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Sacred Heart Students Fundraise for Change

With a heart for helping others and the drive to succeed, Isabel and Maria are already bringing Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ.

Best friends for seven years, the 11-year-old girls are entering the same class at Sacred Heart School in Halifax, Nova Scotia, a Catholic school that encourages fundraising for charities.

Maria always itched to do her own fundraiser, but was too young. So as soon as she could, she jumped on the chance and invited Isabel to join. The two decided on selling stress balls for charity and chose Chalice.

"My mom brought up Chalice, because my family actually sponsors two kids from Chalice," Maria said in an interview alongside Isabel.

Since Chalice and Sacred Heart are both Catholic, she added, she thought the former made "perfect sense" for



Isabel (left) and Maria (right).

stress balls, but went with store-bought after a homemade one exploded from too many squeezes! Ultimately, though, they pushed through and raised more than \$1,000.

They chose to donate some to COVID-19 relief efforts in India, and the rest went to the gift catalogue to help fund water systems.

"A lot of kids have to drop out of school, and they don't get much education because they have

their donation.

To help their classmates learn more, they included cue cards with facts about Chalice with the stress balls.

Of course, the journey wasn't without mishaps. Originally, the pair planned to make homemade

to go walk a long way to get water, and then carry it all back," Isabel said.

She would love to see more people contribute to the cause, so everyone around the world can have clean water.

"If you put yourself in that situation, how would you feel?"

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CHRISTMAS 2021

Together for Christmas: A Poem



A family celebrating Christmas at our Guadalupe site in Bolivia.

*Christmas in Bolivia is a time of dance,
But faced with changes, they took a chance.
COVID-19 made large gatherings impossible
But the Guadalupe site staff and parents were unstoppable!
They put their heads together, with only so much time,
And thought, "Hey... what if we went online?"
To celebrate Advent, they hopped together onto phones
To share the meaning of Christmas – so no one was alone!
Living Advent Time, it was dubbed,
And by parents, staff and children, it was much beloved.
Yet the organizers didn't stop here;
They needed more ways to spread festive cheer,
Chalice supporters stepped up to help,
Thinking of others, and not of themselves.
They donated money to the Christmas fund,
And soon a plan had begun.
The families prepared small festivities,
And came together for fun activities.
Everyone was in their bubbles,
So there wasn't any trouble.
The children had hot chocolate and sweets,
And panettone bread as a tasty treat.
They heard the story of baby Jesus who came,
To give new life and free us from shame.
What came at the end was joyous for all:
Special gift bags for children big and small.
Chalice supporters brightened the day,
And the children smiled as if to say,
We loved celebrating in our own special way!
Merry Christmas!*

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Faces of Love

MOM1919

Lena

DECEMBER 12, 2005

Just 15-years-old, Lena lives in Mombasa, Kenya. She wants to be a pilot one day, and dreams of a sponsor who will help her go to school and achieve her dreams.



VDM1956

Fernando

NOVEMBER 13, 1996

Challenged at times by life with a disability, Fernando lives in Paraguay with his mother and two brothers. Sponsorship will help him stay healthy and receive an education.



GSG1415

Pidamarthi

JANUARY 13, 2013

Always ready to bust a move, Pidamarthi lives in India with his mother and brother. He loves math and dancing and wants to be a police officer when he grows up.



GSG1419

Vemavarapu

OCTOBER 29, 2010

Cheerful and intelligent, Vemavarapu lives with her mother, father, brother and sister in India. She loves to sing and has teaching aspirations.



FAP4470

Reyna

JANUARY 6, 2010

Some of Reyna's favourite foods are fried eggs and tortillas! A clever young girl, she loves to read and go to school.



SAM3242

Chery

JUNE 10, 2001

From Samar in the Philippines, Chery is in college and hopes to become a teacher. She studies hard so she can achieve her dreams and support her family.

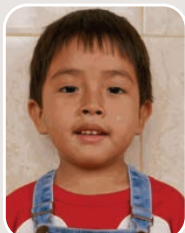


PIN2174

Yosimar

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

Active and friendly, Yosimar lives in Peru with his parents and sister. He loves playing soccer and learning numbers! He even dreams of being a doctor already.



