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Cultivating Values Among the Vegetables

The Sagrado Corazón de Jesús daycare is a splash of colour among the brown brick buildings of Cochabamba, Bolivia.

The centre, run through our Fátima sponsor site, offers pre-school education along with nutritious snacks and meals daily, with support from Chalice's nutrition program.

But the children simply do not like trying new foods. That required some creativity.

Fresh produce is out of reach for many parents. Many of the children are tasting certain fruits and vegetables for the first time at the daycare. Like children everywhere, it takes them a while to warm up to certain veggies.

The daycare staff faced the age-old challenge of getting kids excited to eat their vegetables. Inspiration struck: a community garden.

They hoped if they could create "a space where children and parents can interact with nature," the children would value the vegetables when they

were the harvest of their own efforts. To their delight and surprise, the children and their parents fell in love with gardening.

"The gardens in the children's centre have become a playful activity for our children," says Eusebia, who teaches the three-year-olds.

"They release tensions [and] get out of the daily routine, they have fun." When the little ones are having fun, they don't realize that Eusebia and María are teaching values.

"They take care of the vegetable garden with great excitement, and both the children and their families... are involved in the activity."

"Fostering ... that love and respect for their natural environment is part of our work as educators," says María, who teaches the four-year-olds.

The daycare team is thrilled by how enthusiastically the community has taken to the kitchen garden, and how meaningful a teaching tool it's become.

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The Fátima community garden is thriving.

gratitude to everyone who supported agriculture through Chalice's gift catalogue.

"This experience could not have been given without the support and generosity of the Chalice family," they write. "All the children, the teaching staff and the parents bless and honor the noble work of Chalice in favor of the children of our community."

Joy in the Dining Room after Emergency Repairs

Ivanna and Victor would have greeted visitors with a warm hug last year. But their house would have been cold.

The couple and their five children live in a rural village near our Ternopil sponsor site in Ukraine.

Ivanna works with the elderly for minimum wage in the village. Victor is a tractor driver and finds seasonal jobs.

With their difficult financial circumstances, the family is grateful that their eldest daughter, Valentyna, has a Chalice sponsor who helps with education costs, nutritious food, and other daily needs.

The family's home is small and has no conveniences. Their kitchen is in a separate small building. It was already falling into disrepair when a minor earthquake in September damaged it further. The walls cracked and those cracks are now spreading.

"At first we did not pay attention to the cracks in our kitchen walls," Ivanna said. "But as days went by the cracks became bigger and a few months later they became a threat to the durability of the house.

"We were especially worried about



A celebration lunch in the new kitchen.

the wall that carried the gas pipe. The old roof was leaking and the walls and ceilings were damp. The windows and floors had rotted, too."

Ivanna and Victor had no resources to do the repairs and the situation became urgent.

"Electrical wiring short-circuited because of the wet walls," writes Ivanna, "and we even had a fire which we were able to put out on time, praise the Lord.

"To make things worse, the war broke out in our country. Cost of goods have gone up. We found ourselves in the worst situation." Desperate for support, the family approached the Ternopil site staff, who put forward a request for the repairs on the family's behalf through Chalice's critical needs response fund.

"Thanks to your generous support we have done the necessary repairs to our house inside and outside," Ivanna said. Chalice donors helped Ivanna and Victor buy the wood and construction materials to do the overhaul.

"It's difficult to describe the joy and happiness we all felt," she said. "Our elder children's eyes sparkled with happiness and their ringing voices sang about the changes they would like to be made in the new kitchen.

"The day when we settled in the kitchen to cook our first meal after the repairs was our happiest day of the year. The food tasted particularly delicious. Our big family had enough space at the dinner table."

She said that "a child's prayer is the most powerful thing."

"I hope that very soon you will feel the power of our prayers. May God always watch over you and your family and may the light of love that pours out of our hearts shine upon your life."

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Share Love With...

TER6076 Polina

Ready to take the stage, Polina loves to sing and dance. The 5-year-old lives with a big family at her grandmother's house



in Ukraine. Polina already knows that she wants to be a teacher. Sponsorship will help her make it happen.

HCC1589 Dhanashree



Dhanashree's rich imagination is a force for good. Living with her family in India, the grade 5 student loves drawing, painting, and languages. But her heart is in education: the aspiring teacher wants

nothing more than to help other children learn and succeed.

