

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NEWSLETTER

## Royce Nicolaisen Visits VIDA Peru Partner Comunidad Sagrada Familia

This September, Otis McAllister CEO Royce Nicolaisen visited the Comunidad de Niños Sagrada Familia in Lima, Peru. The Comunidad is one of VIDA's (Volunteers for Inter-American Development Assistance) most important partner organizations in Peru working to provide quality medical care to people living in poverty.

Comunidad de Niños Sagrada Familia offers a shelter for children living in poverty in Lima. These children are exposed to drugs, violence, prostitution and other dangers. The Comunidad

provides relief in the form of a loving and caring home where they receive education, medical treatment, nutritional meals and attention.

Royce joined VIDA's local manager, José Antonio Block, and Comunidad de Niños Sagrada Familia founder, Miguel Rodriguez, for a tour of the organization's extensive programs and its grounds located in Ventanilla, one of the most remote and impoverished districts of Lima.

One of the Comunidad's most fundamental programs is its medical clinic. The clinic is sponsored by VIDA with the

support of local and international volunteer doctors and nurses. VIDA provides donated medical supplies from the United States. These supplies include everything from fundamental basics such as latex gloves to more costly items like operating tables and wheelchairs.

This year, Otis McAllister donated over \$25,000 to VIDA. Otis' donations proudly sponsored the shipment of seven ocean containers from the U.S. to Latin America carrying tens of millions of dollars of medical supplies.



**LEFT: Nicolaisen speaks with a student in one of the Comunidad's classrooms. RIGHT: Children from the Comunidad de Niños Sagrada Familia hold-up newly received donations of clothing and shoes.**

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**LEFT: A Wounded Warrior enjoys time with his family at a baseball game funded by I Heart Military.**

**BELOW: An I Heart Military Daughter throws out the first pitch at a San Diego Padres baseball game.**

Otis McAllister established a new and important partnership this year with I Heart Military, an organization dedicated to providing Wounded Warriors with active support during their last stages of medical treatment during their transition home. I Heart Military works to give Wounded Warriors and their families the resources they need to have a smooth transition.

The organization offers a wide range of services crucial to newly returned Wounded Warriors and their families. I Heart Military focuses on planning events for Wounded Warriors and their families to spend quality time together. These events range from Major League Baseball games to backstage passes for a KISS concert. They also include special trips to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Sea World, and the San Diego Zoo.

Another program assists in the

job search and placement upon Wounded Warriors' return so that they can provide for themselves and their families. I Heart Military also provides meal delivery to the homes of Wounded Warriors to ensure healthy households.

I Heart Military reaches out to children that have lost a parent at war and military children that are affected by military parental absences through their "Outstanding Military Children" program. These children are recognized for their talents and achievements.

"I Heart Military is a true resource that provides much needed support and service for our returning Wounded Warriors and their families," says Otis McAllister Senior Executive Director, Jimmy Bailey. "Otis McAllister looks forward to continue working with I Heart Military in 2013."

Otis McAllister is proud of the support given to I Heart Military by our partners including Martinelli's Apple Juice and Crystal Geyser.



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## *A Special Letter from Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Director, Xavier Adsará*

Esteemed friends of Otis McAllister,

**W**e write to you to thank you for your support and partnership with the 3,500 children that live in the homes of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos in Latin America. Thanks to your support in particular, our NPH homes in Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and the Dominican Republic have begun to regularly receive your [La Sirena] canned seafood. Their high protein and nutrition content are promoting optimum health among our children. Due to the current economic and social upheaval affecting the first world, resources are more and more concentrated within first world countries, and aid for the third world is drastically falling.

In 2012, this reduction in aid forced us to reduce the food rations for our children and we began to see signs of malnutrition. Thanks to Otis McAllister, we are now able to provide weekly servings of high quality and highly nutritious fish to our children, which enables us to prevent malnutrition and allows children to continue their education successfully.

Child malnutrition can cause learning delays and neurological and psychological complications when they become adults. Otis McAllister is contributing in a crucial way with the prevention of these problems and other illnesses associated with malnutrition. The children of NPH have improved their health considerably thanks to



**ABOVE: The children of NPH Nicaragua enjoy La Sirena!**

**BELOW: ABOVE: The children of NPH wish Otis McAllister a Merry Christmas.**



Otis McAllister and they attend school every day where they develop healthily physically and intellectually.

Xavier Adsará Grau,  
NPH Spain Director