Viktoriya's Art Bursts Off the Page

With a gifted artistic hand, Viktoriya's paintings and drawings are tapestries of colour and creativity.

Thanks to her Chalice sponsor, she honed her art skills at school near our Ternopil sponsor site. Sponsorship came into her life when she needed it most.

Her mother had just passed away, and her father Vasyl was in debt from his wife's medical bills - all while wrangling three young children by himself. The family needed everything, from food to clothes to household goods.

It was then a ray of sunshine burst into their home through sponsorship of Viktoriya and her older sister, Anastasiya. Her family purchased new clothes, hygiene items and school supplies. Change had begun.

Viktoriya's self-esteem blossomed, and she performed better in school, while sponsorship allowed her father to save money. Vasyl's faith deepened, and with renewed hope for the future, he eventually purchased construction tools. Later, he began contract work as a roof repairman.

Today, the eldest of the family, Yuliya, holds a diploma in clothing design, while Anastasiya is studying restaurants and hotels at university.

As for 15-year-old Viktoriya, she's a grade eight math wiz who regularly competes in competitions. Sometimes, she even wins first prize.



Viktoriya and her art.

And of course, her art is always perfect.

"My heart is full of gratitude to Chalice, because owing to sponsorship my attitude to life, values and goals have changed. I am thankful to my sponsor who has been supporting me all these years," Viktoriya says.

A Prayer for Haiti



Wreckage of a clinic at our Haiti South site.

In the early hours of August 14, 2021, Haiti was struck by a magnitude 7.2 earthquake. It was mostly felt in the southwestern part of the country. Where Chalice works in the communities of Latibolière and Prévelé, houses, rectories and clinics collapsed. In response, Chalice launched its Haiti Disaster Relief Fund, and invited supporters to donate for urgent needs like food, water and school infrastructure.

Chalice donors have opened

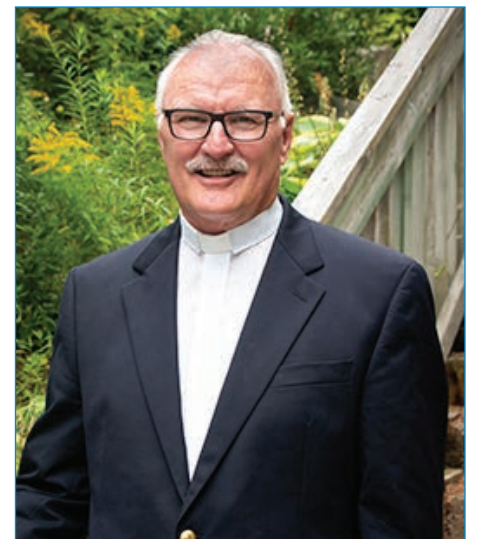
their hearts to the people of Haiti during this time, and we invite you to join us in a prayer for continued recovery in the country.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patron of Haiti, we ask for your intercession as the country heals from the effects of the devastating earthquake. We pray for the healing of the sick, the rebuilding of shelter, and the reopening of schools. We ask this in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

International Travel Update

The COVID pandemic continues to impact the daily lives of our partners around the world. Chalice Canada staff have not yet been able to resume regular travel. At this time, we do not encourage and are unable to facilitate arrangements for Chalice supporters to visit sponsor sites. As well, we anticipate that we will not review the viability of our Mission Trip Program for another 3-5 years. Please join us in praying for the end of the COVID pandemic.

Step by Step



One at a time. One donor, one child, one person, one small intercession and a small step in the right direction brings a change. At first, hardly noticeable. Then, slowly, over time, step by step - a difference becomes visible.

There is a glimmer of hope; a slow growth in confidence. Something has been accomplished, and a difference was made that perhaps allowed someone a feeling of satisfaction, and glow of thanksgiving.

It seems to me that our Chalice newsletters rarely contain the 'big stories' of global impact that are told on the news. Ours are the small stories of human kindness that are happening globally. These 'day-to-day'-type stories have brought joy into the lives of many. In a world where 'big news' usually offers little hope, joy or satisfaction, perhaps hearing our small stories will bring you a moment of all three. After all, you are part of each story we tell.

