ORPHANED STARFISH FOUNDATION, INC.
(A Not-For-Profit Corporation)

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of
Orphaned Starfish Foundation

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Orphaned Starfish Foundation, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Orphaned Starfish Foundation, Inc. as of December 31, 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
Other Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of functional expenses on page YY is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Whippany, NJ 07981
August 31, 2016
ORPHANED STRAFISH FOUNDATION, INC.

December 31, 2015

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ORPHANED STARFISH FOUNDATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents $ 2,090,021
Grants receivable 100,174
Contributions receivable 63,550
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS: 2,253,745

TOTAL ASSETS: $ 2,253,745

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES
Accrued expenses $ 24,991
Payroll liabilities 16,215
Grants payable 19,337
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES: 60,543

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted 1,813,353
Temporarily restricted 379,849
TOTAL NET ASSETS: 2,193,202

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS: $ 2,253,745

(See notes to financial statements)
ORPHANED STARFISH FOUNDATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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<th>SUPPORT, REVENUE AND RELEASES</th>
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<td>$ 13,666</td>
<td>$ 210,174</td>
<td>$ 223,840</td>
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<td>Special events (net)</td>
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<td>131,622</td>
<td>991,074</td>
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<td>Interest income</td>
<td>598</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>598</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restriction</td>
<td>160,974</td>
<td>(160,974)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL SUPPORT, REVENUE AND RELEASES:</strong></td>
<td>1,034,690</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>16,300</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES:</strong></td>
<td>933,206</td>
<td>-</td>
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| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 101,484 | 180,822 | 282,306 |

| BEGINNING NET ASSETS | 1,711,869 | 199,027 | 1,910,896 |

| ENDING NET ASSETS | $1,813,353 | $379,849 | $2,193,202 |

(See notes to financial statements)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS: $ 282,306

CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

- Decrease in grants receivable 893
- Decrease in contributions receivable 262,050
- Decrease in accrued expenses (5,009)
- Decrease in payroll liabilities (545)
- Increase in grants payable 19,337

NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES: 559,032

NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS: 559,032

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR: 1,530,989

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR: $2,090,021

(See notes to financial statements)
ORPHANED STARFISH FOUNDATION, INC.
SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - PROGRAM SERVICES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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<th>Country</th>
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<td>American Samoa</td>
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<td>Peru</td>
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<td>Argentina</td>
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<td>Honduras</td>
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<td>Uruguay</td>
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<td>Nepal</td>
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<td>Puerto Rico</td>
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<td>Development and travel</td>
<td>28,756</td>
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<td>Other grants</td>
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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

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<td>Dominican Republic</td>
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**TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES:** $803,151

(See notes to financial statements)
## SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - SUPPORTING SERVICES

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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<td>Professional services fees</td>
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<td>Bank and merchant fees</td>
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<td>Utilities and telephone expenses</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rent</td>
<td>6,716</td>
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<td>Payroll taxes</td>
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<td>Business insurance</td>
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<td>Printing and supplies</td>
<td>1,729</td>
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<td>Advertising</td>
<td>951</td>
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<td>Computer and internet expenses</td>
<td>800</td>
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<td>Postage and delivery</td>
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<td>Payroll processing fees</td>
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**TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES:**

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<td>Fundraising</td>
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ORPHANED STARFISH FOUNDATION, INC.
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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<td><strong>SPECIAL EVENTS REVENUE</strong></td>
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<td>Contributions and ticket sales</td>
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<td>$927,117</td>
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<td>Auction income</td>
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<td>In-kind contributions</td>
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<td>Scholarships</td>
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<td>131,622</td>
<td>131,622</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS REVENUE:</strong></td>
<td>1,147,701</td>
<td>131,622</td>
<td>1,279,323</td>
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| **SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSES**   |              |                        |        |
| Direct expenses               | 117,393      | -                      | 117,393|
| Direct - donated/in-kind expenses | 103,584    | -                      | 103,584|
| Indirect expenses             | 67,272       | -                      | 67,272|
| **TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSES:** | 288,249     | -                      | 288,249|

| **NET INCOME FROM SPECIAL EVENTS:** | $859,452 | $131,622 | $991,074 |

(See notes to financial statements)
NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

Founded in 2001, Orphaned Starfish Foundation, Inc. (OSF) is dedicated to working with over 10,000 orphans and disadvantaged children throughout Latin America and the rest of the world. The goal is to foster lasting change in the lives of these children by giving them the opportunity to develop vocational skills that will enable them to overcome the cycle of poverty and abuse. The Organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization’s main source of revenue is from contributions.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

a. Accrual Basis Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis and conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and in accordance with the principles of not-for-profit accounting.

b. Net Assets

The net assets of the Orphaned Starfish Foundation and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets include all resources that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions of a more specific nature than those that only obligate the Organization to utilize funds in furtherance of its mission.

