



Friends of The CCCO

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Giving is our Privilege, giving is our Duty, giving is our Mission

Our Vision:

Building together a foundation for children to rise to their own potential.

Our Mission:

Through partnerships, we focus on breaking the cycle of poverty and violence by providing values-based education, quality health, and nutrition and caring personal support.

Message from the President: 2023 a Year in Review

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE CCCO:

After 32 years of unwavering love, dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to the children of Colombia, I am filled with immense pride as we realize our dreams. In 2024, our vision is to construct soccer fields at two of our schools: the Colegio Comunal in Barranquilla and El Rosario in Armenia.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our board of directors, our volunteer team, and all our generous donors for your kindness, love, energy, and contagious enthusiasm for the welfare of our children in Colombia. Without your support, we would not have been able to fulfill our mission over these past 32 years.

This newsletter helps summarize our fundraising events from 2023 as well as the most important activities and changes that took place during the year. It will also provide perspective about the status of future projects that will further increase our impact in the lives of many Colombian children in need.

This year we continue with four organizations:

- Colegio Comunal Mixto - Barranquilla
- Fundacion El Rosario – Armenia
- La Anunciacion - El Tabor
- Fundamas. - Medellin

The Colegio Comunal in Barranquilla is a community organization dedicated to providing support in education, health, and nutrition for more than 400 children in both morning and afternoon sessions. Additionally, at El Hogar El Rosario in Armenia, we sponsor a before/after school program aimed at keeping children away from the streets and out of trouble. Fundamas, situated in Medellin, is a school that caters to 60 girls with the aim of helping them complete their high school education, offering refuge from the abusive environments often perpetuated by drug-addicted parents.

During her visit to La Anunciacion in El Tabor last year, our volunteer Olga Grant was deeply impressed by the exceptional organization of the school. She encountered 65 children receiving excellent education under the devoted care of the sisters of the Anunciacion. These children, up to 6 years old, transition seamlessly to mainstream education thereafter, allowing their mothers to

pursue employment opportunities. This remarkable endeavor, fueled by 32 years of commitment from CCCO volunteers, stands as a shining example of generosity and compassion.



Colegio Comunal, Barranquilla



La Anunciacion El Tabor



Fundacion El Rosario, Armenia

Throughout 2023, the CCCO supported nutrition, education, and health programs as it follows:

Fundacion El Rosario	\$	45,038.00
Colegio Comunal Mixto	\$	49,061.87
Fundamas	\$	66,763.53
La Anunciacion	\$	18,716.28
Total	\$	179,579.68

The cornerstone of our fundraising efforts in 2023 were the 16th Annual Golf Tournament and the 16th Annual Gala.



Wall of Fame-Volunteers



Golf Tournament 2023

Our Strategic Plan for 2024 is to:

- Support the children programs at FundaMAS (Fundación Misericordia, Amor y Servicio), Educational Institute La Anunciación, Hogar el Rosario in Armenia and Colegio Comunal in Barranquilla. Our key focus areas are:
 - educational and nutritional resources
 - health care
 - counselling and assistance so children will graduate from high school.
- Research and support other programs within the mandate of our organization.

Below are our key fundraising activities for 2024 so **please mark your calendars:**

- Annual Golf Tournament: June 7
- Annual Gala and Auction Sale: October 26

I would like to thank our donors, sponsors and benefactors for your generosity, and our volunteers for the tireless work you do for us. You are all the heart of our organization.

Lastly, I extend a warm invitation to visit us at www.theccco.org and connect with us on LinkedIn (The CCCO), Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/the_ccco/), and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CCCOchildren>). There, you'll discover opportunities to sponsor our initiatives, contribute donations at <https://theccco.org/make-a-donation/>, or simply engage in conversation with us. Rest assured, your support is paving the way for a brighter future for countless underprivileged children in Colombia.

Let's keep in mind that "Within the child lies the fate of the future." – Maria Montessori.

Conchita Sanchez
President – The CCCO

Please remember there are many other easy ways to support the CCCO including:

United Way Fundraising Platform
If your company runs any fundraising programs through United Way, you can select the CCCO within the list of charities on their platform. Some companies also offer matching programs, which can double your impact.
Benevity Fundraising Platform
Similarly, if your company runs any fundraising programs through Benevity, you can select the CCCO within the list of charities. Some companies also offer matching programs, which can double your impact.
Dedicate an Event to The CCCO
Gather friends and family for a CCCO event, or dedicate an event (such as a birthday, baptism, etc.) to The CCCO. If you want us to attend, we will be happy to do so. We will share our Vision, our Mission and the work we do with your guests. All guests who contribute \$25 or more will receive an income-tax receipt.
Donate Through our Website
If you like to donate directly through our website (www.theccco.org) you will receive the Tax receipt via Canada Helps.
Apply for a Grant at Your Company
Many organizations today give grants for their employees' charitable work when they volunteer a minimum number of hours a year. You may apply for a grant in the benefit of the CCCO.
Donate through World Vision
You can donate through World Vision if there is a program in the company you work for.

The CCCO volunteers don't receive any remuneration for the work they do; therefore, 100% of your generous donations go towards the support of our programs for the disadvantaged children of Colombia.