VHN1738 Kalpana

With a passion for dancing, Kalpana is a bright light for her family. Her father passed away and her mother is ill and



struggles to support Kalpana and her sister. Sponsorship will be a blessing during these tough times.

BC01229 **Jhayleord**



Jhayleord takes his studies seriously and prefers reading and science to anything else. The amiable 10-year-old lives with his parents and brother in urban Manila. Sponsorship will give him access to

nutrition, tutoring, and enrichment activities.

NBB1728 Richard

Richard's greatest goal is to help people in his community in rural Ghana. In grade 6, Richard loves farming and math class. With he sets his mind to.



sponsorship, he'll achieve whatever

SAM3628 Roizza



From the rural Philippines, Roizza is 8 years old and loves reading and drawing. She lives with her family of 6 and wants to do well in school because it will make her parents proud and happy. A sponsor will

give her the supplies she needs to succeed.

KBP1717 Steward

Steward's mathematical mind is perfectly suited for his dream career: accounting. But his parents struggle to find employment and



are not able to fulfill their children's school needs. Sponsorship will make an enormous difference in his life.

Haiti and Ukraine: Countries in Crisis

Chalice Manager Randy is never off the clock these days.

As Chalice's international operations manager for Haiti and Ukraine, he expects to receive messages at odd hours. Local staff in both countries cannot rely on electricity, internet connection, or even a safe workplace.

They try to maintain daily contact. But they are not cheerful messages.

"From the Ukraine sites these days, I'm sensing a little more fear, especially now that the frequency and breadth of the Russian missile attack seems to be heightened," Randy says. "So that's creating fear amongst the site staff, but they're also doubling down on determination to get through it.

"From the Haiti sites, the gang control and the gang violence remain high, and seem to be only increasing. There's a sense that the world isn't paying attention to what's going on in Haiti, or doesn't care, which is sad." He said there isn't enough appreciation of just how dangerous it is in Haiti right now.

Children and Chalice staff members put their lives at risk to venture out. Kidnapping and theft are daily occurrences, even in rural areas. One Chalice staffer commutes by public transit and gets stopped at four roadblocks each way, each demanding money in exchange for safe passage.

Despite the challenges in each country, sponsored families have access to their bank accounts and receive their sponsorship funds.

"Those are funds that go right into the family bank accounts, and then the families have some flexibility to spend them on whatever their greatest need is at the time. Usually, it's food." Hunger is the greatest concern at our



Haiti sites.

The security risks coupled with a fuel shortage make importing food nearly impossible. Families must rely on local farmers and the underground market for food. Goods come at steep prices, beyond what a family can afford without support, like sponsorship.

That is the saving grace of Chalice's family-funding model, Randy says. "Families receive the funds, and then they're able to at least buy some food, wherever they can."

Beyond the financial support, Chalice sponsorship has offered the families a wellspring of hope and compassion. "The bright light is the fact that Chalice is still there, and we're still trying to do as much as we can," Randy says. "We have sponsors that still care and are committed to continuing the sponsorship.'

Sponsors are also increasing their

gifts of "special money" to their children. Even small additions to their regular sponsorship can make a tremendous difference for a family

Some supporters are also donating at the site level, which the staff can spend on urgent needs. Food is at the top of the list.

Sponsors can also send letters and cards to their children, in both Haiti and Ukraine. Your presence, even from afar, offers consolation and solidarity.

"They still rely heavily on their faith," Randy says. "They're praying that somehow, someway, a solution will be found.'

Randy's message for sponsors in Ukraine and Haiti is simple: "Stay committed and don't give up on your sponsorship. Have confidence," and "keep both countries front and centre in your prayers."

Elder Health from A to Zunilda

Despite an ongoing battle with cancer, Zunilda is upbeat and affectionate.

The 83-year-old woman lives with her daughter, Macarena, and her three grandchildren.

"She is also very active, constant-

ly cleaning the house or cooking," the site staff say. "Her passion is listening to music."

Zunilda is one of 45 sponsored and 15 non-sponsored elders in the sponsor site in Arica, Chile, participating in their two-year program called Holistic Health in Mind, Body, and Spirit for Elders.

