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Children Without Borders' Holiday Newsletter

Letter from the Founder

Dear Members,

Happy Holidays! There has been much progress in Costa Rica since our inaugural newsletter in September. Some highlights include meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica and strong developments in our student intern and volunteer program. To hear more about this and other news read on!

But more importantly, we need to focus on sustaining these efforts into 2009. Much still needs to be done and the barrio community is depending on us. Many of the barrio children and families will start 2009 with little health care and poor chances in the fight against illness. So many are hoping to see a new year without sickness.

Help us to continue our mission in providing life saving medical care to children in some of the most underserved communities. Hundreds of generous individuals like you have made a donation and helped us provide care and services that people would have had to go without if it wasn't for Children Without Borders. We eagerly hope you will contribute to Children Without Borders by offering a financial contribution and by telling your friends. We need your help!

Many thanks,

George Whitelaw, M.D.

News from the barrio...

Dr. Whitelaw recently had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Peter Cianchette, U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica to update him on the fine progress Children Without Borders has made in the rapidly growing San Jose, Tibas, barrio. Since our launch in April, Dr. Jennifer Fallas and others have begun to carry out our mission of providing life saving medical care to children and preventative health education for families in underserved countries.

Several Children Without Borders representatives met with the Costa Rican-American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) which represents close to 400 corporations, half of which are Costa Rican. The other half include such American goliaths as Walmart, Hewlett-Packard, Pfizer and Merck. The 35 year-old charity facilitates corporate social responsibility with a focus on education, social and environmental change for good. After this initial visit, Children Without Borders will present its case to the AMCHAM board in January.

Children Without Borders also met with representatives from Procter & Gamble to discuss their social responsibility program in Costa Rica. They have a program for children up to 13 years-old in need. While they do not support programs with money, they do participate in projects by supplying volunteers and distribute toothpaste along with a new product which helps to purify water.

Due to constraints on budget and dwindling funds, Dr. Whitelaw has been forced to carefully cut back the barrio clinic's hours and other expenses to help make donations go as far as possible during these financially strained times. Below are new ways that you can contribute to our work in the barrio! We are constantly looking for new and creative ways to support our mission and allow everyone to have a part in changing the lives of those in need!

Ways to Help

Children Without Borders needs not only financial donations but much needed medical supplies as well. Consider commemorating a special occasion or person by making a donation in its or their honor. Look into your company policies and see if they will match your gift.

Do All Your Holiday Shopping And Support Children Without Borders at the Same Time!!!

Now, you can help Children Without Borders provide medical treatment, disease prevention and health education for underserved children in Costa Rica, while you shop. We have teamed with Market America, one of the world's largest virtual malls featuring your favorite stores, brands and merchandise categories. You'll find great brands, including Best Buy, Apple Store, Saks, Nordstrom, Borders, Amazon, Sears, Avis, and others. To get started, click on <http://www.marketamerica.com/docgw/> Click on Sign In at the top of the Home Page. Complete the registration and click Sign Me Up. You'll be returned to the Home Page. To start shopping simply click Shop Partners tab located at the top of the Home Page. Enter store name in "I'm looking for" box or search using alphabetical list below. Please be sure to sign in so CWB receives credit for your purchase(s). Market America then contributes a percentage from every transaction to Children Without Borders every time you make a purchase; there is no extra fee charged to you. Forward this email to all of your friends and encourage them to support CWB.

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