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Mary's Sunflowers Shine from Canada to Ukraine

When Mary Faubert first made and sold bright, wooden sunflowers in her hometown of Kincardine, Ontario, she had no idea the same initiative would go on to benefit Chalice's sites in Ukraine.

Last year, to celebrate their 75th birthdays, she and two friends made and sold the sunflowers in honour of a local hospice and food bank.

When she heard about Russia's war in Ukraine, Mary, who has a sponsored child at our Pochaiv site, asked God what she could do to help.

And it so happened the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine.

"I just, on my own, thought, 'I can do something, and I will make sunflowers again'," she told Chalice in an interview.

She made 40 sunflowers and sold them to members of her community for \$25 each, ultimately raising \$1,000. She donated that money to Chalice's Ukrainian sites. Chalice

has three sites in Ukraine: Pochaiv, Lviv and Ternopil.

For Mary, this fundraiser was personal. She's sponsored Kateryna since 2014, when she found her photo at a Chalice appeal table at her church.

Kateryna quickly came to feel like a member of the family, and Mary loved exchanging letters back and forth. Through them, she learned Kateryna wants to go to culinary school, and dreams of one day opening a coffee shop.

Mary, who comes from a large family of eight, knows what it's like to go without.

"There were hard times, when I didn't have money for typing paper or bus tickets," she shared.

It makes sponsorship particularly satisfying.

"You know you're doing something good...and that's what the Lord asks for us: to just do what we can.



You don't have to save the world. But helping one child...if everybody did that, what a better world we'd live in."

Red, Green, and Yellow All Over

Step aside, red and green, and make way for the newest and coolest Christmas colour: yellow. The "Yellow Team" is made up of parents of sponsored children at our Tondo site in the Philippines, and each member represents one of 11 Chalice family circles. They've been doing community outreach since 2019.

One of their biggest and kindest initiatives has been setting aside a few items from their own groceries for food hampers and hygiene kits. These are then delivered to their neighbours, and sometimes, they even throw in some delicious pre-made food. Hundreds of people have already benefited from this delightful project.

For Christmas in 2021, the Yellow Team took their generosity a step further. After meeting to discuss, the solution was obvious: a Christmas party, with gifts for non-sponsored children who don't have sponsors to send them special money at Christmas time.

Thanks to everyone who gave to Chalice's Christmas Fund, the celebration was a go.

The group got to work. They made



gift bags of powdered milk, hot chocolate, biscuits, and more. They invited 50 non-sponsored children to the party.

"The youth serenaded the guests with Christmas Carols," staff at our site described.

"There were games and everyone received toys for themselves and a grocery pack for the family...the smile on each child's face was priceless and

worth all the sacrifices that the Yellow Team had made for the success of the project."

With the success of the party, the Yellow Team is joyful and revitalized.

They plan to continue "sharing happiness" with others – in fact, they find doing so helps them be more compassionate to people in need. How's that for a Christmas miracle?

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Faces of Joy...

AMI1975 Osmar

Osmar lives with his loving mother and brother in Bolivia. At age six, his passions include going to the park and having fun in gym class, but his plans are big: someday, he'll be a police officer! Sponsorship will get him started towards his dreams.



ASE2547 Jackline



With a passion for math and reading, Jackline is bound to go far. She's just 12, but already knows she wants to be a nurse. Her parents are casual labourers, and finding work can be hard, so sponsorship will make a huge difference in her life!

FP51280 Robenson

Robenson calls Cabaret, Haiti home. He's 8, and loves singing and attending math class. He's a kind, respectful boy with a big heart who would love a Chalice sponsor.



LAS2297 Maleny



Maleny has many hobbies! She loves art, drawing, and dancing, but here's the real kicker: she has an adorable cat. A sweet and bright girl, she dreams of becoming a doctor.

PUL2112 Christine

Christine is in grade 11, and sponsorship will help her be successful long into the future. She loves reading and hopes to study to become a nurse. She's one of seven siblings, so as you can imagine, it's a full house at her home!



