

Casa de Angeles

"House of Angels. Home of Hope."

Spring Newsletter, 2006

Memo from Mickey

A number of board members of the Casa de Angeles Foundation have had the opportunity to be in Guatemala this spring and to visit the orphanage. Although there have been great strides made in each of the prior five years of our foundation's existence, all were struck by the progress seen this year.

The 36 children and seven adults are well settled in their growing structures. With the completion of the common building, containing the reception area, multi-purpose room, the dining hall that can hold 100, kitchens and pantries, and the infirmary, there is nothing temporary about its status. The large room that was serving as an interim dining area has now been converted into the library it was meant to be, and there is a growing collection of children's books.

The quadrangle enclosed by the common building and dormitories now has a fountain, statue, and grassy knolls. Incidentally, all of the furniture, such as the hand-made beds and night stands and the machine-made dining room tables and chairs, the library (cont'd.)

Fridge Foto

"Our Happy Clowns" is the caption for this issue's Fridge Foto, thanks to photographer Toni Golbus.

A Day in the Life of the Orphanage

Each new dawn at the orphanage brings blessings to the children, the Sisters, the staff and the supporters of the Casa de Angeles Foundation. And the day begins early!

At 4:00 AM, one of the Sisters rises and goes to the one-person chapel at the far end of the property for prayer and meditation before starting the day. The children are awakened at 6:00 AM and breakfast is served at 6:30 AM. Morning chores, showers and clean-up time start at 7:00 AM.

On-site class time begins at 9:00 AM, and the older kids leave for off-site schooling at (cont'd.)

Memo from Mickey, cont'd.

shelving and the kitchen cabinetry are made in Guatemala. So, your donations are not only building and equipping an orphanage but are also creating jobs for the Guatemalan economy. But, the physical progress description tells only part of the story. These are 36 well-disciplined and semi-controlled children who consider themselves part of one large and loving family. What a well-fed, fun-filled, and rambunctious group they are! Looking after this family are the two Sisters, novices, assistants, a laundry lady and a full-time cook. Eleven children are in the local primary school, and the oldest, Claudia, will be going on to middle school next January. The 3-5 year-olds are in the pre-school under the Sisters' tutelage. Our Pre-school now has a dedicated computer room, with two computers, as well as a dedicated art room.

Since we now have a calf, rabbit, cat, and three dogs sharing the premises, we feel confident that there will be at least one veterinarian coming from the group!

Almost 700 of you now have made all of this happen. We want to thank each of you for your support of the orphanage. It has been thrilling for all of us working on this project to help in making the Sisters' dream come true. Your contributions make the building and support of the orphanage possible. You have changed the future of these children. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you.

Mickey Golbus, M.D., Foundation President .

A Day in the Life... cont'd.

7:30 AM. The remainder of the day includes nap time, lunch time, chapel time, arts and crafts time, play time, homework time for the kids at the local school and, of course, free time. Supper is served around 5:00 PM and "lights-out" happens between 7:00 and 7:30 PM. What a day!

Auction Items Needed!

The Foundation needs donated items for our two 2006 fall fund raisers: The Abalone Fiesta on September 9 in Tiburon, CA and the Halloween Costume Party on October 28 in Corvallis, OR. Items needed include vacation condos, personal services, arts and crafts, day spas, wine and food baskets, gift certificates for restaurants, clothing and shoe stores, bookstores, sports and cultural events, etc.

For the Abalone Fiesta, contact Dr. Mitchell Golbus, 501 San Pedro Cove, San Rafael, CA 94901 or msgolbus@aol.com. For the Halloween Costume Party, contact Dr. Peter Hinckle, 600 NE Avalon Pl., Corvallis, OR 97330 or phinckle@comcast.net.

For the Kids!

If you would like to send a donation now for the support of the orphanage and the kids, please know that a donation of any amount is appreciated and important. Your donation will be acknowledged promptly, as will memorial and celebration donations.

