

Casa de Angeles

"House of Angels. Home of Hope."

Fall Newsletter, 2007

Memo from Mickey

We have the good fortune of having just returned from two weeks in Guatemala, during which we visited the orphanage a number of times. We were struck by the continuing growth and progress of the children.

Amongst the fun occurrences is the addition of more pets for the children. In addition to the birth of Fosca (see separate article), there is a 3-month-old boxer puppy -- named Boxie, of course, who has joined the menagerie.

The orphanage family now consists of thirty-nine children and nine adults. A striking statistic is that more than twenty of the children are attending the local public primary school, and we have two children in secondary school. The 3-5 year olds continue to get a "head start" at our preschool.

The favorite "sport" of our visits was arm-wrestling. I admit that in dozens of matches, I did not win once! The shouts of glee from the winners were exciting and heart-warming. *(Continued over.)*

Party! Fiesta!

The 7th Annual Abalone Fiesta was held on Saturday, September 8, in Tiburon. It was attended by an enthusiastic crowd who enjoyed wine and tapas while bidding on a wide variety of items. Dinner followed with a slide show of the progress of the children and their home. A net of nearly \$28,000 was reaped for the orphanage. The 6th Annual Halloween Party in Corvallis brought in nearly \$25,000 through door sales, raffles and a silent auction. Plus, volunteers outdid themselves with decorations and food. Please support our annual fund raisers by donating items and by being there!

New Photos!

We hope you enjoy the latest photos from the orphanage enclosed with this newsletter.

They were taken, as usual, by our favorite photog, Toni Golbus. Look for a photo of the quadrangle along with the great pix of the kids. If you have saved photo montages from earlier newsletters, look and see how the children have grown!

Memo from Mickey, continued...

The 2007 building projects have included the "tween-ager" dormitory which completes the quadrangle, a soccer field, a water cistern and water purification system which insures both a back-up to the city water supply, and also that the water at all spigots is potable. In addition, a program of brush clearing and minor repairs was successfully carried out.

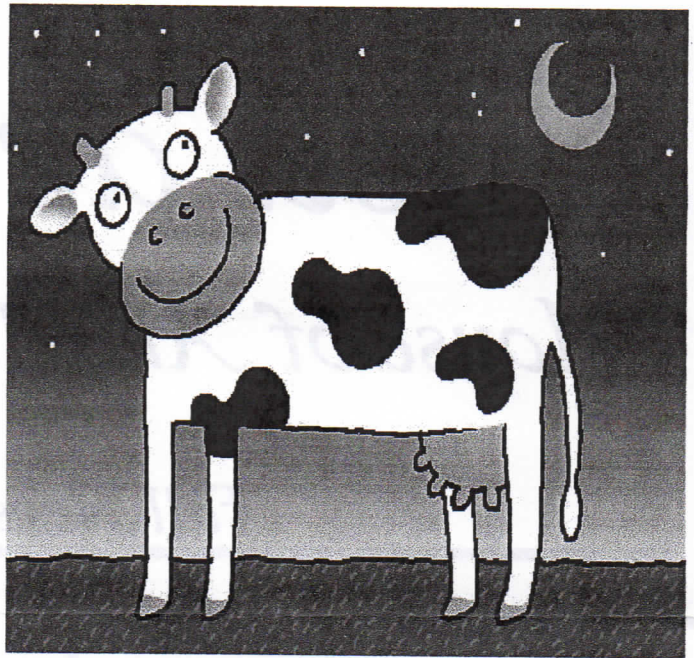
The new dormitory is almost finished, and is scheduled to be done before Christmas. All other planned projects have been completed. To this work, we have added a "punch list" of repairs, the installation of a propane-powered generator to insure uninterrupted electricity, and some security upgrades to the contractors "to-do" list.

All of this progress has been made possible only because of your support, spiritually, psychologically and financially. On behalf of the children, the Board of Directors wants to thank you again for this generous and important support. You continue to change the future for the better for an increasing number of children.

Mickey Golbus, M.D., President,
Casa de Angeles Foundation

Please remember...

**Virtually 100% of your
donations go to the support
of the orphanage!**



A CALF IS BORN!

We have come full circle. Some 2 and 1/2 years ago, Karen Eaton held a bus ride fund raiser for money to buy a newborn calf for the children, as requested by the Sisters. When she was weaned, the calf, Lencha, came to live at Casa de Angeles. Last February, Lencha had a "date" and embarked on her first pregnancy. Earlier this month, she gave birth to a female calf to be named Fosca, which means 'wild' or 'unruly' in Spanish. We hope Fosca's name is not an omen of her future behavior. The children are confident she will be fine and are thrilled to have her.

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