



Fall Celebrations

Dear Friends,

Our New York Annual Gala has come and gone, and what a night it was! Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors like you, A Chance In Life raised nearly \$500,000 for our programs around the world. That funding will enable us to continue our work serving 4,500 children, families and communities in 11 countries, addressing complex global challenges like adequate nutrition, good health and well-being, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, quality education, and economic opportunity. If you weren't able to be with us, you can learn more about the event and see some photos inside this issue of our newsletter. Though our team worked tirelessly all through the summer and fall to put together a successful fundraiser, they are still hard at work, with many other celebrations to look forward to this season.

October is always a special month for A Chance In Life because we commemorate our organization's founding and reflect back on the legacy of our founder, Monsignor John Patrick Carroll-Abbing. When the first stone was set in the foundation of La Repubblica dei Ragazzi one October day more than 70 years ago, our founder put us on a path to give a chance in life to tens of thousands of children around the world. While our reach has expanded significantly beyond the Monsignor's original programs in Italy, his vision informs our work to this day.

A central part of the Monsignor's vision, of course, was bringing together like-minded, generous American philanthropists to support his work. As we look ahead to the end of the Fall, we are eager to bring together our friends from the wine & spirits industry, along with the restaurant industry, for our annual Wine & Spirits International Dinner. We are deeply moved to be able to remember Tony May, in loving memory; honor Tony May and his daughter Marisa May, for their legacy of setting the standard for luxury Italian fine dining in the United States; and present our own Herman Hochberg with the Lifetime Service and Achievement Award at this year's dinner. We hope you will join us for the celebration on December 8th!

Grazie mille,



Gabriele Delmonaco
President/Executive Director



UPDATE ON OUR PROGRAMS



Our Partners in Bolivia and India

All around the world, our programs and partners continue to thrive, giving children opportunities that would be otherwise unavailable to them.

At Centro Hermano Manolo in Bolivia, two of our young people recently graduated from a year-long course in gastronomy! All of the young people in our program there have continued to receive tutoring, and have shown significant academic improvement this year!

Meanwhile, our partner Shree Sachidanand Gurukul Vidhyalaya, in the Gujarat state in India reported that 100% of their 212 students successfully completed their academic year in July and progressed to the next level in their education. In light of the learning loss associated with the pandemic, A Chance In Life and our partners have focused on bringing students back up to grade level through intensive supplemental tutoring in core subjects such as mathematics and science, and our students at SSGV are a testament to that success!

Of course, our Partners know that students thrive with time outside and physical activity, and all around the world, recreation and time in nature is a priority.

News from New York City: Youth Leadership Workshop

This Fall, A Chance In Life launched a new after school initiative for high school students: the Youth Leadership Workshop, presented by the Estée Lauder Companies Charitable Foundation. We are so excited to offer another program to benefit young people in the New York City community.

Three days a week for ten weeks, high school aged students from the Staten Island community meet to develop important life skills such as interpersonal communication, conflict resolution, and time management as they hear from professionals from corporate partners such as JPMorgan, Allspring Financial, Empire State Bank, the Staten Island Ferryhawks, and more. With a special focus on opportunities and challenges for girls and young women – but open to students of all genders – the Youth Leadership Workshop presented by the Estée Lauder Companies Charitable Foundation will empower young, eager participants to unlock their inherent leadership capacity within.

The culmination of this workshop will be an Innovation Summit, where students will take the skills they learned and work in teams to solve a real-world leadership challenge. Winning teams will be awarded cash prizes! We can't wait to share their creative solutions with you - stay tuned for our next newsletter to learn more!

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A Chance In Life's 77th New York Annual Gala

On Wednesday, September 28, more than 300 distinguished guests gathered at Cipriani Broadway, across from the famed Charging Bull statue, for the 77th New York Annual Gala. After enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, guests listened to an inspiring program, featuring remarks from the evening's deserving honorees: Cesar Claro, Executive Director of the Richmond County Savings Foundation; Suzan Kereere, Head of Global Business Solutions at Fiserv; Basil M. Russo, President, COPOMIAO; and Debra Stabile, Managing Director/Chief Risk Officer for Legacy Franchises Risk at Citigroup. We were also honored to be joined by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See, who accepted the Inaugural Peacebuilder Award on behalf of the Holy See.

