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50th Anniversary Welcomes Pope and Breaks Records!



Fellow Jesuit and WBC co-founder, Padre Juan, was quite honored with the Papal presence and could not resist the temptation to grab a selfie with the Pope!

An invitation to Pope Francis was extended by many of us organizing the BIG 50th and we were thrilled the Holy Father joined us (even though it was in cardboard form).

The Holy Spirit was at work in the room on Saturday night when 550 supporters, volunteers, friends, and family gathered at Marquette University. The was action-packed including:

- A tribute to **Pat and Jim Parks** for their fundraising and outreach work here in the US
- The passing of the US fundraising torch to the new **Center for Working Families (C4WF)** board of directors who plan to sustain all that has been accomplished, helping the WBC to thrive for 50+ more years
- A tribute to lay volunteers as symbolized by long time volunteer, **Judy Conway**
- A reflection by **Carlos Gomez**, original shoeshine boy and current WBC Director
- A divinely inspired Paddles for Prosperity fundraiser led by former WBC volunteer, **Mary Garcia-Velez**

YOU donated over **\$680,000 in gifts** – roughly 1/4 of the annual budget in Quito. ¡Muchas gracias!

Year of the Volunteer – A Tribute to all of YOU!

2014 is the 50th anniversary year for the Working Boys' Center and is also the "Year of the Volunteer." Many of our volunteers joined us to celebrate at the BIG 50th in Milwaukee and were able to reunite with each other while sharing the common bond of love for the work being done in Quito. The weekend was magical!



A large group of volunteers pose for a photo at the final gathering, Open House on Sunday. No one wanted to say goodbye! Let's do it again!

Carlos Reflects and Recognizes



Carlos Gomez shared his perspective on the profound influence the WBC has had on his life beginning back in 1964 and continuing to this day. Watch Carlos' speech and the entire BIG 50th wrap up at: <http://www.c4wf.org>

Center for Working Families (C4WF) Board of Directors Expands Reach

The enthusiasm resulting from the BIG 50th is truly remarkable and our stateside fundraising arm here in the US is eager to maintain that heartfelt momentum! An exciting change we have made is to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors: Mandy Merritt and EJ Jackson.



Gathering at the BIG 50th in Milwaukee were (pictured left to right) Jim and Pat Parks, Mandy Merritt, and Peter Parks.

Mandy Merritt, well known and highly respected for her passionate defense of Ecuadorian human rights, attended our BIG 50th celebration and was extremely moved by what she learned about the philosophy of the Working Boys' Center. In addition, she was touched and impressed by everyone she encountered who assembled on behalf of this missionary cause both here in the US and in Quito. She immediately sprung into action, offering her assistance with publicity, outreach and fundraising. We are proud to welcome Mandy to our board of directors.



EJ Jackson has also accepted an invitation from the board. EJ is co-founder of Provade, a Software-as-a-Service company, and brings his extensive executive management, technology and entrepreneurship experience to the table. EJ's expertise in the

world of technology is an excellent addition to our C4WF board, particularly in the constantly changing information age we must compete in. As a California resident he will surely assist us in enhancing our exposure and expanding our support on the West coast. Welcome to EJ!

U.S. Contact Info for Donations

Be sure to update your files to reflect our stateside contact information shown on the right...

Your Annual Statement of Gifts

So many of you have generously increased your financial support of the Working Boys' Center – A Family of Families in order to honor our BIG 50th anniversary. We anticipate the continuation of your assistance for the remainder of the year as well! Once the year 2014 has concluded, we will send you an annual statement of all of your contributions, including your extra special 50th gift. Thank you for all YOU do!



Madre and Padre cheer on the 550 guests assembled who graciously participated in the Paddles for Prosperity fundraiser. God is good!

View our Weekly Family Movies!

Watch your email Inbox and our Facebook Page on Fridays for our **Family of Families Movies!** Quick 60-second video clips from Padre, Madre and others...

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