- Temporarily restricted net assets carry specific, donor-imposed restrictions on the expenditure or other use of contributed funds. Temporary restrictions may expire either because certain actions are taken by the Organization that fulfill the restrictions or because of the passage of time. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed), are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

b. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include checking, savings and money market accounts, and all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less.
NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

c. Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable are recognized as income in the year in which the contribution is pledged. Contributions to be received within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their future estimated cash flows. Conditional promises to give are not included as support until the conditions are substantially met.

d. Contributions

Contributions are recorded as revenue upon receipt of cash or unconditional promises to give (pledges). Contributions are considered available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Conditional promises to give are not included as support until the conditions are substantially met.

e. Expense Allocations

Direct identifiable expenses are charged to programs and supporting services. General and administrative expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any specific function but provide for the overall support of the Organization.

f. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from their estimates.

NOTE 3 – CONCENTRATION OF RISK

Orphaned Starfish banking accounts are maintained at one institution and at times could exceed the federal insured limits for those accounts.

NOTE 4 – GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

The Organization has received a grant from EMTA in the amount of $50,000 from 2009 – 2012 and the grant was increased to $97,828 for 2013, $103,285 for 2014, and $100,174 for 2015. The grant receivable from EMTA at the end of 2015 was $100,174, which was received during April of 2016. Contributions receivable of $63,550 were outstanding as of the close of the year ended December 31, 2015. All contributions receivable have been received as of the end of April of 2016.
NOTE 5 – TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets of $379,849 are restricted for scholarships and programs designated by the EMTA grant. The balance of $1,813,353 is unrestricted for other programs and general and administrative expenses necessary to operate the Organization.

NOTE 6 – OPERATING LEASE

The Organization entered an operating lease to rent office desk space for a period of one-year beginning in July of 2013. The lease payments cover the rent and utilities expenses for the space. The Organization renewed the lease at the beginning July 2015 at $566 per month. Lease payments totaled $6,716 during 2015.

NOTE 7 – OFFICER COMPENSATION

During 2012, the Organization began compensating the Executive Chairman/President, Andrew B. Stein, for the various professional services which he performs throughout the year. During 2015, Mr. Stein received compensation in the amount of $111,300. This expenditure is split between program expenses and fundraising expenses in the amounts of $95,000 and $16,300 respectively.

NOTE 8 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There have not been any subsequent events that would materially affect any of the information contained in these financial statements as of the date of this report.
PROGRAMS & HOW ORPHANED STARFISH FOUNDATION HELPS

Since 2001, Orphaned Starfish programs address the challenges facing orphans, victims of abuse and at-risk youth by providing them with technology training. OSF funds the construction and operation of vocational training facilities, including funding for furnishings, purchasing required equipment, teacher salaries, job placement services and scholarships for higher education. OSF also provides English language software & classes, a Life-Skills Program, Scholarships & helps with job placement whenever possible.

OSF’s programs include:

- Fa’a Samoa, Pago, Pago, American Samoa

Instituto Fa’a Samoa is a program started by the Troy & Theodora Polamalu Foundation. This program began as a football camp for the young men of American Samoa in 2011 and quickly added more sports. In 2015, Fa’a Samoa, apart from the sports camp, became lazer focused on education. This program serves hundreds of youth on the island giving them an opportunity to get advanced training and offering opportunities that expand their horizons.

The Orphaned Starfish provided the very first computer training center on the island. We funded the 30 computers as well as the computer teacher, printer and internet. The goal is to improve the quality of education and also prepare these youngsters for jobs. For some of the children, it is their first time touching a computer. We are helping the community of American Samoa grow so that the children here will have more opportunity for growth than ever before.

- Instituto Parroquial Santa María Madre del Pueblo, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Instituto Parroquial Santa María Madre del Pueblo comes in response to a specific need for the teenagers in the neighborhood of 1-11-14 in Bajo Flores in Buenos Aires and the 50,000 people who live there. More than 50% of the population are under 17 years old. Many of these young people are parents at an early age. The community leaders believe it has to do with the lack of opportunities. The school works with families in regard to education and support towards improved quality of life. The parish has been present in the neighborhood since 1975. The area is complex and has needs, therefore they seek to dignify the lives of the residents. The Parish holds various activities throughout day, bringing together more than 2,500 children and teenagers. The children acquire many different skills.

