



The Lingap Children's Foundation
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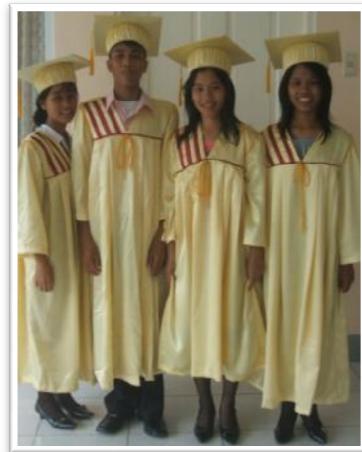
Dear Friends,

Despite the world's poor economy, I am thankful that you understand how vital your support is to the lives of the Lingap children, to the forgotten children of the Philippines, and to me. Thank you for helping provide a loving home for the children, the food they eat and even the clothes they wear. Most importantly thank you for giving them an education and a future. Their many accomplishments are proof that your gift is working.

Lingap Children Earn Honors

The children living at the Lingap Center attend local public schools or the private West Bay Learning Center.

- The school year ended in March with four students graduating from Toledo National Vocational School (TNVS) and Aileen from West Bay. Many of our students earned awards for their academic achievements, thanks in part to the efforts of our tutors.
- Rocky James, a freshman, won a district and division track and field event and qualified for the regional meet on neighboring Negros Island, where he competed against seniors.
- At the request of the school administration and parents, The Lingap Center Choir sang at West Bay Learning Center's baccalaureate.



Margie, Jose Marie,
Isabel and Amelita



Decorating a cake for SIFE competition

When school resumes in June, seven Lingap wards will be enrolled in college, up from two last year. Our Street Children Education Program continues to provide basic learning opportunities for children not attending school due to extreme economic neglect or abandonment. Five of the children in the program are now permanent wards at the Lingap Center.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Project Takes Off

Hillsdale College students are reaching across the world to help the Lingap Center kids get excited about learning, promote an entrepreneurial spirit, develop financial understanding, and learn skills that can help them become future business leaders.

SIFE has provided seed money that engages teams of students in an educational and productive competition among themselves that makes learning fun as well as profitable at no cost to the Lingap Center. The teams make candles, candy, baked goods, brooms, slippers, crafts or grow vegetables and sell them locally. The money is put into students' accounts.

Joma and Gina Speak at Michigan Events

Thanks to generous donors, Joma, a 13-year-old Lingap ward, and Gina Gadiano, Lingap Center manager, were special guest speakers at the sixth annual "Hearts for Orphans" fund-raiser in Jackson, Mich. They also spoke at Rotary clubs and to some 600 students at Lumen Christi Catholic High School. This is an incredible accomplishment for Joma, who couldn't speak any English when she came to the Center. **To see a video of Joma's presentation, visit our web site, <http://www.lingapcenter.org>.**

When Joma and her younger sister, Devina, arrived at the Center four years ago, they were so weak from malnutrition that they could barely walk. The parents asked us to take the girls so that they could live and have a brighter future. Today, the sisters are thriving. They now attend school and have the opportunity to go to college and create a future.



John Drake and Joma at Michigan fund-raiser

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Completing the Lingap Center was only the beginning. We now need to sustain the Center's daily operations not only this year but also into the future. Please consider a gift to:

- **"A Place at the Table"** - Your sponsorship is desperately needed to cover operating and maintenance expenses for this year. Simply enroll at <http://www.lingapcenter.org> or call us at (517) 529-9702.
- **Endowment Fund** - Progress toward creating our much needed endowment to ensure the long-term future funding for the Center and the children is lagging. Gifts directed to our endowment fund will sustain the center indefinitely.
- **General Donations** – Your donation in any amount to our general fund is welcome and appreciated and also can be designated online.

To make a gift by mail, please send your check to the Lingap Children's Foundation. P.O. Box 1553, Jackson, MI 49204. A letter of acknowledgement from me can serve as your tax receipt. As there are no administrative costs deducted from your gift, 100 percent benefits the children.

As you think about the Lingap children, please remember:

"To the world you may be one person. But to one person, you may be the world!"

Sincerely,

John Drake