



# Friends of The CCCO

Welcome to the first issue  
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*Giving is our Privilege, Giving is our Duty, Giving is our Mission*

## Our Vision:

Building together a foundation for children to rise to their own potential.

## Our Mission:

Through partnerships, we focus on breaking the cycle of poverty and violence by providing values-based education, quality health and nutrition and caring personal support.

## Message from the President:

- A Year in Review-

As we begin 2013, we reflect back on the many blessings we had in 2012. We think back to the words of Margaret Wheatley, an international organizational development speaker and advocate, who in 2006 said to us: *"In order to change the world,*

- *Simply notice what you care about*
- *Get started on effecting that change*
- *Learn as you go*
- *Stay together"*

These past years, our journey has been about those principles. We continue to focus our efforts on supporting underprivileged children in Colombia – for whom we care deeply about! We expand our projects by beginning to work with an organization in Medellín, Colombia called Fundamas. Through this new partnership, we are supporting children providing healthy nutrition and education programs as well as those who have been impacted by the devastating torrential rains. In addition, through strengthened relationship with the Sacred Heart Sisters, we continue our support of children in Agua de Dios, Colombia at Nazareth School and Orphanage. Our projects there are focused on healthy nutrition, education and oral health.

As we mark our twenty first year of assisting the less privileged in Colombia, we reflect on these profound words and celebrate how a simple dream which began over coffee one afternoon has

flourished and will continue to flourish. Strong women gathered and noticed what they cared about – Colombian children. We started small, but stayed together and have learned as we have grown.

**You are part of this circle, this circle that gives hope to Colombian children. Together this past year we contributed \$54,860.95.**

Because of your support and generosity, we are confident that lives of children in Colombia are being changed. Your contributions are making for a better world in Colombia. On your behalf and on behalf of the children of Colombia we concentrate our efforts knowing that together we can make a difference!

Thank you for your continued support, generosity and dedication.

Conchita Sanchez  
President

## Our Strategic Plan for 2013 includes:

Continue to support the children at Nazareth School and Orphanage; and FundaMAS

- Through educational resources, nutritional and health support.
- Providing personal support so children will graduate from high school.
- Providing bursaries for post-secondary school including apprenticeship opportunities.



## Medellín – FundaMAS | Fundación Misericordia, Amor y Servicio

(Foundation Mercy, Love & Service)

Their mission is to house under the supervision of a live-in family, girls between the ages of 5 – 18 years. They are provided with love, nutrition, education and health care, including dental and eye care as well as in-house social worker.

These children come from homes where the parents are, unfortunately, addicted to drugs.

Accommodations are provided for 3, 6 or 12 months to each recipient according to her and her family's specific needs. This arrangement helps FundaMAS to extend their help to more families.

The CCCO started working with this Foundation in early 2012. It has been a very interesting and a wonderful learning experience.



## Board of Directors members of The CCCO

The CCCO welcomes its new Board Members, as of August 2012. They will enhance the roster of the already existing Board, which is composed as follows:

<b>President:</b>	Conchita Sanchez
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Claudia Falquez Warkentin
<b>Executive Administrator:</b>	Sylvia Crane
<b>Treasurer:</b>	German Saavedra
<b>Members:</b>	Olga Grant
	Maria Sanchez-Keane
	Diana Robinson
	Stella Prasad
	Doris Vidal-Buckley

## Make a Difference with Us

We are a 100% Volunteer Organization. Our volunteers are deeply passionate about our projects and the well-being of children in Colombia.

## Dedicate an Event to The CCCO

Gather friends and family for a CCCO event or dedicate an event (such as a birthday, baptism, etc.) to The CCCO. If you want us to attend, we will be happy to do so and share with your guests about the work of The CCCO.

All guests who contribute \$25 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt.

## Looking forward to seeing you in 2013

Please mark your calendars and buy your ticket today!!

Limited space for our events

### ➤ Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### 7th Annual Golf Tournament

Eagle Ridge Golf Course - ClubLink

Georgetown, Ontario

Registration: 11 a.m.

Event Cost: \$160 per person

Gather friends or colleagues to create your four-some and call or go online for reservation and payment.

### ➤ Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### Roaring Twenties Fundraising Gala

The Old Mill Inn, Toronto

Registration: 6:30 p.m.

Event Cost: \$110 per person by October 21, 2013

\$130 per person afterwards

Payment and reservations must be done by October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to guarantee your seat!

Online reservations and payments for our events by Pay-pal and major Credit Cards at [www.theccco.org](http://www.theccco.org)

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