Through this program, every elder receives a customized care

plan devised by a diverse healthcare team. The team includes an occupational therapist, nurse, psychologist, Chalice fieldworker. and a social worker.

Zunilda looked forward to her first visit from Erika, the nurse. Her arrival was providentially

Macarena had left the house for a few days to attend appointments in another city. In her absence, Zunilda took a fall. Thankfully,

Erika came to the house the same day and was able to make sure she was OK.

Erika continued to check on her in the following days. Thankfully, everything was fine.

The occupational therapist,

Paulo, had visited Zunilda several times and he was aware that she was prone to falls. He assessed that a cane would be all she needed to have a new and safer lease on life.

With some on balance and hand-eye co-ordination, Zunilda has improved her co-ordination and balance. She's also just plain having fun!

"The visits from the nurse and the therapist

have given me a lot of security and joy," Zunilda writes. "I look forward to the day of their visit because they are so playful and loving."

"From the bottom of my heart, I thank Chalice for caring about us seniors" Zunilda remains hopeful during her cancer treatment, saying, "I believe I will get ahead because I am not alone; I have you who watch over my well-being. May God bless you abundantly."

A Friend in Need.

I am often struck by how many ways Chalice must be present to our site staff as they strive to be there when our sponsored families, children, and elderly face difficulties.

Being a sponsor with Chalice is a little bit like being a caring friend. A friend



Father Patrick Cosgrove, President at Chalice

doesn't choose how and when they will help and support, circumstances do. A friend helps because they are close by when disaster strikes, or an emergency happens, or when a problem arises. A sponsor is just that friend, and I am very grateful when we can put into action the support and loving kindness our sponsors want to offer their sponsored child or elder.

It is a privilege to be able to work with the staff, religious, priests, and bishops who give their time and effort so generously from the heart. And the result is so gratifying!

Together, we are making small differences in people's lives with each interchange. I hope you enjoy reading examples of how often your donations have helped.

May our loving God continue to bless the hearts and lives of both sponsors and sponsored, as well as all those who connect the two in their work.

"I am not alone. I have you."

Lavender Blooms After a Second Chance



Young women in Kenya overcome barriers every day to attend school and complete their education.

But, until recently, one barrier – young motherhood – always felt insurmountable. Teen mothers dropped out of school and stayed out to take on full-time parenthood.

The staff in our Mikinduri sponsor site wanted to break that barrier.

"These vulnerable girls and teenage mothers primarily desire to become self-reliant," said Caroline, Mikinduri site director.

The girls wanted to continue their education, to pursue their dreams. Staff believed having a child shouldn't cut short a woman's chance of an education and meaningful career.

So, with the support of a Chalice program, Caroline and her team started a program to re-enrol young mothers back in high school and support them through to gradua-

Lavender was one of these young women. Her parents, Lucy and

Richard, raised her and two younger brothers on their wages as casual workers.

"I like being a big sister," Lavender says. "My mum left them with me to take care of them, and I love them. I learned a lot to take care of them, and they helped me – when I had my son, I knew how to take care of him."

Lavender had Theophilus in 2016. She took his name from the Bible, knowing it meant "friend of God."

As much as she loved her son, she always wanted to go back to school.

"I tried a lot to come back to school, to give my son a better life and to help my younger brother,"

But it was not feasible for her family. She stayed at home for a year with Theophilus.

Everything changed when a teacher introduced the family to Chalice.

The Mikinduri staff let her know that they would support her to return to class. Her grandmother

Friends, Lavender and Jackie, with Jackie's daughter, Abigail.

would care for her son during the day.

She remembers returning to school -- her Form One year. "I was nervous, but you have to face it," she says.

Now, she wakes up at 4 a.m. to study because she devotes her time to Theophilus and housework once she gets home from school. Caroline recalls a talk that all returning young mothers attended.

"The young mothers were encouraged to believe in themselves and to have confidence," she says. "Now that they have been given a second chance in life and nothing should limit them from pursuing to achieve their dreams."

Lavender took her words to heart. "I want to be a teacher," she says, her eyes focused on university. "So, I work hard so I can achieve my dream, help my son, and help others who may not get a chance at an education."