Instituto Parroquial Santa Maria Madre Del Pueblo believes that the quality of education is not only in learning but also in the support that is given to each student. The school building is brand new. It has six classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen and multipurpose room more radio studio. In their second year since opening the high school, they now have 70 students. This number is going to continue to grow. Their initial goal is to reach 170 students. The students are also involved in the following community programs. Some of
the programs are Gardening, the Senior Center, A youth rehab program, Children’s Movement youth groups, Orchestras, and Sports.

OSF’s grant provided Instituto Parroquial Santa María Madre del Pueblo with their laptop computer center. The goal is to improve the quality of education and also prepare these youngsters for jobs. Many people in this “villa” do not work and are drug addicts also suffering from violence in the home as well as on the streets. We are helping to build this community into a safer one from the ground up.

- Proyecto Horizonte – Ushpa Ushpa, Cochabamba, Bolivia

The community of “The Mineros San Juan,” Ushpa-Ushpa is located 10km southeast of the city of Cochabamba. There are approximately 1,500 families living under the poorest of economic conditions. Due to its illegal status, Ushpa-Ushpa lacked basically any infrastructure or coverage with utilities. Many inhabitants are without work and can only find short-term or seasonal jobs and the 1,500 families has an average of 4 to 6 children. The current status of health of the Ushpa-Ushpa population is sub-standard. Breathing problems and diarrhea are common and particularly widespread among the children.

Together with the “Saint Vincent de Paul” Society, Proyecto Horizonte – Ushpa Ushpa was founded in 2004 to build a day care center for children. The project grew to include a health care center and a school. Today there are 150 children between the ages of 1 to 6 years attending the 5 levels of the “Education Initial,” and a daycare program. A recently inaugurated school has 600 children between the ages of 6 to 14 years in attendance. During the evening hours, a school program for adults is also provided. The youngest student is 16 years old, the oldest 62, and the majority of the students are women.

OSF partnered with Save the Children to provide a computer center to serve the 600 children between the ages of 6 to 14 years who attend the school. OSF provided funds to furnish and equip the center with sixteen computers including software and all the necessary furniture. Save the Children provides the curriculum for the computer classes and facilitates the training of the teachers.

- The Instituto Socio-Educatacional pro-Ciudadania (ISEC), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

ISEC is a home for approximately 80 children and young adults, with seven separate social and educational programs designed to improve the lives of children in the barrios of Rio de Janeiro. The children use the training rooms to learn fundamental computer and internet skills, which increases their level of literacy.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation has awarded a grant to ISEC’s Programa Abrigo, for the furnishings and operational expenses of three vocational training rooms in three of Programa Abrigo’s homes and trains them for employment in the community. We have also supplied a grant to ISEC’s Programa Abrigo for multimedia and educational training for the mentally and/or physically handicapped children. ISEC utilizes a “mainstreaming”
approach in which the non-handicapped students work and socialize with the handicapped children.

- Redes de Maré (CEASM), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

CEASM was founded by the inhabitants of Mare to improve the poverty conditions through access to culture, technology, and other influences otherwise not available to local residents. In order to achieve their goal, they provide courses in foreign languages, computing, reading, photography, video, music, theater, capoeira, etc.

OSF provides ongoing funding for computers, teachers salary & supplies annually. OSF provides a means for learning, self-expression, and exploration to children of Redes de Mare. Their daily activities contribute to the overall goal of improving education so that they have the skills and self-confidence to continue their studies and thereby break the cycle of poverty for their children and future generations.

- The Fundação Américo de Viveiros, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

CEASM Fundação Américo de Viveiros is an organization that provides vocational training for children living in the Favela of Turano. The children also learn how to make incredible art crafts.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation has funded 12 original computers, 12 replacement computers & 6 new computers, a printer & a scanner. OSF also provides funds on a continuing basis to supply children attending classes with a proper lunch.

- The Proyecto Uerê, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Proyecto Uerê was founded ten years ago by Ms. Yvonne Bezerra de Mello. It is a nonprofit organization focused on teaching at risk children and youth living in a permanent state of conflict. The children at Proyecto Uere are traumatized by constant exposure to violence resulting in learning disabilities. Ms. Bezerra de Mello created the Uerê-Mello methodology, designed to help the children overcome their learning disabilities in order to increase the quality of their education. The project serves 430 children.

