



CASA MEA NEWS

Holiday 2007 Greetings *from all of us at Casa Mea to all of you!*



Happy Holidays!

As the year draws to a close, we celebrate the season of light and love, and pause to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. Your support has helped to bring light and love into the lives of the four children of Casa Mea. Hopefully, they are moving away from the painful feelings of abandonment that are all too common for so many around the world. That is our wish for these children, whom we have been able to help with your support, and we hope it is yours too! *We send you our fondest wishes for all the joy and peace of this season!*

Our Supporters

Minnesota Fundraiser was a Success

We especially thank **Elizabeth and Don St. Angelo** for sponsoring the October fundraiser in Minnesota for Casa Mea. It was a delightful evening and a huge success. Thanks to Elizabeth and Don and

all of you who made it so. A special thanks also to **Barbara and Lee Kopp** for their generous donation of the Interlachen Country Club for the event. It was truly a beautiful and magical place for such a special evening. Lastly, thanks to Rose (13 years old) for making and selling her beautiful bracelets at the fundraiser. They were a very hot item and we greatly appreciate her very generous gift to the children of Casa Mea.

Volunteer Coordinator

Another special thanks is due to **Ann O'Hara-Frykman**, who has agreed to be the **Volunteer Coordinator** for Casa Mea in the Minneapolis/Saint Paul area. Her role is to coordinate those who are interested in donating their time to Casa Mea, including preparation of the newsletter for mailing (produced in the Twin Cities). If you are interested in being a Casa Mea volunteer, please contact Ann at oharafrykman@comcast.net. To learn more about forming a Casa Mea volunteer organization in your area, please contact Jan Calos at jan@casamea.org.

We also need to repeat our thanks to the **Cambria Sunrise Centennial Rotary Club** from Cambria, California for the generous donations we received from them that have enabled us to add some furnishings and appliances.

One night not long ago Amalia was searching in her new dresser for clean pajamas. That morning one of the staff had done some laundry. Amalia's pajamas had been washed and dried that day in our new dryer, and were back in her new dresser before bedtime, a feat quite unheard of here before! When she found her clean pajamas in the



dresser, Amalia's face lit up. She couldn't believe they were washed and back in her dresser so soon. Then she put them to her face, snuggling into them to feel how soft they were!

In the past, it would take days for clothes to dry in this winter cold ... and our line-dried clothes were stiff and rough to the touch. Even the staff loves the feel of the dryer-soft clothes, towels, and bedding! *What a terrific Christmas gift for us ... thanks so much!*

How You Can Help Support Casa Mea

We continue to seek sponsorships and donations to cover the basic costs of living and care for Casa Mea's children. All contributions of funds, goods, and services to Casa Mea are tax-deductible, and will be recognized with appropriate documentation for your tax records. Please call us at 972.306.6705 or email jan@casamea.org with any questions about contributing to Casa Mea.



To sponsor a Casa Mea child, finance a fundraising brochure, or add to our general funds:

- **By Check:** payable to Casa Mea, to 6705 Shadow Crest Drive, Plano, TX 75093
- **By Credit Card:** visit www.casamea.org and click on the "Make a Donation" button
- **Arrange Monthly Automatic E-Payments through your bank to:** Casa Mea, attn. Mel Clark, Treasurer, 6705 Shadow Crest Drive, Plano, TX 75093 (phone is 972.306.6705).

**No amount is too small.
Thank You So Much!**



Here Comes Santa Claus...

Like all children everywhere at this time of year, Casa Mea's children wanted to be sure Santa knew exactly what they wanted for Christmas! So we all trooped into the square in Brasov to see Santa Claus and tell him our Christmas wishes, and to see the huge tree and the lights in the square. More than anything, the children enjoyed the chocolates that Santa gave them! A special highlight of the day was pizza at their favorite restaurant, compliments of our short-term volunteer from Northern Ireland, **Rhonda Brown**. *Thanks Rhonda!*



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