

THE SHOEHORN SUPPLEMENT

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RSVP to the 50th Anniversary Fiesta – Space is Limited



By now everyone should have received his or her formal invitation to the 50th anniversary weekend celebration happening August 8-10, 2014. **We recommend that you RSVP as soon as possible to**

ensure your spot at this momentous gathering. Space at the main event on Saturday night is limited. Note that it is said to be a peak weekend for tourists in Milwaukee so we are also advising you to secure your hotel reservation now.

If you are not able to attend the Benefit Dinner and Fundraiser on Saturday night, August 9, please join us on Friday night or Sunday afternoon where you can connect with CMT staff and other members of our Family of Families.

You can either mail in your reply card with payment or register online at: www.c4wf.org. Click on Get Involved/50th Anniversary Reunion.

Year of the Volunteer – A Tribute to Theresa Halligan

Back in the very beginning of the WBC when only a few hundred shoeshine boys were receiving meals and a basic education from Padre, his older sister, Theresa Halligan, was the WBC's biggest supporter and promoter.



She took it upon herself to send out Padre's Shoeshine Special to all of her friends and business associates in the hopes of scraping up funds for his work with working boys in Quito. Read more online: [Get Involved/50th Anniversary Reunion/Featured Volunteer](#)

Its' a Year Long Volunteer (YLV) Competition – Get Ready!

I think there is one thing we can all agree on: the Working Boys' Center changes lives. As a YLV, I caught small glimpses of this transformation in progress. WBC families commit themselves to a new future, realized through hard work, tenacity, and faith. The Center supports them every step of the way, providing for individuals' daily needs, while imparting the education and skills needed to leave poverty behind forever.

Of course, the WBC's great work isn't easy or free; over the Center's 50-year history, it has required the support of countless donors and friends, as well as the consistent dedication of staff, faculty, and the illustrious YLVs.

As 2014 is the WBC's "Year of the Volunteer," what better time to gather together five decades of volunteers to celebrate and swap stories in style than at the 50th anniversary celebration in Milwaukee August 8-10? We are currently recruiting YLV representatives to contact and encourage fellow former YLVs to make the trip for the biggest WBC volunteer reunion yet. We can't promise a chiva, but we can promise a good time for a great cause!

Please email volunteersWBC50@gmail.com to sign up to be the point of contact for your volunteer cohort. -- Sincerely, Emily Rostkowski (YLV 2007-08)

Let's compete! We plan to track which volunteer year has the most attendees at the event and which group participates the most in offering support. We know that YLV group sizes vary so we will work with percentages, not actual counts or dollar amounts. We hope everyone will get into the game!



Daughter of Former WBC Shoeshine Boy Joins YLV Family



We are very excited to share this news with you! The daughter of one of our original shoeshine boys, Patricio Bonilla (pictured above leaning against Madre with a smile on his face), has signed on as a year long volunteer for this coming fall.

Sarah Bonilla will fulfill one of her lifelong dreams as she volunteers at the WBC. She remembers, "Since I was very little my dad would share stories about his childhood and about CMT giving him a shoe shining kit, where he would work at age 6 as a shoeshine boy." Read reflections by both Patricio and Sarah online: www.c4wf.org/news/center-news/

Year Long Volunteers Wanted!

With all the distraction of our BIG 50th anniversary weekend planning going on, we don't want to forget that we need to round up an eager group of young, Spanish-speaking, college graduates to volunteer at the WBC in the fall.



You can help! Perhaps you know a young man or woman who'd like to commit a year of their life to the service of poor families in Quito.

Let them know

that our Family of Families has a 50-year history of gathering 10-15 service-minded, selfless individuals together for an experience of a lifetime. More info: www.c4wf.org/Get-Involved/Volunteer

We're Honoring YOU This Year!

The year 2014 is our Working Boys' Center – A Family of Families "Year of the Volunteer" which means that we are saluting YOU as a valued member of our volunteer family which includes:



- ♥ Our parish volunteers
- ♥ Our short term high school volunteers
- ♥ Our short term college volunteers
- ♥ Our year long volunteers
- ♥ Everyone who works on our behalf so tirelessly in their home towns
- ♥ YOU!

After decades of dedication to the WBC, you have more than earned this recognition! We know that you have families and jobs that must be a priority for you yet you still carve out time somehow to serve our WBC Family of Families. What a blessing you are ☺

We thank you for all you do and have done for us!!

Get Your WBC 50th Anniversary T-Shirt Now!

Our Working Boys' Center – A Family of Families 50th anniversary t-shirts are the perfect attire for the casual get together taking place in Milwaukee on Friday, August 8, at the Annex. Get yours now and break it in before the big celebration! All proceeds will benefit the members of our Family of Families in Quito!

You can purchase yours at: www.c4wf.org/Get-Involved/50th-Anniversary-Reunion

