



The Great Lesson of Life

There is a wall at La Repubblica dei Ragazzi where a quote from our founder, Monsignor John Patrick Carroll Abbing, is displayed prominently. It reads:

The great lesson of life, the secret of happiness, is to love. And the essence of love is to serve.

One of my favorite roles at A Chance In Life is continuing the legacy of our founder. In his words, the acts of love and service are intertwined. In the spirit of Valentine's Day, I have a call to action for you: recognize how you are already serving in your daily life, and how you can further be of service to both strangers and the people you love. Some of the various ways to serve include: picking up groceries, donating blood, offering a student homework help, or teaching someone a new skill.

A Chance In Life understands there are many ways to serve others. Our programs are carefully evaluated to be of most service depending on the needs of the individual children and greater community in which the program is located, the existing resources available, and how efficiently and effectively we conduct our work. If you would like to learn more about how you can serve at-risk young people with A Chance In Life, visit us at <https://www.achanceinlife.org/pick-a-project>.

Much Love,

Gabriele Delmonaco
President and Executive Director



NEWS FROM OUR TOWNS



New Initiatives at the Village

A Chance In Life is excited to share news of three successful programs launched from our Staten Island site.



The Work, Learn, & Grow Youth Employment Program, run in partnership with the City of New York, is an opportunity for teenagers to strengthen work readiness skills, explore careers, and receive academic support. Our interns learn the ins and outs of the nonprofit industry, while earning compensation. So far, 15-20 students have participated in this internship each week. Our current cohort of interns will be with us through the end of this academic semester. We can't wait to see what our future nonprofit leaders do next!



We have also launched our Free Market Food Pantry. In partnership with the Staten Island Community Partnership Program and corporate volunteers, we hold food distribution events weekly on Tuesdays. Attendees are welcome to browse the selection and choose from a variety of food and household items being offered.

Lastly, the Village began offering free, weekly beginner's ESL courses to the local community. If you are interested in volunteering with any of these programs, contact The Village at 718-749-0909.



Girls from Cuilapa, Guatemala participating in a cooking workshop.



Children from Bolivia participating in a conference on children's rights.



Learning Skills for Personal Growth

After a challenging past 18 months that included program closures due to the pandemic, in Latin America 828 children returned to our programs across Bolivia, Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico earlier this year. A Chance In Life resumed providing much-needed services in nutrition, healthcare, counseling and education. By participating in the activities available to them, the children learned new skills including dancing, playing instruments, cooking, singing and gardening. These extracurriculars and supportive services have enabled our young people to thrive this academic year!



Silver Linings

As the Covid-19 pandemic has proliferated, India has been particularly hard-hit by recent variants. As a result, few children were able to return to our programs in person this year. Our Partners' staff mobilized to serve the more than 550 boys and girls at home by providing food relief and investing in materials to support their education. Many of the children have access to technology labs and homework help sessions to continue their studies remotely.

At the same time, the lack of children at the programs was a perfect opportunity for our Partners to make improvements to the facilities and to create spaces for recreation. We look forward to the children's return, where they will find updated facilities and access to space for various sports and activities.



Staff of Maria Goretti in Kerala, distribute food to families of girls who are unable to attend the program.



RECAP: A Chance In Life's 2022 Wine & Spirits Annual International Dinner

On Thursday, December 9, 2021, A Chance In Life hosted its annual Wine & Spirits International Dinner at Riverpark NYC! More than 100 guests joined us to honor Arthur Backal, Gianni Lanzarotti and Mark D. Taub of the wine & spirits, restaurant and hospitality industries.

As a result of the generosity of our attendees, this event raised over \$125,000 to benefit ACIL's programs. These funds are crucial to supporting our initiatives in the United States and abroad, as we are constantly seeking to expand our programs and capabilities. Thank you to all who attended!



Brother Sean Moffett greeting Gianni Lanzarotti.



Members of the Executive Team with the 2021 Honorees.

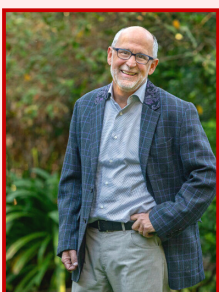


Attendees viewing a video presentation.



A Chance In Life's San Francisco Ball of the Year on April 30, 2022

Preparations are underway for the annual San Francisco Ball! We are delighted to introduce you to this year's incredible honoree! Information, tickets and journal ads can all be found at achanceinlife.org/events.



Mark Quattrocchi

Founding Partner of Quattrocchi Kwok Architects and 2022 Honoree of the Year



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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR DONORS

Liz Brusseau has been attending our San Francisco Ball since 1985. She works for her family business and recently opened up a gift and stationery store in San Anselmo, CA with a good friend! Liz resides in Marin County, California with her two amazing children: Nick and Mary. In her free time, she loves to hike, play pickleball and cook.

Liz answered a few questions about her family's multi-generational involvement with A Chance In Life.

We know your family has long ties to A Chance In Life. What keeps you connected to the mission after generations of support?

A Chance in Life (Boys' Towns Of Italy) will always be a part of my life. My family and I are carrying on the legacy of my grandfather, Michael Borelli. He was the Northern California Chairman and Man of the Year (1970). He passed away in 1989. My father Leonard Brusseau and I were asked to attend a luncheon prior to the Ball that year. It was at that luncheon, Larry Nibbi, San Francisco Dinner Committee Chairman asked us to join the committee. As the SF committee and anyone who knows Mr. Nibbi will agree, you do not say 'no' to him!

As we prepare for the Ball annually, spending time with the San Francisco Committee is comparable to spending time with your family. Many wonderful friendships have grown over the years. I feel very fortunate to be a part of such an amazing group of men and women who inspire me.



Liz Brusseau, our featured donor.



Liz Brusseau (center) attending the San Francisco Ball with Carol Salama (left) and Colleen Flynn (right).



Liz's grandfather, Mike Borelli, with Monsignor.



Liz's grandparents: Mike and Lee Borelli.

What was it like for your family to know the Monsignor personally? Do you have any anecdotes you would like to share?

Monsignor John Patrick Carroll Abbing has been a part of my life even before I was born. On November 25, 1962, my grandfather Michael Borelli picked up Monsignor at the San Francisco Airport so that he could attend the wedding of my parents, Leonard and Grace Brusseau. Monsignor asked who was performing the wedding that day. My grandfather said, 'You, of course!' Monsignor had no idea that he would be the officiant! When I visited Italy the first time in 1981, Monsignor hosted my friends and me at Boys' Town. It was such a memorable experience, meeting the boys and probably having the best meal ever cooked and served by the boys. After seeing what Monsignor had built with his vision and the help of all the committees, I knew that this was something more than a home for orphans. It was a place of love, guidance and strength. Something I wanted to be a part of.