

News from

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CASA de SARA

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Note from the Executive Director...



Two students in the Casa de Sara Escuelita smile, because with your generous support they have a school. Gracias!

Even after 4 years of steady growth, Casa de Sara remains an organization with virtually no overhead. In fact, according to our most recent audit, our overhead is just 1.5% ...a number that is almost unheard of in most organizations. Achieving this is not always easy, but due to the tireless work of some special volunteers and the kindness of our donors we are surviving! We are resolute in our belief that every penny counts. To this day, no one in the USA takes a salary. This way, your donations go where they are needed most.

As we look toward 2005, Casa de Sara needs your help more than ever in its quest to grow and expand. The costs for our programs in Bolivia continue to increase because

we are helping more children and increasing our programs.

The good news is that a little money goes a long way to fund some of our programs for a year. Your generous monthly support and contributions in any amount help keep our programs running, our kids in school, and our medical clinics operating. Thank you for your support. None of this could be possible without you!



Lori Santoro, Founder and Executive Director

Some Ways You Can Help

The following list highlights a few of the programs in need of funding and their approximate costs. Please let us know if you – or your organization, church, group, or school – can assist us in reaching our funding goals. We appreciate you, depend on you, and are very grateful for any help you can offer!

Sponsor a child for the 2005 school year

This includes the child's uniform, school supplies, and meals, as well as their portion of the field trips and parasite medication.

Cost per year: \$300 Cost per month (10 months): \$30

Medical Seminar Program

This program educates our students and their parents (along with people from surrounding communities) about proper health care. This is one of the most needed programs we offer. This budget provides medical seminars twice a month for one year and includes all doctors' fees and supplies.

Cost of program: \$2000

New Classroom

Our Escuelita is moving to a new building in 2005! The new space is bigger and has better ventilation, but we need to paint and refurbish the classroom. We also need to purchase some new school supplies, shelves, and a refrigerator.

Cost of project: \$1300

Field Trips

Our students are highly impoverished and rarely have an opportunity to travel beyond their own neighborhoods. Field trips give them a much broader view of the world and what is possible in life. There are at least 4 trips per year. The zoo, Coca-Cola factory, local dairy farm, and art museum are commonly on the list. Cost includes transportation, lunch, and the occasional entrance fee.

Cost for program: \$580

Breakfast and Lunch

It is simple for most of us to think of eating breakfast and lunch, but our kids in Bolivia depend on these meals to

fill their tummy's each day. Most don't eat dinner, so the food they eat in our school is very important. This is a wonderful program in our school since virtually no school in Santa Cruz serves food.

Cost for Breakfast for one year: \$1500

Cost for lunch for one year: \$1500

Cost of program: \$3000

Electric and Water

Can't have a school without the necessities!

Cost per year: \$900

Medication

Throughout the year, our students receive medications such as antibiotics and worm treatments. We also provide an initial medical exam at the beginning of the school year and toothpaste for all of our students.

Approximate cost for one year: \$600

Uniforms

Each student receives two uniforms. Our teacher's assistant washes and irons the uniforms daily so that the children always have a clean outfit to wear while in school. At the end of the year they keep their uniforms.

Total cost for one year: \$200

And there is much, much more...

Please call or email to find out more information about funding the annual salaries of our Bolivian teacher, teacher's assistant, and program manager. We also need help funding large medical clinics and, of course, funding to purchase a new building so we may have a larger school.

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Medical Clinic Update

In addition to our twice-monthly medical seminars, we continue to operate small outreach clinics on a regular basis. Large-scale vision clinics are still in operation, but happen less frequently throughout the year.

March 6, 2004

Pediatric Clinic/Adult Clinic
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Barrio Villa Emilia
57 people served

May 23rd, 2004

General Health Clinic
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Barrio Guapurú
195 people served

June 6, 2004

Vision Clinic
El Trigal, Bolivia
60 children 120 Adults served

July 3, 2004

Vision and Dental Clinic
Los Negros, Bolivia
140 Adults 60 children (Vision clinic)
60 children and Adults (Dental clinic)

With nearly 8000 lbs of medical and school supplies finally delivered and cleared from customs in Bolivia in April, donations are being given to clinics, hospitals and individuals in extreme need. We have helped to outfit an entire operating room in a clinic in Santa Cruz, provided incubators and infant beds to small town clinics that had none, delivered 50 computers to the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz to help their school projects, and a vast assortment of medical supplies to those waiting for help. Here are just a few photos of the huge amount of work that is taking place in Bolivia.



Dr. Edwin Escalante treats a child at a Casa de Sara pediatric clinic.



Dr. Edwin Escalante teaches a healthcare seminar to parents and children at Barrio Guaparú in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.



Partial view of operating room provided by Casa de Sara in Clinica Melendres in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.



Give a donation to Casa de Sara for the holidays or any occasion!

What a wonderful way to give a gift, honor someone special, and help children who need you! Casa de Sara provides you with **holiday cards** acknowledging your generous gift given in the recipients honor. A minimum donation of \$10.00 per card is required. We will promptly send you the Happy Holiday cards to forward to your friends. Cards are available now through the end of December.

Also, please consider a gift to Casa de Sara to celebrate any occasion! The person you have honored will receive an acknowledgement letter of your kind gift. Just send the recipients address with your donation.

To order cards call Casa de Sara at: 865-690-3323 or send donation with note requesting cards.



Dental clinic provided by Casa de Sara in Los Negros, Bolivia.



Casa de Sara escolita field trip at the Coca-Cola bottling plant in Santa Cruz.



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If you are a federal or government employee, you can make monthly contributions to Casa de Sara through the Hispanic Children's Education Fund. The Hispanic Children's Education Fund is simply Casa de Sara's DBA name in the Combine Federal Campaigns. Look for Hispanic Children's Education Fund under the Hispanic United Fund federation.



Very Special Thanks to the following organizations:

Youth Development Fund
Children's House International
Lions Club (Halls, Knoxville, TN)



IN HONOR OF SARA

"Success has nothing to do with what you accomplish in life for yourself. It is what you do for others."

Danny Thomas



Sara, Mexico, 1987