OSF provides a grant to pay for a teacher’s salary, replacement computers and software. We serve approximately 430 children in which the center improves their quality of life. Having access to a computer will allow them to enhance in their work skills, and increase their awareness which will potentially allow them to have better employments.

- The Associação Vida Jovem (VJ), São Paulo, Brazil

Vida Jovem was founded in 1987 in the neighborhood of Ipiranga, São Paulo, on the edge of the city’s largest shanty town, known as Heliopolis. The program was inspired on the successful Boys Hope Girls Hope program of the US and sought to offer a stable, family-like home environment for children who the child welfare agencies determined could no
longer live with their own families. By 2009 VJ had 6 homes with 10 children in each. Seeing the need to reinforce the educational concepts being taught at the public schools, VJ began providing its residents tutoring in English, Portuguese, Math as well as classes in computers, dance, music, sports, art and theatre. In 2009 with the change in the adoption law that prioritized returning children to a family member or putting them up for adoption within the shortest possible period, Vida Jovem saw the demand dwindle for its long-term care through its group homes. The VJ Board then decided to work towards preparing the teens in its homes and from the surrounding impoverished communities for the job market through professional courses coupled with the core class tutoring, computer skills and life/career coaching.

Currently, residential care is provided through VJ’s partner and neighbor, Fundação Nossa Senhora de Ipiranga (FUNSAI) that maintains 2 homes for up to 20 children. Vida Jovem offers professional skills in Computer Maintenance, Web Design, Administration and Electrician to the FUNSAI residents as well as from the community. All participate in a 20 hour a week program for 6 months in addition to their regular school. The VJ program includes the selected professional skill plus core class tutoring (English, Math and Portuguese), peer group discussions, job interviewing techniques and corporate behavior classes. At the end of the program VJ helps the youth obtain paid apprenticeships and a mentor to provide on-going coaching. In addition VJ offers career seminars for up to 800 youth and their families.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation provides ongoing funding for the Web Design, Computer Maintenance and basic computer skills classes annually. With The Orphaned Starfish Foundation’s support, many youths each year are starting computer-related careers and taking the first step on a path leading to higher education, active participation in the communities from which they come and to becoming catalysts for positive change.

- Associação de Assistência à Criança Surda (AACS), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Founded in 1956, AACS assists children with hearing deficiencies and/or speaking and learning disabilities at the age of 0 to 18 who are forwarded by public schools where they cannot be attended. AACS maintains their own school where the small children are educated and when they are ready to be included in public schools, AACS continues to offer pedagogical support. Many of the children come from very poor backgrounds, considered as “social risks” . Their families receive orientation and support from AACS’s social and psychological service.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation has provided the resources and funds to furnish a computer center. We also were able to fund computer hardware and software upgrades, teachers’ annual salary, operational costs, programs, and internet access. OSF will also continue to provide ongoing financial support ensuring the kids of AACS a secure future.

- The Centro de Ações Integradas Novo Horizonte, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Centro de Ações Integradas Novo Horizonte is the home of approximately ninety children ranging from infants to 14 year-olds. All the children receive schooling at the facility, and children ages 14 and older can be trained in silk printing techniques – from design to final product.

OSF provides Centro de Ações Integradas Novo Horizonte computer equipment and classroom supplies. In addition, OSF provides ongoing funding for proper lunches for the children attending lessons at the facility.

- Hogar San Francisco de Regis, Santiago, Chile

Hogar San Francisco, founded in 1889, is a home for battered girls in the poorer outskirts of Santiago, Chile. The home is dedicated to providing shelter, guidance, and education for sexually abused girls ranging from ages 4 to 18 years old. The girls are placed at Hogar by either one of their parents or by a recommendation from the judicial system of Chile. The girls attend classes at community schools but return to the home for psychiatric treatment, meals and to sleep.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation provided an initial grant to build the computer center. Additional funds were provided for computer hardware and software upgrades, teachers’ salaries, operational costs, programs and internet access.

