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You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.

Psalm 10:17-18

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"How wonderful that no one need wait a single moment to improve the world."

— Anne Frank

Shalom Foundation Announces Cause Marketing Campaign

DiningStars Shines a Light on The Shalom Foundation.

DiningStars –A Prestige Card Program is a unique cause marketing program supporting the collaborative, global efforts of the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt and The Shalom Foundation.

DiningStars shines a light on the unique dining venues available in the greater Nashville area and will introduce The Shalom Foundation to a broad, new audience.

By making a \$50 contribution, DiningStars members

will receive personalized membership cards good for 12 months providing 10% savings on food purchased at all participating restaurants.

DiningStars members will learn about our coopera-



tion with the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt to provide basic medical care, life-saving surgeries, improved living conditions and good health education for children in Guatemala. Global outreach

and service to children living without is the purpose of DiningStars.

A high-quality, color directory will list each participating business and will be available at all DiningStars sponsor locations.

An interactive website scheduled to launch soon,

www.diningstars.org, will link Prestige Card Members with each restaurant’s website as well as each of the DiningStars’ support sponsors.

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Guatemala Child Relief Fund Established

The Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt and The Shalom Foundation are excited to be working together to improve the lives of children in Guatemala through better healthcare, proper nourishment, improved housing and quality education.

Through this collaborative, global effort, dozens of children have been given a second chance.

In 2006, doctors, nurses and surgeons along with Foundation staff traveled to Guatemala City to take critically needed surgical care beyond our borders.

There are countless children living in poverty and illness throughout the world. Children who play, who love life, who are born into great difficulty are children who need our help.

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DiningStars Prestige Membership Cards can be purchased this fall online at www.diningstars.org and at www.theshalomfoundation.org.

All participants in the DiningStars Prestige Card Program -- every restaurant, corporate sponsor, affiliate and cardholder -- will help children living in extreme poverty.

It is Shalom Foundation's first broad cause-marketing initiative and will serve as a platform for DiningStars special events, child education

sponsorships and new corporate giving.

To learn more about DiningStars or to offer your assistance, please contact our director of development, Allison Bender at 615-595-5811 or send an email message to abender@theshalomfoundation.org. Your input is very welcome!



Volunteer with The Shalom Foundation!

Come Join Us!

Administrative volunteer positions, as well as high school and college internships, are now available at The Shalom Foundation, based in Franklin, TN.

Position duties include data entry, assistance with event planning, research, communications, and other support services.

For more information, please contact us at info@theshalomfoundation.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Guatemala Child Relief Fund Established *continued from page 1*

The Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt has made a commitment to bring quality pediatric care to children in Guatemala. With this purpose in mind, the *Guatemala Child Relief Fund* was established.

The *Guatemala Child Relief Fund* provides a joint entity through which our work can be funded and marketed to funding sources.

The purpose of the Guatemala Child Relief Fund is to facilitate our shared mission to improve healthcare, education, and healthy living for children in Guatemala.

For more information or to contribute to the Fund, please contact us at 615.595.5811 or info@theshalomfoundation.org.

We'd love to hear from you!



Shalom Foundation Reunion Party - Date Set!

You're Invited!

We hope you and your family will join us to celebrate our growth, our past and our exciting future. This will be a wonderful time to reconnect with old friends, share pictures of your adventures in Guatemala, and enjoy some wonderful fellowship. Light food and beverages will be provided, and good news will be shared.

Directions:
From I-65 in the Brentwood area, exit at Concord Road and travel east. Turn left onto Heritage Way (across Concord from the Brentwood Library). Please RSVP at 615.595.5811 or info@theshalomfoundation.org

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, August 12, 2007

5:00 pm—7:00 pm

The Martin Center

960 Heritage Way

Brentwood, TN 37027

2007 Construction Mission Teams Return Home

Three teams consisting of 52 volunteers returned home this summer from 3 week-long construction mission trips in Guatemala City.

The teams raised the funds for the cost of the materials and built homes for 7 families living in desperate need. Most of these families had been living in tiny shacks with dirt floors and little protection from the weather and other dangers.