Nicolas Nicolas is 3, and he loves helping his

Share Hope

With...

mother at their home in Haiti. At daycare, he likes colouring and story time. Sponsorship will support and encourage him to stay in school,

FPS1290

eat well, and grow up healthy.

NRB0770 Maryann



Maryann has many hobbies! At only 7 years old, she loves languages, art, and birdwatching. She is also adept at hide-andseek. She lives with her family of 6 in urban

MIK1871 Miriam

Miriam has a sunny smile and a scholarly mind. The 8-year-old loves school, especially math class, and reads whenever she can. She wants to be a teacher. She lives with her mother and grandmother in rural Kenya. Sponsorship will get her started towards her dreams



FAT2163 Jhojan



Jhojan is only 9 months old and one of the youngest children waiting for sponsorship. His adoring mother is dedicated to giving Jhojan a happy and healthy life. Sponsorship will be

a great boost for both mother and baby.

OLG4386

Thiara Artistic young Thiara already has an eye for beauty. The grade 1 student loves art class and drawing. With two sisters at home, she can practice her ideal career:



hairdressing! Thiara lives in Paraguay, and a sponsor will support her to finish

Chalice and the Feast of Corpus Christi: What's the Connection?

Every year, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

In Canada, it's always the Sunday fol lowing Trinity Sunday. The Masses on Corpus Christi weekend reinforce and reinvigorate the faithful's belief and hope in the Eucharist.

It's a special time to recall and adore the reality that Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine, and constantly offering Himself, for us and to us.

With a name like 'Chalice,' it's clear that we have always seen a connection between our work and the Eucharist. Which is why last June, we started a new tradition.

Prior to the pandemic, parishes welcomed us into their Masses to invite parishioners to sponsor a child, and these "sponsorship weekends" could be any weekend throughout the year. But we decided to concentrate them on one weekend, Corpus Christi, last year.

Through the support and tremendous help of hundreds of priests, deacons, and volunteers, we held more than 100 "Corpus Christi sponsorship weekends" across Canada.

This year, Corpus Christi falls on June 10-11. More than 150 priests have already accepted our invitation to hold



sponsorship weekends in their parishes. For us, connecting Chalice with Corpus

Christi reflects the essence of our purpose: to bring Christ to the poor, and the poor to Christ.

As sponsors, the Church brings Christ's loving presence to children experiencing poverty. The Church responds to Jesus' exhortation to feed, educate, shelter and clothe the vulnerable among us. Each new sponsor joins our mission to reveal Christ to a child in need.

The Eucharist enables us to achieve this purpose together, as members of Christ's Body. When He feeds us in the bread and wine, He transforms

us into Himself.

At the conclusion of the Mass, we are sent out to spread this gift of nourishing love - both to those near us, and those in our global family. That's how Chalice sponsorship is an act of Eucharistic faith.

As St. Theresa of Avila wrote: "Christ has no body on earth now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which he walks to do good; yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world."

VIL2717 Alexander



Alexander is 6 years old and is a soccer superfan. The preschooler loves to kick a ball with his friends and aspires to go pro someday. Until then he lives with his mother and sister in Paraguay. He appreci-

ates the support that a sponsor will give his family to help him keep dreaming big!

LEM1747 José

José hails from a humble and kind family in Bolivia. When he's not playing with his brother, he can be found reading a book!



He's 10 years old but already has big dreams. Sponsorship will uplift his whole family with better education, nutrition, and support.

Holy Cross School Welcomes Back Primary Students

Chalice's Goa sponsor site sits just outside of the bustling state capital, in a community called Marna Siolim. The region's cities and beach resorts are popular tourist destinations that attract migrant workers from around India and lures young people away from smaller villages. But many do not find success. Marna Siolim has a high concentration of migrants, and few educated younger citizens, which leads to poverty and family instability.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross of Chavanod have been active in the community for almost 90 years, and Chalice has partnered with them to run the sponsorship program since 2015.

In 1933, the congregation opened Holy Cross School. Their initial mission was girls' education, but now boys enroll, too.

The Sisters built the school with a vision to provide quality education to all children, regardless of their backgrounds. Since then, thousands of children have learned, dreamed and achieved in Holy Cross's walls.

Enrolment is still in high demand.

But the one-level primary school

building was in urgent need of repairs.

