

Casa de Angeles

"House of Angels. Home of Hope."

Fall Newsletter, 2006

Memo from Mickey

I have just returned from a wonderful two weeks in Guatemala! Much of the great feelings about the trip come from multiple visits to the orphanage. Their progress continues to be breathtaking.

This has been a period of continued growth. We now have 39 children and 8 staff members, including the two Sisters, three novices, and three assistants; one cook, one cleaner, and one laundress.. The children have just started their November and December school vacation, so there are 11 more little bodies present each morning. In January, we will have our first child in secondary school (junior high) and a total of 21 children in school. Just think of all the classrooms that the Sisters will have to visit on Parents' Night! The children are happy, energetic, and noisy; and, they are getting a little feisty as more of them become pre-teens. They are a large and loving family and it is wonderful to see how they look out for one another -- when not picking on one another, like normal siblings do.

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Photo Montage

The enclosed photo montage is special!
All the photos were taken by the children,
under the direction of Toni Golbus. Enjoy!

Galas Set Records!

Both Casa de Angeles annual fund raising events set new records this year! The 6th Annual Abalone Fiesta, held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tiburon, California, was attended by 100 persons, who were served and cared for by 20 faithful volunteers. The event, its raffle, and its silent auction netted over \$27,000 for the children and the orphanage. The annual Abalone Fiesta was conceived by Matt and Aaron Golbus, joined by their wives Victoria and Jennifer, as well as Esi Boostani, who has become our abalone chef.

The 5th Annual Halloween Party, hosted by Pete Hinckle in Corvallis, Oregon, raised over \$25,000. Pete reports that the costumes and dancing were great, as were the homemade foods and (cont'd.)

Memo from Mickey, cont'd.

to 48 child capacity of the current dormitories, we met with our architect and will proceed with building the next dormitory, which will finish the quadrangle we have been building over the years. At the same time, we will build a soccer field, clear some brush, and do minor repairs needed with this many children running around the facility. Eventually, I see a full-time maintenance person on our staff.. We still want to establish a second water source (besides the community supply) and are discussing with subcontractors a 400' deep well versus a large holding tank system. Either way, we will be putting filter systems in place to guarantee that the water is potable.

Other signs of growth continue: Our library now has over 500 books; a new car port and guard house have been built; our cow grows larger and should be looking for a "novio" (boyfriend) in about a year; the kitchen turns out about 150 meals a day; the laundry is never done; a new entry gate; and the ongoing pre-school for the 3-5 year-olds.

More than 700 of you have made all of this happen. The Board of Directors, on behalf of the children, wants to thank you for your generous support. You continue to change the future for an increasing number of children. So, it is appropriate at this season of Thanksgiving to both reflect on how much we have in our lives for which we should give thanks, and to consider those who are less fortunate. Our holiday wish is that you once again consider the children of Casa de Angeles as you make your plans for your charitable

giving. Be assured that every dollar you donate will be used for the welfare of the children.

Mickey Golbus, M.D.
Foundation President.

Galas, cont'd.

desserts. The event was served by 29 volunteers working throughout the party. The wine for the party was donated by Airlie Winery. Photos of creatively costumed revelers can be viewed at loenphoto.smugmug.com/gallery/2039281. Check it out!

Thanks to all who attended, volunteered and bought raffle tickets. Without your support, these events couldn't happen.

In Memoriam

The Casa de Angeles Foundation mourns the death of Dr. Norman P. Hunter, 1946-2006. Norm was a much beloved anesthesiologist in Oregon and an early supporter of the Casa de Angeles Foundation, having twice gone to Guatemala as a medical missionary. His wife Christy, who survives him, is also a faithful supporter of our orphanage. Our prayers go out for Norm and Christy and their family.

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