Because of these mission team members, 11 additional children have found sponsors and will now be able to attend Shalom School in 2008. Most importantly though, through the mission project's outreach efforts and in partnership with volunteers from Shalom School, 60 men, women & children accepted Christ during the trips.

"My trip was amazing," says Bekah Lemonds of Franklin, TN. "I didn't want to come back home. I saw some familiar faces from last year



and got to know and love some new ones. My sponsor girl, who last year didn't smile at all, smiled at me and that made my day! I encourage anyone who is thinking of going on a

mission trip to GO . . . IT WILL BE AMAZING!"

David Larson from Atlanta, GA said, "God opened my heart and eyes to see some real suffering in the world that make my financial and relationship struggles seem incredibly trivial. My carefree, sometimes callous heart became care-filled as the Lord broke my heart for the people that we were serving."

To read more about our construction mission trips, the people we serve and the life-changing experiences of team members, please visit us at www.theshalomfoundation.org.

Come join us! Trip dates for 2008 will be announced October 1.

Mission Team Members Say . . .

"It was very interesting to watch the Lord work both in our team and the people to whom we served. I think that everyone might originally set out on a mission trip thinking that they are there to do God's work, however so many times I'm reminded how much my heart is changed on one of these adventures. In Guatemala, Christ met me where I was and showed me through His eyes how to serve the poor. I spiritually matured by allowing God to strip me of the comforts of America that so easily en-

cumber, and once that was gone, I saw the face of Christ amongst these people.

Drew Hollowell, Franklin, TN

I so look forward to next years' trip, and the continuing work that the Lord is doing in Guatemala and is privileging me and now my family to join with Him in making happen through the vision of Pastor Alvaro and The Shalom Foundation!!

Dave Taylor, Franklin, TN

"Guatemala was my first mission trip outside the US and I was blessed to be a part of God's work in assisting the people of Guatemala realize their dream of a home and more importantly understand that through Jesus Christ all things are possible . . ."

Joe Doughty, Thompson Station, TN

To read more, visit our website at www.theshalomfoundation.org

Matching Gifts Opportunities

Does your employer provide Matching Funds?

Matching Funds programs are becoming more prevalent than ever before. Employers and professional organizations want to honor their employees by matching the gifts contributed to non-profit organizations by those who work for their company.

Matching Funds programs are extremely valuable resources and can double your contributions. They can also increase community involvement and awareness for the cause.

Check with your human resources department or your payroll department at work to find out more.



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The Shalom Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing financial support and physical assistance for under-privileged children and their families. We are dedicated to providing basic educational opportunities for children, home construction and repair for families living in unsafe dwellings, essential food for the malnourished, in addition to medical support and assistance for critical as well as basic healthcare needs.

The Shalom Foundation seeks funding through personal donations, corporate contributions and special event fundraisers. All contributions to The Shalom Foundation are 100% tax deductible.



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Sponsor a Child In Need

Meet Sandy Yesenia



**Sandy Yesenia
Marroquin Morales**

Birthday: May 7, 1990

Sandy Yesenia lives just off Atlántico Highway, Zone 18 in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

She is a sophomore at Shalom School, and her favorite class is Computers. She loves studying after school and listening to music in her free time.

Sandy lives with her parents and 2 brothers in one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city. She remains at the top of our Critical Needs list for sponsorship.

Are you looking for a way to serve?

You can become a blessing to a child and change a life forever. Will you consider sponsoring a child in need?

The children of Guatemala are often ravaged by hunger, fear, violence and hopelessness. Your support and prayers WILL change a child's existence from this day forward.

For \$35 a month, you can provide a needy child with a quality education in a loving, Christian environment. Through Shalom School, your child will also gain access to medical care and nutritious meals if needed.

To sponsor Sandy Yesenia or one of the additional 200 children in need, please contact our executive director at 615.595.5811 or at jswartz@theshalomfoundation.org.

What better way to live out the scripture, "Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:5.

We thank you for your prayers and