Father Patrick Cosgrove,
President, Chalice

Wheelbarrows of Possibility

Not far from Chalice's Meru site in Kenya is a group of adults and young people with smarts and determination. They're members of the Wheelbarrow Project.

Many in the area find work as wheelbarrow pushers at a local open-air market, but it can be a pricey endeavor. They often find themselves hiring wheelbarrows for a fee every day, keeping them from self-reliance and higher-living standards.

But where there is a need, there is often someone with a clever solution.

Site staff saw costs adding up for families, and knew they had to do something. The Wheelbarrow Project was born.

In only a month, the group had 15 members, who began saving money in a group bank account. When site staff realized how determined the members were to improve their lives, they took the aid a step further and requested money from the Chalice gift catalogue to purchase the group their own wheelbarrows.

Thanks to the generosity of Chalice supporters, the money came through! The site purchased 15 wheelbarrows for the group.

The group can now save even more money, and since they're not hiring wheelbarrows, they have some extra cash. With that money, they're purchasing food for their families, and paying for their children's education.

The wheelbarrow gift has also made them hopeful they can grow their savings and eventually upgrade to motorbikes, or even cars.

Youth and women are knocking on doors to join the group, site staff



write, and the story has inspired many.

"Chalice has been noticed and people are so much thankful to them for the commendable impact they

A member of the Wheelbarrow Project.

are making into people of Kenya," site staff write.

Chalice Champions Q&A

Tell us about yourself!

My name is Peter van Kampen. I am a Youth Ministry Coordinator working for Catholic schools in central Alberta, running youth ministry programs in the schools and parishes. I live with my wife and five kids just outside of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. I enjoy writing, frisbee and being outdoors.

How did you first hear about Chalice?

I've been sponsoring children through Chalice for many years. I believe I first heard about them through a parish presentation. I have a love for children, and a love for the poor, so I've always been attracted to ministries that sponsor children. But when I heard about Chalice, I realized that it was a Catholic charity, so as a Catholic I wanted to support them.

How did you get involved in Chalice Champions?

I used to be a part of a major parish in Calgary where a deacon would come by once every couple of years and make a presentation about Chalice. When I moved to a small town in central Alberta, I noticed that the announcements were not being made in my parish. I thought that to be a Chalice Champion you needed to be a deacon, but I contacted Chalice anyway and



Peter Van Kampen.

offered to start making announcements. Since then, I make announcements every year in my churches in December to coincide with the release of the Christmas Catalogue. Chalice sends me sponsorship packages, and I have found that even though I am in a small church and the people have heard the announcement every year, each year a few more kids get sponsored from my church. I think a lot of people want to give, but lack confidence in choosing charities, or knowing where to give.

“ knowing the work we do is important, needs to be done, and is making a huge difference ”

What does your role as a Champion involve?

The most important piece is the parish presentations in December. Because I happen to work in Catholic schools, I have also implemented campaigns where kids compete to raise money by class for Chalice.

What's the best part of being a Chalice Champion?

I think the best part of being a Chalice Champion is knowing the work we do is important, needs to be done, and is making a huge difference.

What would you say to someone who's hesitant to join a program like this?

You don't need to be a polished public speaker to be a champion. The real message people will hear when you make an announcement is that you are passionate about the poor and want to help. That in itself will inspire others to give.

Thank you Peter! Please contact LigiaAngulo@chalice.ca if you'd like to learn more about Chalice Champions.

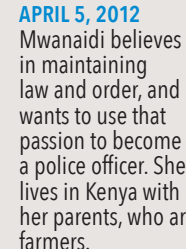
Faces of the Future

MOM2453 Neymar



AUGUST 28, 2015
From Kilambala, Kenya, Neymar loves to jump rope and sing, especially Gospel songs. He dreams of working in a big hospital to treat the sick.

MOM2475 Mwanaidi



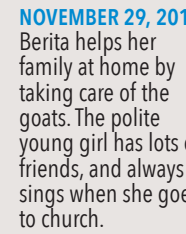
APRIL 5, 2012
Mwanaidi believes in maintaining law and order, and wants to use that passion to become a police officer. She lives in Kenya with her parents, who are farmers.

