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THE John D.V. Salvador foundation

Fulfilling a Vision



Help Springs Eternal

DEAR FRIENDS OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES,

Our heartfelt gratitude and greetings to the John D.V. Salvador Foundation on its 5th Anniversary! On behalf of the children, the St. Martin house parents and staff, and myself I send our thanks for sharing our determination to help the poorest of the poor and believing in our missionary endeavor. When I look at how much we have achieved in five years, I know for sure that ours is a partnership blessed by God.

Rising out of a quiet rice paddy, St. Martin de Porres Children’s Village stands now as a monument to the generosity that has made all the good things that have come to our children possible: their dormitories, the van that drives them to school, the dining–recreational hall where they gather for meals and fellowship, the greenhouses where their organic vegetables are grown, not to mention the salaries of the cook and in-house social workers who provide them with nutritional and emotional sustenance.

For all of these fixtures of SMDP life, we have the JDVSF and its

generous supporters to thank. But just as valuable as this material support is the friendship and constancy the JDVSF extends to us, always ensuring that the St. Martin community is safe and secure amidst the challenges—be they typhoons or floods—that come and go. You have helped us make enormous changes in our children’s lives, supporting us in every way to make them whole again. In doing so, the JDVSF and its supporters have assumed a quasi parental role in their lives. The children feel a special kinship for all those who keep their interests and well being in mind and understand that they can repay your generosity by being good citizens of the world and showing others the genuine love and concern you have modeled for them. The friendship built among us is a treasure.

The members of the St. Martin community look forward to a lifetime of friendship as we continue to reach out, reform, and give hope to those in need. —FATHER BOYET



A Note From the Treasurer

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT despite continuing market turbulence, JDVSF revenues in 2009-2010 totalled USD200,453, 5.2 percent higher than the year’s before. While corporate donations were lower, we increased our revenues via fund-raising activities in London and our first benefit in New York.

In the past fiscal year, administrative costs (driven by higher bank service charges) rose 2.56 percent to USD8,836.08, yielding an efficiency ratio of 4.01 percent, just shy of our

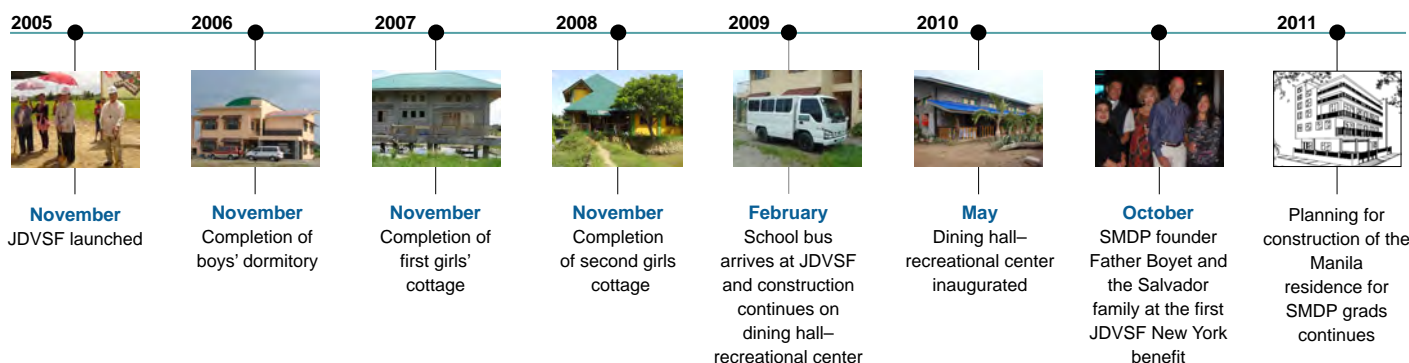


3 percent target. The JDVSF contributed USD124,436.00 to Saint Martin de Porres, primarily for the construction of a dining hall, two resident social worker salaries, and furnishings for the kitchen and cottages.

The primary focus of our 2010-2011 spending will be the construction of a Manila residence for SMDP graduates in vocational training. We expect final cost estimates in the first quarter of 2011. The budget for 2010–2011 will be left unchanged at USD200,000.

—HUGO BANZIGER, Treasurer

Milestones: A Changing Landscape and Healing Hearts



Wisdom Comes of Maturity and Hope



DEAR FRIENDS,

In 2010 we marked the five-year anniversary of the John D.V. Salvador Foundation (JDVSF). Back in 2005, we set out to interrupt the cycle of poverty and abuse that all too often entraps at-risk children. Five years on, I can safely say that the former street children now living happily at the St. Martin de Porres (SMDP) Children's Village that you helped build have escaped the grip of misfortune. I could tell you how far the young residents of SMDP have come from their lives as squatters on the streets of Manila. But I'd rather let John Paul Dela Cruz, who was just 11 when he came to SMDP, tell you himself:

I was a feeble child living in a squatter's area with my family with little on my mind but playing with my friends. We had next to nothing but things weren't so bad as they became once my father was jailed for a crime he did not commit. Then everything turned difficult. My mother could not support us anymore, so my siblings and I stopped going to school so we could collect metal scraps and empty bottles or discarded vegetables to sell so we wouldn't starve. I sometimes saw my mother secretly crying in the corner because of our struggles. She wanted us to finish school and felt life would be wasted if we did not.

