



# 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: 2024 a Year in Review

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE CCCO:

After 33 years of unwavering love, dedication, hard work, and commitment to the children of Colombia, I am filled with immense pride as we realize our dreams. In 2025, our vision is to focus on the health of our organization including psychology and dentistry.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our board of directors, our tireless volunteer team, and all our generous donors for your kindness, love, energy, and contagious enthusiasm for the welfare of our children in Colombia. **Without your support**, we would not have been able to fulfill our mission over these past 33 years.

This newsletter helps summarize our fundraising events from 2024 as well as the most important activities and changes that took place during the year. It will also provide perspective about the status of future projects that will further increase our impact in the lives of many Colombian children in need.

This year we continue with four organizations:

- Colegio Comunal Mixto - Barranquilla
- Fundacion El Rosario – Armenia
- La Anunciacion - El Tabor
- Fundamas. - Medellin

The Colegio Comunal in Barranquilla is a community organization dedicated to providing support in education, health, and nutrition for more than 400 children in both morning and afternoon sessions. Additionally, at El Hogar El Rosario in Armenia, we sponsor a before/after school program aimed at keeping away children from the streets and out of trouble; this is for over 130 children in the morning and 130 in the afternoon. Fundamas, situated in Medellin, is a school that caters to 60 girls with the aim of helping them complete their high school education, offering refuge from the abusive environments often perpetuated by drug-addicted parents.

**Last year we met our objective of building two soccer fields one in Fundacion El Rosario and the other in the Colegio Comunal.**

Last year our volunteers Monica and Juliana Figueredo visited our school in Armenia. Marta Dibiasi and Gisela Lorion visited La

Anunciacion in Medellin. They were very impressed at how well educated the children were.



Fundacion El Rosario, Armenia



Colegio Comunal, Barranquilla



La Anunciacion El Tabor

Throughout 2024, the CCCO supported nutrition, education, and health programs as follows:

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| Fundacion El Rosario  | \$29,166.03  |
| Colegio Comunal Mixto | \$38,866.34  |
| Fundamas              | \$43,283.90  |
| La Anunciacion        | \$21,274.00  |
| Total                 | \$132,590.27 |

The cornerstone of our fundraising efforts in 2024 were the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and the 33rd Annual Gala.



Gala 2024



Golf Tournament 2024

### Our Strategic Plan for 2025 is to:

- Support the children programs at FundaMAS (Fundación Misericordia, Amor y Servicio), Educational Institute La Anunciación, Hogar el Rosario in Armenia and Colegio Comunal in Barranquilla. Our key focus areas are:
  - educational and nutritional resources
  - health care
  - counselling and assistance so children will graduate from high school.
- Research and support other programs within the mandate of our organization.

Below are our key fundraising activities for 2025 so **please mark your calendars:**

- Annual Golf Tournament: June 6
- Annual Gala and Auction Sale: November 15

I would like to thank our donors, sponsors and benefactors for your generosity, and our volunteers for the tireless work you

do for us. You are all the heart of our organization.

Lastly, I extend a warm invitation to visit us at [www.theccco.org](http://www.theccco.org) and connect with us on LinkedIn (The CCCO), Instagram ([https://www.instagram.com/the\\_ccco/](https://www.instagram.com/the_ccco/)), and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CCCOchildren>). There, you'll discover opportunities to sponsor our initiatives, contribute donations at <https://theccco.org/make-a-donation/>, or simply engage in conversation with us. Rest assured, your support is paving the way for a brighter future for countless underprivileged children in Colombia.

Let's keep in mind that "Within the child lies the fate of the future." – Maria Montessori.

### Conchita Sanchez

President – The CCCO

Please remember there are many other easy ways to support the CCCO including:

| United Way Fundraising Platform  |
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| If your company runs any fundraising programs through United Way, you can select the CCCO within the list of charities on their platform. Some companies also offer matching programs, which can double your impact.   |
| Benevity Fundraising Platform  |
| Similarly, if your company runs any fundraising programs through Benevity, you can select the CCCO within the list of charities. Some companies also offer matching programs, which can double your impact.  |
| 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. We will share our Vision, our Mission and the work we do with your guests. All guests who contribute \$25 or more will receive an income-tax receipt. |
| Donate Through our Website   |
| If you like to donate directly through our website ( <a href="http://www.theccco.org">www.theccco.org</a> ) you will receive the Tax receipt via Canada Helps.   |
| Apply for a Grant at Your Company  |
| Many organizations today give grants for their employees' charitable work when they volunteer a minimum number of hours a year. You may apply for a grant to benefit of the CCCO.  |
| Donate through World Vision  |
| You can donate through World Vision if there is a program in the company you work for.   |

The CCCO volunteers don't receive any remuneration for the work they do; therefore, 100% of your generous donations go towards the support of our programs for the disadvantaged children of Colombia.