



November 2009

Dear Friends,

Progress at the Lingap Center has been nothing short of miraculous. In addition to 100 boys and girls who no longer need to face life on the streets, we are now touching the lives of hundreds. One day last week, 73 children attended the daily Street Children's Education program! Last month, over 800 needy children attended the Third Saturday Outreach, which is the children's Mass and soup kitchen. We were able to feed them all! With the addition of the new Rotary library, we may be impacting the lives of thousands.



800 Attended the Third Sunday Outreach

The children are also showing a remarkable concern for those in need, specifically for the victims of the terrible flooding in Luzon following the recent typhoons. Thankfully, we were not affected, but concern for those who were is astounding. Many of the children told me that when they grow up, they hope to return to the Lingap Center to help other less fortunate children such as themselves. They are clearly learning our values. That's part of our vision and one of our goals.

While the project's successes continue to exceed our hopes and dreams, we also need to look into the future. Keeping the Center open and providing opportunities for the children is a constant challenge. Sadly, the number of children in need doesn't decrease; it continues to grow. We must address these needs. With this in mind, we are working hard to fund several programs to ensure that we are there when needed, now and in the future. Our programs include food, shelter and clothing; education and school supplies (this year, seven of our wards are attending college); and our outreach programs. Most recently, we are in serious need of a vehicle for daily and emergency transportation. We believe that a program fund of \$3 million would allow us to continue to meet these challenges.

All of our progress thus far has been possible thanks to your generosity and every single dollar you gave went directly to the benefit of the children. This is possible because all administrative costs are absorbed by the Lingap Children's Foundation Board of Directors and me.

There are three primary ways that you support our efforts: through individual contributions of money or stock; our *A Place at the Table* sponsorship program and by attendance at and participation in our annual Hearts for Orphans fund-raiser. In addition, if you are considering estate planning, please keep the Lingap Center and its children in mind. As you think about your holiday giving, we hope that you will remember us.

- To make a tax-deductible donation, please use the enclosed envelope.
- You can donate online by visiting our website at: <http://lingapcenter.org>.
- To enroll in our *A Place at the Table* sponsorship program, you can use the form below or enroll online.

Remember, we are a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

Reminder: Mark Your Calendar - The annual Hearts for Orphans fund-raiser in Jackson has been changed to Saturday, April 17, 2010. We changed the date due to weather concerns and to ensure that those who go south for the winter can attend.

Thank you so much for your continuing support and encouragement. You really are making a significant difference. None of it would be possible without you. I hope you share my experience and feelings when I say:

Helping others is the greatest gift that you can give to yourself!

Sincerely,



John Drake

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I would like to enroll in the ***A Place at the Table*** recurring monthly sponsorship program using my credit card. Name: _____

(please print name exactly as it appears on your credit card)

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Monthly Donation amount (minimum of \$25 monthly): ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75
___ \$100 ___ \$300 ___ \$500 ___ \$1000 \$ _____ other

Credit Card Type: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard (we can only accept Visa or MasterCard)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

By signing below, I hereby authorize The Lingap Children's Foundation to charge my credit card on a monthly schedule in the amount indicated on this form. Donations will be processed on the date the form is received by the Foundation. This authority will remain in force until The Lingap Children's Foundation has received notification from the donor to cancel the authorization.

Signature: _____ Date: _____