Termites had eaten the teak roof

Termites had eaten the teak roof. Monkeys from the surrounding woods destroyed the clay tiles that protected the building from annual rains.

Monsoons were the bane of the Sisters' existence. Every year, the saturated walls caused airborne illnesses and threatened to short the electrical fixtures. The walls cracked ominously.

The Sisters couldn't stand to see their students attending a hazardous school any longer.

It was time to act: along with Chalice, they initiated an ambitious, multi-year renovation project.

In Canada, Chalice supporters Dr. Antonio Jose Pinto and Dr. Ivete Raimundo Pinto caught wind that a renovation project was underway at Holy Cross. Both doctors grew up in Goa and have personal ties to the school and its surrounding community. They contributed

generously to the project, in memory of their beloved parents.

With support from Chalice and the Pintos, the alumni association, and local partners, the transformation began. They reinforced the foundation and the first level of the structure and added a second floor of classrooms.

They upgraded the plumbing and wiring. They reinforced everything to protect it from wind and rain. There are washrooms on each level that had not previously been present.

Their big inauguration day was in early February, 2023. During the celebrations, one student summed up the journey: "The primary school building has gone through lots of ups and downs – but magnificently and providentially, each stone was placed. And by-and-by, the building took its shape, with lots of prayers and generous donations," he said to the gathered audience. "And the day has finally dawned!"

The local priest, Fr. Socorro Mendes, celebrated Mass and



Holy Cross School, repaired and updated.

blessed the new building. In his homily, he thanked the Sisters for their vision, their joy and their commitment to educating the children.

"The school premises ... look beautiful. Beautiful painting, beautiful structure," he said. "That is a structure that will remain for ages to come to show that the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod ... want to diffuse the values, the knowledge, the love, the understanding, the wisdom, from this temple of wisdom. Every school is the temple of wisdom."

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Non-Consolidated Financial Statements



To the Board of Chalice (Canada):

Opinior

The summary non-consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary non-consolidated statement of financial position as at June 30, 2022, and the summary non-consolidated statements of operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited non-consolidated financial statements of Chalice (Canada) (the "Organization") for the year ended June 30, 2022.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary non-consolidated financial statements are a fair summary of the audited non-consolidated financial statements, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Summary Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

The summary non-consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in the preparation of the audited financial statements of the client. Reading the summaryl non-consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited non-consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The summary non-consolidated financial statements and the audited non-consolidated financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited non-consolidated financial

The Audited Non-Consolidated Financial Statements and Our Report Thereor

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited non-consolidated financial statements in our report dated

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary non-consolidated financial statements [in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary non-consolidated financial statements are a fair summary of the audited non-consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards (CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements

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Chalice (Canada) Non-Consolidated Summarized Statement of Financial Position As at June 30, 2022

Non-Consolidat	As at June 30, 2022		
	2022	2021	
Assets			
Current assets	8,602,036	7,761,019	
Investments	4,762,997	7,797,437	
Due from Chalice, Inc.	819,571	596,341	
Capital assets	2,972,535	2,800,229	
	17,157,139	18,955,026	
Liabilities Current liabilities Deferred contributions	t liabilities 4,689,885	5,427,897 584,834	
	5,484,523	6,012,731	
Fund balances			
Invested in capital assets	2,972,535	2,800,229	
Restricted	4,631,038	4,761,212	
Unrestricted general	4,069,043	5,380,854	
	11,672,616	12,942,295	
	17,157,139	18,955,026	

Chalice (Canada) Non-Consolidated Summarized Statement of Operations

	2022	2021		
Revenues	33,725,117	33,038,722		
Expenditures	34,852,721	30,200,748		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures before amortization	(1,127,604)	2,837,974		
Amortization	142,075	183,384		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,269,679)	2,654,590		
Chalice (Canada)				
Non-Consolidated Summarized Statement of Changes in Fund Balances				

 Non-Consolidated Summarized Statement of Changes in Fund Balances

 For the year ended June 30, 2022

 2022
 2021

 Fund balances – beginning of year
 12,942,295
 10,287,705

 Excess of revenues over expenditures
 (1,269,679)
 2,654,590

 Fund balances – end of year
 11,672,616
 12,942,295