AY01893 Belary



Not only is Belary one of the youngest children waiting for sponsorship, she's also super cool! At 2 years old, art class and cartoons tickle her fancy. She lives in Peru, and sponsorship will support her education for years to come.

MKV1516 Rajeev

Rajeev is 8 years old and lives in India. Though young, he has a big heart - his dream is to be a doctor, so he can support his family and his community's health!



Anna-Maria Hears Her Calling

When most sponsored children complete school, they start working. But Anna-Maria, a former sponsored child from our Lviv site in Ukraine, felt a different tug on her heart.

Anna-Maria listened to that tug, and discovered God asking her to become a religious sister.

She's now been accepted to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph the Betrothed of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is studying at the novitiate school at the monastery.

In fact, our staff write, the loving care she received from her Chalice sponsor inspired her to pursue a religious vocation.

But the road to the consecrated life hasn't always been smooth.

Anna-Maria was born in Western Ukraine, one of nine children raised by parents on shaky income. Her father struggled to find a permanent job, while her mother made minimum wage as a junior nurse.

But there was hope. Her parents discovered Chalice,



Anna-Maria (far right) with some of the Sisters.

prayer, God's plan became clear. She entered the convent soon after.

She'll study there for another three years, and then hopes to achieve her big dream as a religious Sister: teaching children, and accompanying them on their own walks with Christ.

and soon, Anna-Maria and her brother Stepan found Chalice sponsors. Thanks to family funding, her parents purchased food, hygiene products and stationery, ensuring her success in school and beyond.

She never took her sponsorship for granted, throwing herself into her studies. She graduated grade school with honours and took a big leap by studying office administration in college. For a time, she was even head of student government.

Deep inside, though, something else was brewing.

Anna-Maria has always loved Jesus and Catechism classes, and in time, felt God's call to the religious life.

At first, she tried to ignore those thoughts. But after finishing college, and devoting much of her time to fasting and

Ripka's Determination Saves the Day



Ripka doesn't take anything lying down.

Ever since she was young, she's faced adversity. Her father passed away while she was still a child, and her mother died after giving birth to her younger brother.

The two were sent to live with separate relatives, and sadly, began leading separate lives. To make matters worse, Ripka developed hearing troubles, with discharge coming from her ear.

For some, the pain would be almost too much to bear. But for Ripka, it was just the start of a chance to take charge of her own life.

Unable to hear properly, she

Ripka happily receives her new hearing aids.

began domestic work to earn enough to survive. It was through this new job that Ripka first heard about Chalice.

A Chalice family circle member explained the Chalice gift catalogue to her, opening the possibility she could receive help. Taking a leap of faith, Ripka applied to the site for assistance.

And thanks to Chalice donors, help came through. Ripka received a hearing aid through the gift catalogue, and is incredibly grateful to Chalice supporters for enabling her to pursue a better future.

Acts of Loving Kindness

There are so many beautiful stories being told in this newsletter it is impossible not to be inspired by the goodness of people. Individual acts of loving kindness are not often reported, sometimes completely

overlooked but certainly missed when absent. They make our world a better place in which to live while reminding us of the presence of God's loving Spirit in the world.

Recently, we suddenly lost a beloved employee that was such a reminder for us at Chalice. Originating from an undiagnosed brain tumour, Kathleen collapsed while on vacation and was taken to a hospital in Quebec where she died.

It is in her absence that all she brought to Chalice became so evident. She worked in our communications office with a joy that matched her ready smile and generous spirit. Often leading our prayer in the morning, her faith was evident to all and will be missed by all.

The stories in this newsletter were chosen and written by Kathleen. If you find beauty and love in them it is because they reflect the heart and spirit of a faithful, loving person. I hope you enjoy them.



Father Patrick Cosgrove, President at Chalice.

Good News

During this past year, Chalice's Prayer Ministry brought supporters together in prayer and reflection during several events! These included our five-week Lenten Mission, our annual Mary Mother of the Church Feast Day celebration, and our two-

week Festival of Prayer, which concluded with our Corpus Christi celebration. These were well attended, fully online events, held on our website ChaliceEvents.org.

