made a significant contribution.

The cost reduction was equally promising. As a result of steps initiated in 2011, our cost levels dropped further. We were able to improve our efficiency ratio from 96.04% in 2011-2012 to 97.39% this year. In simple words, 97 cents of every dollar raised directly benefits the children. Since its inception in 2005, the JDVSF raised

over USD 1.78m for the children in need.

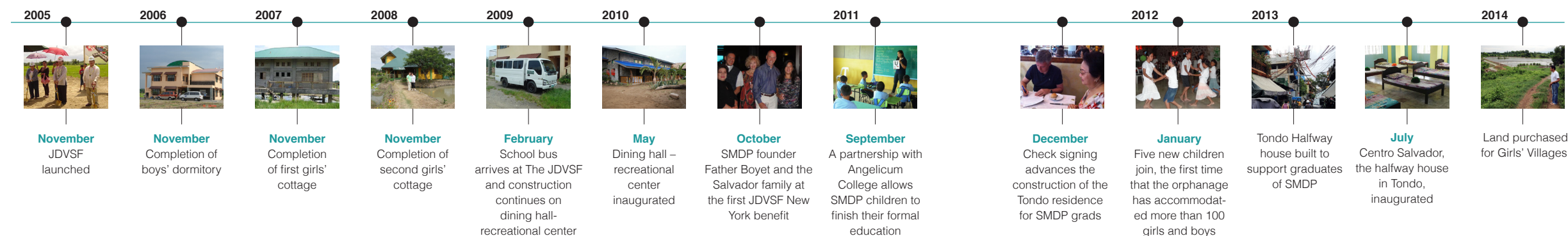
Fiscal year 2012 to 2013 saw two major events: the completion of Centro Salvador in Tondo, Manila, and the purchase of land for the Girls’ Village in Bulacan. Both centres are dedicated to our teenagers in transition from school to professional lives where they can earn a decent living and become economically independent. Both projects were supported with USD 469’912 (previous year USD 336’030).

The fundraising budget 2013–2014 is USD 200,000. Our target efficiency ratio will remain unchanged. We aim to use some of our funds to support schools, orphanages and hospitals in the area affected by typhoon Haiyan.

Hugo Banziger, Treasurer



## Milestones: A Changing Landscape and Healing Hearts



### 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.



*The John D.V. Salvador Foundation is blessed to have supporters from around the world. They have attended and helped plan unique fundraising events in 2012 that will enable more children to thrive and develop their full potential.*

## Bright Future for Our Girls



THE JDVSF is always looking for solutions for our growing community. With this in mind, we are building two Girls' Villages that will become the centre for vocational training and housing for girls advancing to high school and college.

The construction is planned to take an estimated nine months, and will include building a road to the site among the rice paddies. The Girls' Villages should be completed by next Christmas and will mark another major achievement for the JDVSF.

The Girls' Villages is fully funded thanks to money raised at a London charity event in April, 2013.



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refuse to surrender.  
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and homeless, but  
not hopeless."*

– FATHER BOYET

## Circle of Hope

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS from near and far gathered for the inauguration of the Tondo Halfway House ('Centro Salvador') on July 1, 2013.

The building provides a dormitory for around 30 teenage boys doing vocational training in Manila. In addition, Centro Salvador feeds malnourished children daily and provides free dental care for impoverished children and adults.

The JDVSF Chairwoman Lizelle Salvador delivered the keynote speech and dedicated Centro Salvador to her parents, whose support and hope helped her and her siblings achieve success. She said: "Today is a very special day for the John D.V. Salvador Foundation, for me and especially for my family because Centro Salvador is about hope and has been built on hope."

Funds were raised for this project in 2009 and 2010, and construction began in December 2010.



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