



The Lingap Children's Foundation
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Dear Lingap Friends:

While wonderful things continue to happen at the Lingap Center in Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines, much work is yet to be done. Every child that comes to the Lingap Center has a different background, different story and different needs.



Marjie on her first day at Cebu College of Science and Technology

When she was 11 years old, Marjie and her mother arrived at the doorstep of the Lingap Center. Marjie's father had abandoned the home, leaving his wife to care for five children. The mother's income wasn't enough to buy food for all her children. Rather than see Marjie starve to death, her mother came to the Lingap Center, which welcomed her daughter with open arms.

When she arrived at the Lingap Center, Marjie couldn't afford to go to school. Through the generosity of many supporters of the Lingap Children's Foundation, she was able to graduate from high school. Today she is attending the Cebu College of Science and Technology on a scholarship and has been elected president of her college class.

While she received two scholarships, Marjie only accepted one so that another less fortunate student could use the other scholarship. Before she entered her first year at college, I received this note from her: *"I will study hard for my future, my family and so that I can also help the Lingap Center."*

Without the Lingap Center, Marjie would have faced a life of poverty and hardship. Sending children such as Marjie to live on the streets is not an option. We need your help.

Please take just a few minutes to put \$25, \$50, \$100 or more in an envelope and send it to the Lingap Children's Foundation. Also consider enrolling in our "***Place at the Table***" sponsorship program. For details, call us at **(517) 529-9702** or visit our Web site at <http://lingapcenter.org>. Your donation – 100% – benefits the children. There are no administrative costs. You can also contact me about hosting a fund-raiser to benefit the children.

Under our new challenge program, Richmond Brothers, a corporate supporter, and I will donate \$50 for each new recurring monthly sponsorship. We also will match an aggregate of up to \$8,000 in donations made to the Lingap Children's Foundation.

I want to share with you these recent achievements and results:

- Since early 2004, we have built one of the finest childcare facilities in the Philippines, brought 50 children into the church and provided religious services and meals to hundreds through our Third Saturday Outreach program.
- We have provided food, safety and shelter for hundreds of abused, neglected and abandoned children and have ensured they have access to a higher quality of education. With your help, we can continue to invest in these children.
- The new West Bay Community Library is scheduled to open in mid-August, welcoming 2,500 area children. The project received support from the Toledo City West Rotary (Philippines), several Michigan Rotary clubs and Rotary International.
- The children returned to school in June after learning basic money-management skills. They made cakes and candies and grew vegetables they planted and sold on consignment at the local market. Their earnings were deposited in newly opened bank accounts and will be given to them when they leave the Center.
- Two interns studying social work at Southwestern University in Cebu City will spend time at the Lingap Center, observing and learning. Their presence indicates that colleges and others recognize the Lingap Center as an outstanding organization that can also teach and share what we have learned.



Three Lingap children proudly display their produce, which they later sold at the local market.

Without you, none of these achievements would have been possible. Thank you for caring and for your continued support. Please remember:

“To the world, you may be one person. But to one person, you are the world!”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Drake".

John Drake