



Friends of The CCCO

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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:

- 2015 A Year in Review-

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE CCCO:

Thanks to our many volunteers, sponsors and donors the Canadian Colombian Children's Organization had another fantastic year. We celebrated 24 years of helping children in Colombia.

Our year started wonderfully with children in Canada gathering to share their talents and raise funds for children in Colombia through the Kid's Talent Show. This show was initiated by twelve-year old Andrei Aguado and his mom Sandra Kubo. They, together with other volunteers, hosted this wonderful event where we witnessed the incredible talent of children playing the violin, piano, guitar, dance and other great talents. It was an afternoon that filled all of us attending with great hope. Hope because we see the wonderful tradition of Canadians helping Colombians being passed on to the next generation. At this wonderful event we raised \$5,233.

Our year continued with our annual golf tournament from which all the funds raised were dedicated toward our dental program for children in both Nazareth and Santa Ana. We have learned that oral health is a necessity, one that is not readily available, but one that can make a significant difference to the lives of the children we support. We are so grateful for all our faithful golfers who continue to join us year after year. Together we raised \$29,297.

In October our annual Gala changed location and thanks to our new Gala Committee who took this signature event to a new level raising record dollars for our children in Colombia. New volunteers joined our team and brought new energy and ideas. To you, we are so grateful! We raised \$28,623.

Our efforts continue past our Toronto roots as Nelly Buitrago in Calgary hosted her 4th CCCO breakfast with friends raising much needed funds for our children in Colombia. We hope other locations will be motivated as well!

In addition to the above, we received over \$50,000 from private donors.

We are beginning to see the fruit of many years of our labour, as we see more and more of the kids in Colombia, who are now becoming young adults, continue on into high school and go onto post-secondary education. We are changing lives!

Last year, we all together supported education, health, oral health and nutrition for over 90 children in our three sites of Nazareth, Santa Ana and FundaMAS.

We contributed to:

NAZARETH:	\$44,756.00 USD
FundaMAS:	\$43,307.52 USD
SANTA ANA:	\$18,121.00 USD

For a grand total of \$106,184.52 USD

We could not have done any of this without your generous support. Spread the word so others can join us by volunteering, donating and sharing our dream of assisting children to get out of the cycle of poverty and violence. For more information, visit www.theccco.org.

In 2016, we gear up to celebrate our 25th anniversary – join us as together we contribute to changing lives for the better for Colombian children!

Conchita Sanchez
President

Our Strategic Plan for 2016 includes:

Continue to support the children at:

- **Nazareth School and Orphanage for boys,**
in Agua de Dios, Cundinamarca
 - **Santa Ana Orphanage for girls,**
in Agua de Dios, Cundinamarca
 - **FundaMAS | Fundación Misericordia,
Amor y Servicio,**
in Medellin, Antioquia
(Foundation Mercy, Love & Service)
- 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.

FundaMAS' 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.

Visit to Nazareth & Santa Ana

by: Alvaro Orrantia

This past December, I was able to visit Nazareth and Santa Ana. It was my first time and it was a very rewarding experience that I also shared with my daughters.

Most kids were on vacation but I still had a chance to meet some who have no family and were at the schools for the holidays. I also had a chance to talk to some of the nuns and got their undivided attention as there were very few distractions.

At Nazareth I found sister Emiliana extremely energetic, educated, hands-on and very sharp. She is a psychologist, which helps her understand and manage the problems some of the 30 kids in Nazareth have, while also understanding the economics of the school, in addition to knowing how to grow products that she sells to help make ends meet.



Visit to Nazareth – December 2016

At Santa Ana, sister Flor Angela is an economist who seems to think things thoroughly and runs a very structured academic program for her 32 girls. She also understands her priorities very well and comes across as a visionary.



Visit to Santa Ana – December 2016

I also brought a bag of toys that my daughters helped me open and distribute at both schools. The kids I met were very happy to see what we were giving them. They took one stuffed animal each to keep them company every night. The remaining toys would be a surprise for the other kids as they return from vacation.

No matter what you give, or how much you donate, or how many hours you volunteer, after seeing what I saw, I know it will make a difference. Please keep helping us and thank you for your support.

100% of your donation will go directly to aid children in Colombia

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