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Dear Friends of O.C.I.M.A.,

As we enter 2017 we want to bring you up to date on the progress that Fr Nick's dream has made in this past year. Although we continue to help the poorest in Ecuador, our primary focus and biggest strides have been in Guatemala.

At the school in Santa Rosa, where OCIMA sponsors about 30 young women, Sister Silvia was proud to say that the academically outstanding alumni include dentists, lawyers, engineers, teachers, professors and many who have joined various religious orders. Sister Silvia wrote: "The Lord watches over our work and puts us on the path to helping and generous people, like you, who believe in education. May the Lord reward you with a life full of blessings..." Father Nick's work lives on through your generosity and people like Sister Silvia.

In Santa Elena Sister Marcella continues with her tireless work coordinating the activities of the Orphanage, Day Care Center, Nutritional Center and Clinic. Currently there are 30 girls living at the Orphanage who range in ages from 7 to 18. All girls study in different schools in the area according to their age and ability. They live permanently at the Orphanage until the Juvenile Courts find a suitable family that guarantees the safety of the girl. This year, four young ladies were assigned to families to assist them in integrating back into society.



St. Irenaeus Church continues to actively partner with O.C.I.M.A. by packing food for the people in the Morales region. Each packing costs O.C.I.M.A. \$27,000. In 2017, we would look to increase our support of Morales with the continued generosity and support of our Friends and Patrons.



That brings us to the largest change that has occurred in the last two years. With O.C.I.M.A.'s help, the Clinic has made tremendous strides toward adding a surgical facility. Every week, the clinic serves 450-500 people. And now, there is a team of surgeons and anesthesiologists who do surgical procedures and operations.

Sister Marcella wrote: "We aspire to be the best health care facility in this region, providing a service of quality and love to the people. We strive to create an environment of goodness, respect and simplicity. We incorporate technological advances to improve services for all."



The needs of the Clinic are many. Due to the great need for health services, OCIMA is focusing on the needs of Sister Marcella and her staff.



O.C.I.M.A.'s goal in 2017 is to provide Sister Marcella and her staff the equipment that is needed to advance the health care needs of the population in the Santa Elena area. We are working with a number of Non-Profit agencies at securing gently

used and refurbished Medical Equipment for the clinic. We need your support at accomplishing this goal of providing health care to a people that have little to none.

Our Founder, Father Nick, left us a gift and a responsibility in OCIMA. It is his legacy that we must preserve and promote. Know that your generosity is supporting the health care, educational and nutritional needs of a very grateful population. The people of Guatemala and Ecuador thank you for your continued generosity and support. The Sisters of Guatemala have you and your families in their prayers.

Larry Gatt
OCIMA Vice-President

FINANCIAL REPORT — 2015

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

Donations:

Raffle Proceeds (includes \$7,939 in raffle donations, i.e., no ticket purchased):

2015 Endowment Fund Distribution to OCIMA:

Carryover from 2014:

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:

\$ 103,895

29,689

6,510

27,909

\$ 168,003

PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS:

1. GSFEPP (Ecuador)
2. School in Chapas, Santa Rosa
3. Nutritional Center in Morales
4. Clinic, Orphanage and Day Care Center in Santa Elena
5. Surgical Facility in Clinic, Santa Elena
6. Purchase and packing of specially formulated food for the malnourished

TOTAL PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS:

\$ 17,000

36,000

22,000

44,500

20,000

27,000

\$ 166,500

EXPENSES:¹

1. Envelopes, P.O. Box, bank/license fees, annual audit

\$ 1,331

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

\$ 1,331³

TOTAL EXPENSES & DISBURSEMENTS:

\$ 167,831

CARRYFORWARD TO 2016:

\$ 172

¹ Total expenses were 0.79% of total funds available for 2015.