

THE SHOEHORN SUPPLEMENT

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The gifts we cherish...

Christmas is a time when many of us take time to reflect on the current state of our lives and focus on those gifts that we have been blessed with, particularly the magnificent gift of Jesus. We are keenly aware, as St. Josemaría Escrivá stated, "God is here. This truth should fill our lives, and every Christmas should be for us a new and special meeting with God, when we allow his light and grace to enter deep into our soul."

Our entire Family of Families has so very much to be thankful for during this sacred season – all because of your generous gifts! Here are just a few of them:



The 150 children in our daycare program were lovingly cared for, played educational games, ate three healthy meals and a yummy snack, and took an uninterrupted nap each day while their parents worked and attended school.



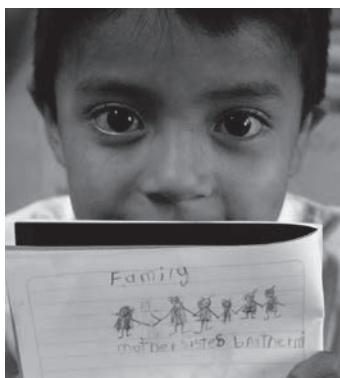
Our hard working cooks in both Centers prepared nutritious meals for our roughly 2,000 members which were distributed three times each day, six days per week. Our families served and helped clean up after each meal as part of their responsibility to the entire Center community.

Our amazing volunteers worked from sun up to sun down as teachers, counselors, big brothers and sisters, coaches godparents, disciplinarians, and most of all, compassionate, selfless servants to our Center families.

The 140 teens in our technical school were mentored by our experienced staff, received job counseling, participated in leadership seminars, attended optional daily Mass and had a safe place to congregate with their friends before heading home for the night.




Padre and the Madres, alongside the rest of the Center's loyal staff, toiled with joyful hearts and a rock solid devotion to our mission, sharing the gift of themselves with the many young and old members of this beautiful Family of Families.



The hundreds of students in our grammar school received a solid education in a protected environment of love and respect, ate three healthy meals, showered, and learned the importance of a strong work ethic.



In the development office, Pat Parks and I have been privileged to interact with all of you, our most precious supporters both in ardent prayer and unselfish monetary gifts. 

A very Merry Christmas to all of you! – Patricia Jessup

**Please don't miss your chance!
Make a tax-free gift from your IRA
by December 31, 2013.**

IRA charitable rollover legislation allows you to *change lives* at the Center by transferring lifetime gifts up to \$100,000 using funds from your individual retirement account (IRA) without undesirable tax effects. **It's a win-win for you and our Family of Families!** You may contribute funds this way if:

- You are age 70.5 or older at time of gift.
- You make a gift of any amount up to \$100,000 on or before 12/31/13.
- You transfer funds directly from an IRA.
- You transfer the gifts outright to one or more qualified charities, but not to supporting organizations, or for gift annuities, charitable trusts, donor advised funds or any gift from which you receive a personal benefit.
- **Many thanks to our supporters who have already taken advantage of this legislation!**



Be here for our big 50th anniversary celebration!

The planning committee is already feverishly at work on all the details for **the world's biggest family reunion** August 8-10, 2014. The basic schedule for the weekend festivities has been outlined. Here is what we have planned.

World's biggest family reunion schedule

Friday, August 8, 2014

- Come together with the whole Family of Families – fellow Center supporters, former volunteers, and a contingent of Center staff – as we gather to share memories and reconnect.

Saturday, August 9, 2014

- Join Padre as concelebrant along with the choir led by Madre and Madre Cindy on guitar, as you are transported back to the Center cafeteria as we sing and clap together during the celebration of the Mass.
- Immediately after Mass, attend our dinner gala with an Ecuadorian flare
 - Celebrate our rich 50 year history
 - Honor the lifetime service of Pat Parks and Judy Conway
 - Look forward to our next 50 years
 - Support this great apostolate



Sunday, August 10, 2014

Grab your last chance to congregate with the Family of Families at a casual, late morning open house. Bid farewell to Padre, the Madres, and the rest of the Ecuadorian visitors.

Please share your email address with us for the latest information regarding the reunion. Check out this link for details as they develop: workingboyscenter.org/50th-anniversary-celebration.