Our next event is coming up soon! You're invited to join us for our four-week Advent Mission beginning November 28th. This virtual gather-

ing will include prayer, readings, reflections, and more. We'll even be joined by staff from our sites for a special surprise. Register now at ChaliceEvents.org to join in or obtain further information.



A Q&A with Theodoric Nowak

On the feast of Corpus Christi this past June, Chalice went into 100 parishes to share the joys of sponsorship with parishioners. We had so much fun, we knew we had to sit down with our Corpus Christi Engagement Manager, Theodoric Nowak, to recap the best moments.

How did Chalice's Corpus Christi weekend go?

It was an amazing success! It was such an honour for us to be invited into more than 100 parishes across the country to share the joys and blessings of child sponsorship and welcome new sponsors into our Chalice family.

What was the best part about this year's Corpus Christi weekend?

I'm constantly astounded by the goodness within people's hearts and their willingness to sacrifice to help the poor. It was beautiful to watch parishioners take home child sponsorship booklets knowing that, though they may live worlds apart, they were now connected with a spiritual family.

What's your favourite memory?

So many, but I would say it was when we confirmed the participation of our first speaker/first parish. Initially, we just had a plan, but as soon as our first speaker/parish was booked, we knew that Chalice was going to have its inaugural

Corpus Christi Weekend. It was really exciting!

Why should people get involved as volunteers?

Chalice's Corpus Christi Weekend could never have happened without our volunteers. All the priests involved did an amazing job of communicating the work of Chalice during their homilies, but Corpus Christi was such a success because so many sponsors from across Canada stepped-up and witnessed to their fellow parishioners about the blessings of child sponsorship. When people see the sacrifices our sponsors make to change the lives of children, and the joy sponsorship brings, they want to share in that joy and are inspired to make that commitment.

What would you say to parishes who didn't join in on an appeal this year?

Please join us next year! Child sponsorship changes the hearts of parishioners and brings them into a deeper relationship with Christ.

What kind of volunteer opportunities are there for parishioners?

We need the gifts that each parishioner brings to us! During Corpus Christi weekend, we need parishioners to offer personal testimonies about child sponsorship and encourage their fellow parishioners



Theodoric Nowak.

to consider sponsoring themselves. We also need volunteers to set up a table at the back of the church, ensure that our child sponsorship booklets are visible and answer any questions people may have. But Chalice has always relied on our volunteers for our success and God gives each of us unique talents, so if you feel called to help Chalice in any way, please contact us!

Want to get involved next year? Email Chalice's Volunteer Coordinator, Ligia, at LigiaAngulo@Chalice.ca

Share Hope With...

NEM1565 Sadra



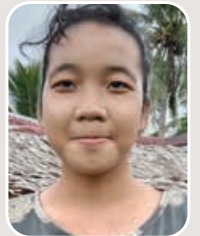
Catch! Sadra loves playing netball. But it doesn't stop there. She also loves drawing, and dreams of one day becoming a religious Sister. Faithful and kind, she lives in an orphanage with her siblings.

ASK1202 Luz



From Bolivia, Luz is in grade five, and loves math. She's kind and helpful around the house, always there when her mom needs her.

SAM3615 Maricel



Love chess? So does Maricel! Growing up in the Philippines, her mother was a huge source of inspiration, so she wants to achieve her dreams in her honour. What are those dreams? Becoming a police officer! Sponsorship will help her make it happen.

FPS1279 Emmanuela



At 6 years old, Emmanuela knows a few things: she loves math, singing, and listening to her parents. Becoming a doctor is her dream! With sponsorship, she'll achieve whatever she sets her mind to.

NBB1871 Joseline

Joseline is 14, and his hobbies are many. He likes soccer, gardening, and even math class. With a big heart, he hopes to support his family financially one day.



GST1379 Sarani



She's only 5 years old, but she knows she wants to be a teacher! With a passion for language arts and drawing, that's no surprise. She's a creative, fun-loving child who enjoys helping her elders.

SGC92044 Ann

Ann is 15, and not only does she want to be a doctor, she already knows which kind: a neurologist. She loves music and dancing, and some day, hopes to inspire other children to achieve their dreams.



