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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:
BOBBIE HEARD

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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and made it possible for 200 children to go to school

The Cuenca Soup Kitchen believes in the power of education. All of the children in our program are required to attend school. They are encouraged to dream big and work hard to achieve those dreams. Some children are the first in their family to graduate from high school, others learn English to expand employment possibilities, and some earn the opportunity to attend university. That is life changing!

With your help, CSK raised funds to provide 200 children with the school supplies they need to succeed in school. Volunteers worked tirelessly to put together supplies for each child according to their age group. More volunteers baked sweet treats for each child to help them celebrate their return to school.

This is what it looks like when community comes together to help young people become strong and self-sufficient members of the community.





Mati with keyboard from Emilio, Mati and David, Mati and his brother with Jeremiah's notes

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Gregory David Roberts

When Mati heard other children playing music, he knew that he needed to play too. He needed to break that code, learn that language, and feel that feeling. Mati is 11 years old and Mati is blind.

The first step was the gift of a small keyboard from Emilio Morocho and the next step was lessons. Mati's family can't always afford the medicine for his glaucoma, much less music lessons. And then David Zoernig stepped in and offered to teach Mati, gratis.

Mati can read braille, but learning the shapes of notes and how to read music presented a new challenge which was met by Jeremiah Reardon who carved a set of notes for Mati to experience tactilely.

Many children, including Mati's brother Josue, need medications to live a full life. Partnerships with individuals as well as other foundations mean that CSK beneficiaries receive what they need for their bodies as well as what their hearts dream of. Thank you, Emilio, David, and Jeremiah!





Bobbie Heard a life of giving back

Bobbie has been giving back to her community in the States for over 50 years and has been sharing that spirit with the Cuenca Soup Kitchen for the last eight months. Bobbie is always ready to jump in, no matter what needs to be done, and she makes it fun for everyone around her.

Dexter and Nikki Erves, Bobbie's son and daughter in law, blazed the trail when they moved to Cuenca two years ago and became involved with CSK as well as working to teach English to another group of young eager learners. Her family has made Bobbie's transition from Warren, Michigan to Cuenca seamless.

Upon her arrival in Cuenca, Bobbie hit the ground running. As she says, "I like giving something back. I enjoy helping people, having an impact on individual lives, and viewing the results of my effort. [It] is an opportunity to grow, to better understand how you fit into the world around you."

Bobbie's generosity of spirit has made acclimating to her new life in Ecuador much easier, providing purpose, friendship, and a better understanding of this new world. It has also given CSK a tireless worker, a dependable supporter, and a very dear friend. Thank you, Bobbie!



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES:

MOVIE FUN DAY!

raising funds for brighter futures

"It Ends With Us"

Saturday August 24, 10:30 am, at Millennium Mall

Tickets \$8 at Sunrise Cafe from 9 - 11 AM:

Friday August 23

for more information or to reserve tickets:
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HEARTSTRINGS

Our HeartStrings knitting group creates
warmth for those in need:

babies . new mothers . children . the elderly . the ill

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BIRTHDAY IN A BAG!

Our abuelitas provide cakes and gifts for children on their
special day

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Robert Ingersoll



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