That's when God sent Father Boyet to help us. He brought my siblings and me to live at St. Martin de Porres in May 2003. And there, with his guidance and support, we returned to school, began to heal, and plan for a productive future. Today I am living a life I could never have imagined before St. Martin. I'm now in my 2nd year as an accounting student at Philippine School of Business Administration in Quezon City and I live in housing provided by St. Martin supporters. I have learned to be honestly self-reliant and, above all, thank God always for all the kind people who believe in me. I am learning a lot through your help.

We at the JDVSF have learned a lot too. When we first began we knew it was imperative to provide children who had nothing with the physical comforts of home. So, in only five years, we have built a boys' dormitory, cottages for the girls, and a fishpond and vegetable garden that the children tend to put food on their table. This past year, we added a dining/recreational hall-kitchen complex that now allows the 80-strong members of the SMDP community to gather together as one for the first time. While it was clear to us that the SMDP kids were thriving in their new physical surroundings, we realized that in order to fully heal they needed dedicated support. Hence, we, with your help, now fund two full-time resident social workers as well as a cook who has freed the house parents to focus fully on the growing SMDP community.

This past year was full of milestones. The fall was quite busy, with two fundraising events, one in London, and our very first in New York, which was made all the more special by the fact that SMDP founder Father Boyet was on hand to speak with attendees about the wonders JDVSF supporters have worked in the lives of the children. We also took important steps toward initiating the final phase of our work on behalf of SMDP. As you all know, five years is a long time in the life of a child, and we have only to look at the kids who were but young teenagers when the JDVSF first visited SMDP to realize that soon they will be old enough to leave. To make sure they can make that crucial transition, we are moving ahead with plans to build a residence in Manila to safely shelter SMDP graduates—supervised by house parents and social workers—while they pursue vocational training. We feel confident that this final investment in their lives will ensure that the children who were living on the streets only five years ago will go on to honest, happier, productive, and safe independence once they leave our care.

The JDVSF Board of Directors expresses its heartfelt gratitude to our supporters for their generous contributions, our volunteers for their time and effort, and our corporate donors such as Deutsche Bank Asia Foundation, and KPMG for their unwavering support. Over the coming year, we will work tirelessly to maximize your impact on those who came from nothing but now have the support to make something of their lives—and all of us proud.

With my best wishes and respect,

M. Lizelle Salvador, *Chairman*

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.

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John Paul B. Dela Cruz

Then and Now

IN 2005, THE ST. MARTIN DE PORRES home for children was but one small building that housed 30 children. Today, thanks to the generosity of JDVSF supporters it has become an actual village, where its 80 young residents have room to grow and learn how to be happily and safely self-reliant:



Unlike the old open-air dining area (2), where the children had to eat in shifts, the new dining-recreational hall (1) accommodates all residents for meals and community gatherings



The dining hall's new kitchen (3) is a vast improvement upon the facilities (4) the children and their house parents formerly used for meal preparation and cleanup



Back in 2005, older SMDP boys slept on bunk beds in a converted city bus (5). Today they are housed in an 80-bed dormitory (6) that also has a library and study



The JDVSF built small residential cottages for the girls (7 and 8), who today live in intimate family settings with house parents, caring for one another and the younger boys



The SMDP site's transformation is staggering. Yet the most remarkable changes of all are within the hearts of the children, who arrive beleaguered (9) only to blossom within its confines (10)



How Far They Have Come

CRISPIN, 20



WHEN THEY BROUGHT me to St. Martin, I didn't follow rules. I was always being reprimanded and unfriendly to everyone. Then, a surprising twist happened. I was assigned to look after my co-residents and realized you can't be a leader when people won't listen to you. It feels good to help others learn how to become better.

BRANDON, 18



BACK HOME, I used to fight, tell lies, steal money and use it for gambling. Then they took me to St. Martin and my life completely changed. I learned to respect my elders, to pray, and, most of all, to help other people, strangers to me they may be. The bad boy inside me turned out to be one of the trusted big kids in the community.

EMALYNN, 20



WHEN I BEGAN to live at St. Martin, it was hard to mingle with people. I thought I would not make it to high school, I then strived to study harder and have aspirations. Good thing there are people here who are ready to help me and other good-hearted sponsors, who continuously support all our educational needs. I have won over it all.