Guests were inspired by A Chance In Life's efforts to advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals through our programs and partners in 11 countries around the world, and gave generously to ensure we are able to continue to fulfill our mission to provide a chance in life to every child in need. With thanks to our generous donors, the event raised close to \$500,000 for the children in our programs!

Thank you for joining us in celebration of our esteemed honorees and in support of the work we do.



Save the Date: Wine & Spirits International Dinner

On Thursday, December 8th, A Chance In Life will once again host its annual Wine & Spirits International Dinner.

This year's event will take place at the Prince George Ballroom at 15 East 27th Street in New York City. Cocktails will begin at 6pm, followed by dinner and the evening's program at 7pm.

We hope you will join us for an evening of celebration and networking as we honor key individuals and corporate partners from the wine & spirits, restaurant and hospitality industries who have been supportive of our mission over the years. We are so proud this year to be remembering longtime supporter Tony May, in loving memory; honoring Tony May and his daughter, Marisa May, for their legacy of setting the standard for luxury Italian fine dining in the United States; and presenting Herman Hochberg with the Lifetime Service and Achievement Award. For more information or to support the event, visit www.achanceinlife.org/wine2022.html



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR TEAM

Earlier this Fall, our colleague Elser Llanos traveled to Colombia to provide several days of workshops to directors and key staff of four of our partners in Colombia. Topics included Child Safeguarding, Organizational Strategy, and Financial Management. These trainings ensure our partners are more efficiently and effectively able to fulfill our mission and deliver services to at-risk and marginalized children. We asked Elser to share more about his recent trip.

Q: Elser, can you explain why capacity training is so important for our partners and how ACIL encourages program growth?

EL: At A Chance In Life, we are committed to offering opportunities to children and young people from vulnerable developing areas. To do so we work in partnership with local organizations that have experience serving children and youth and are recognized as transparent. However, there is always room for improvement, both for our partners, and for A Chance In Life in our own efforts to advance sustainable development. To track our progress towards that improvement, we have created a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Team of staff with experience working in the Global South. Every time the MEL Team carries out a monitoring field visit, it is an opportunity to provide capacity building opportunities to our partners.

Q: What topics does the training cover?

EL: There are core areas of interest for organizations working with children and young people, and those areas are related to offering a safe environment for children and ensuring continuity of programs. To that end, our training typically focuses on child safety and security, and organizational stability and fiscal management.

Q: Can you give us some context about our programs in Colombia, the issues that the young people face, and what our partners do?

EL: Our partners in Colombia serve over 300 boys and girls from nearby Comunas, over-populated areas where families from rural areas settled throughout the 1980s and 90s. Comunas are still considered among the most dangerous neighborhoods in the world. In the past, Comunas served as stronghold for guerrillas, gangs and paramilitary groups who used the sprawling hillside barrios as a transit route in and out of the city. Despite limited efforts of the government to change the social problems of Comunas through social programs, not enough has been done to break the cycle that keeps adults, but mainly children and youth trapped in poverty. Still now in 2022, Comunas are run by violent gangs who control activities such as extortion, prostitution and the distribution and sale of drugs.

Our Partners in Colombia, Sisters Little Apostles of Redemption, and Missionaries of the Divine Redemption are offering a safe haven to children and youth from Comunas, through their Care Centers in Medellin, Bogota, Cucuta and Buenaventura.

Q: Why is it important to work in partnership with other organizations?

EL: At A Chance In Life, we believe that in order to achieve the 2030 Global Agenda on Sustainable Development, working jointly, as outline in Sustainable Development Goal 17 is the only way to tackle the structural issues that mainly affect children and young people.



Aerial view of barrio Santo Domingo in Comuna 1 where a partner organization serves up to 40 girls from the neighborhood



Elser Llanos offering training to partners' directors and key staff



Groups of directors and key staff from four organizations, gathered in Medellin