HCC1480 Rehan



AUGUST 22, 2008
Rehan lives with his parents, brother and sister in India. He's friendly and understanding and loves his language arts classes. Sponsorship will help him stay in school.

KMC1722 Berita



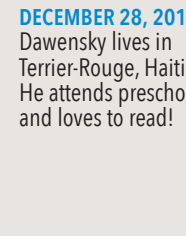
NOVEMBER 29, 2013
Berita helps her family at home by taking care of the goats. The polite young girl has lots of friends, and always sings when she goes to church.

GDL1999 Milenka



SEPTEMBER 30, 2007
Milenka is in grade seven in Bolivia, and loves her language arts classes. A smart cookie, she's awarded every year for her great academic performance in school.

NDS2329 Dawensky



DECEMBER 28, 2016
Dawensky lives in Terrier-Rouge, Haiti. He attends preschool and loves to read!

TER5820 Khrystynka



JANUARY 3, 2018
Khrystynka lives in Buchach, Ukraine with her loving family. She has special needs, and her parents give her lots of extra support. Despite any challenges, she's a kind and active little girl.

Miriyam Makes the Grade

Miriyam is the middle child in a family with three daughters, being raised by her mother and father near our sponsor site in Madurai, India. Miriyam has made leaps and bounds of progress in her education, and her Chalice sponsor has supported her through it all.

Her father runs a small tea shop for tourists, and he's the only one earning income for the family. It was tough to get by, and accessing the basics like food and clothing was difficult. They were in desperate need of a boost.

In that moment, a Chalice sponsor stepped in with a heart full of generosity.

Chosen by her sponsor in grade two, life improved soon after for Miriyam and her family. Sponsorship was a light that illuminated the children's and parents' futures.

With the extra support, the parents bought food for the family, and began supporting their children's education. In this case, Chalice supporters didn't just help Miriyam. They helped her sisters, too.

Through family funding, her sisters finished their own education. Her older sister Jenita is now wrapping up a Master of Science, a huge step, while her younger sister Jency is in grade 11.

As for Miriyam? After



completing grade school, she pushed forward with her dreams by attending university. She's now studying business administration, and puts special funds she receives every year aside for her

education. She and her sisters get great marks!

"The family has improved financially and they are very happy and thankful to Chalice and their sponsors," write Madurai site staff.

Miriyam (center) with her family.

Nutrition Program Boosts Family Savings

Food is among the most basic needs of all, but around the world, more than 795 million people go hungry. Economic disparity and droughts make accessing food challenging in developing countries, including many where Chalice works.

Griselda and Marcos are two sponsored children near our Dominica site in Paraguay. Faithful Chalice sponsors have made a difference in their lives, especially through Chalice's Nutrition Program.

The program works in schools and communities to supplement the food children receive at home. Its work ranges from meals three times a day for orphanages to soup kitchens in communities. Flexible and accounting for different regional needs, each program is unique.

Griselda and Marcos's parents, Sandra and Marcos Sr., have been in the program since its inception. Sandra even dedicates some of her day to cooking meals for the program at the San Pedro dining hall, the core of the community.

Under the program, Sandra and Marcos Sr. have saved money they would normally use for food. They've even upgraded their house, and now put money towards their children's education.

Sandra says her ten years involved in the sponsorship



program have been "very satisfying", and she's grateful her family's quality of life has improved.

"She hopes that the Chalice Nutrition Program will be extended to more beneficiaries and wants

Griselda, Marcos and Sandra.

those who receive this gift to appreciate the faith and great human effort behind these programs," write site staff.



Good News

Stay tuned for 30 years of Chalice!

In 2022, Chalice celebrates its 30th anniversary, and we couldn't let the year pass by without celebrating. Stay tuned for special stories on our blog, an awesome event in June, and a whole lot of thank you's.

Chalice's new status!

Earlier this year, Chalice was constituted as a Private Association of the Faithful by Archbishop Brian Dunn of the Diocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. We're so excited!