350 Meals Per Day



Near our Nairobi site in Kenya, Chalice is blessed to partner with Rehema Daycare and Orphans Centre. The Centre offers a range of services, from a community school to a library to an orphanage.

The Centre is in the Korogochu slum, an area with limited infrastructure and resources. Many children in need visit the Centre on a regular basis.

In the area, children are often malnourished. Improper nutrition causes illness, and students regularly miss class as a result. The Centre does its

best to run a feeding program, but doesn't always have enough resources on its own.

Normally, children in the area get by on one meal per day, or none at all.

That's where the Chalice Nutrition Program comes in. From October to December of last year, the school ran a feeding program that ensured every child received one hot meal and a cup of porridge every day. That's 350 meals and substantial snacks each day!

This was only possible thanks to generous support from

Nourished and ready to learn!

Chalice donors.

"Many children who had been attending school on empty stomachs are now guaranteed lunch," Merciline, director of our Nairobi site, writes.

When the holiday break came, parents who couldn't afford food even received additional donations from the Daycare to ensure their children would still have something to eat.

"They are happy and able to fully concentrate in class and play with friends," Merciline writes.



Peruvian Chocotejas

Chocotejas are a traditional dessert from Peru! Originally from the city of Ica, 330km south of Lima, this delicious dessert is filled with dulce de leche and can be garnished with pecans, walnuts, fig, raisins, and coconut flakes.

Ingredients

- 7 oz unsweetened or semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 can dulce de leche
- 4 oz pecans or coconut flakes (optional)
- Chocolate molds (a mini muffin tray will work)

Directions

1. Melt chocolate, be careful not to burn it. Coat all sides of your chocolate molds.
2. Refrigerate till solid (about 15-20 minutes), fill with dulce de leche.
3. Optional: press into the center of the dulce de leche, a pecan, dried fruit, or coconut flakes.
4. Melt more chocolate and completely cover the dulce de leche, ensuring no holes.
5. Refrigerate till solid, remove from the molds.
6. Enjoy!

Margarita Makes Do for Her Family

Margarita is the definition of a dedicated mother.

After losing her husband to complications related to COVID-19, she stepped up to support her family. She found a job as a custodian at a school, where she and her children were also given a place to stay. She often takes on odd jobs, so her daughter has time to study.

But even with all that work, times were tough. On top of the personal tragedy of losing her husband, COVID-19 hit the family financially. Margarita's family, among others, struggled to afford food.

Chalice supporters weren't going to let that stand.

They contributed generously to Chalice's COVID-19 relief fund, giving our Yapacani site staff in Bolivia enough funding to support 400 sponsored and non-sponsored children and their families.

Margarita and her family were relieved to be among those chosen.

"Margarita is very grateful to the donors, because thanks to Chalice she now has food with which to prepare food for her girls for a while," our staff write on her behalf.



This edition is dedicated to Kathleen Jones.



Beloved daughter, sister, friend, colleague.

Happy Students in Haiti



Partners with the Fondation Montesinos in Haiti since 2018, the St. Dominique site is one of Chalice's newest.

It's named after the children's school, L'Institution Saint Dominique, and is the meeting point for children who live at the Pierre Salvatti Orphanage, run by the Fondation.

In its short existence, the site has already made big impact – but it faces big challenges, too. It's located just outside Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, the center of Haiti's ongoing political turmoil and social disorder.

The conflict has led to food prices soaring and shortages on essentials, pushing families further into poverty and food insecurity.

Even the "basics" children need to attend school, like books and uniforms, have become luxuries for sponsored children.

Without those basics, 110 sponsored children at the school couldn't afford to go to class.

Chalice supporters knew that wasn't acceptable. They stepped up with donations through a human development project, clearing the way

Eager students ready for school.

for site staff to provide enough supplies for the children.

The St. Dominique site staff created kits of essentials for each student, including uniforms, shoes, school bags, books, and notebooks. With the help of Chalice supporters, the site even offset some of the children's school fees.

Thanks you for helping these children continue their education in challenging times!