- Hogar Refugio de la Misericordia, Santiago, Chile

Founded in 1927, Hogar Refugio de la Misericordia is a group home for pregnant adolescents and adolescent moms and their babies. The girls have been placed in the home by the Chilean family court system. Refugio is partially funded by a Catholic congregation that shares the campus and also receives a Chilean government subsidy. They happily accept VE Global volunteers from diverse backgrounds to help in a wide variety of tasks that include: playing and helping with the babies, running workshops and offering emotional support to the moms, and supporting the nuns with everyday tasks.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation introduced all the children to typing, computer usage, and standard computer skills, allowing them to use the computers for their schoolwork, connect to the world through the internet, and use their acquired skills to qualify for gainful employment. We have also improved academic support and development, in addition, to providing the adolescent mothers with access to vocational skills training and opportunities.

- Fundamor, Cali, Colombia

Founded in 1992, Fundamor is an NGO based in Cali Colombia that provides housing, nutrition, comprehensive health care, and education to children living with HIV/AIDS. The organization serves approximately 60 children ranging from newborns to eighteen years of age. In addition, Fundamor works to increase public awareness of the risks of HIV
and AIDS in the community. The foundation is partially funded by the Colombian Family Welfare Institute.

OSF provided a grant to expand an existing computer room at Fundamor. The grant funded the purchase of new computers and peripherals, as well as the salary of an Information Technology teacher who provides computer literacy classes and maintain the computers. The computer room is used primarily by the resident children, volunteers and interns at Fundamor. The room will also be open to children from the surrounding community who don’t have access to computers.

- Amparo de Niños, Bogota, Colombia

Amparo de Niños is a “Home of opportunity” that actively engages children and adolescents, in structuring their life. Founded 51 years ago, the Amparo de Niños is an exclusive organization that has been recognized for its comprehensive approach to protect children and adolescents, with quality standards supported by the Colombian Family Welfare Institute (ICBF). The program guarantees an intervention from the perspective of rights, providing opportunities for family and social integration.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation helps by providing financial support to maintain the computer center, we also pay for teacher’s annual salary. The computer center serves as an opportunity for girls and adolescents to develop computer skills for their academic success. OSF will also continue to provide ongoing financial support ensuring the children a secure future.

- La Solución Esta En Tus Manos, Choco, Colombia

La Solución Esta En Tus Manos (The Solution Is In Your Hands) is an elementary and high school located in Zona Norte of Quibdo, which offers education to 300 plus children in one of the most dangerous conflict zones of the region. These children are vulnerable due to displacement, violence, abandonment and extreme poverty. The school instructs the children and teaches them the difference between right and wrong. It is very important for the children to understand the consequence of either action, which is culturally not taught in the household. The hope is for the children to progress and become successful adults within society and have the opportunity to vastly improve the community.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation funded the furnishing of an initial educational computer center within the confines of the existing construction. We funded ten computers, a printer, a scanner, and the maintenance of the center. The computers and courses prepare the students for their future and professional careers.

- El Futuro, Choco, Colombia

El Futuro is an Elementary School located in Quibdo. The school offers an education to over 200 children in the area. These children live in poverty and are surrounded by violence. The school acts as a refuge as well as offers its children opportunity in an area
where there is very little to offer. The school also offers extracurricular activities to its children such as sports, art & poetry.

OSF funded a computer center. Five computers are rotated among the older children of the school. They have mastered Microsoft Office and how to use the internet. They not only take computer classes by a teacher funded by OSF, but also use the computers to do all of their homework. As El Futuro grows, so will OSF’s support. OSF will continue to provide financial support for the operation of the computer center.

- Casa Hogar de La Chinca, Medellin, Colombia

Casa Hogar de la Chinca, located in Medellin, Colombia, is a nonprofit organization that provides for approximately 60 female adolescents who have been physically and/or emotionally abused. These young women all come from dysfunctional family environments and have little or no access to higher education or job training. La Chinca provides a safe living environment where the girls are provided educational assistance, food and clothing, social and ethical training, and psychological and social support.

The Orphaned Starfish enables all these children to have the access to computers, educational assistance, and mentor support, all required to excel academically. OSF funded the furnishing of an educational computer center. They funded fourteen computers, two printers and scanners, the maintenance of the center, and will also continue to provide financial support. Orphaned Starfish is also committed to providing these women with secure employment opportunities after they leave the orphanage.

- Senderos de Paz, Medellin, Colombia

Senderos de Paz is a home designed for children ranging from ages 3 to 10, who are among the vulnerable social strata of the village of San Cristobal belonging to the tumultuous climate-city of Medellin. Senderos de Paz provides education, food, and entertainment to more than 60 children who later come out with the basis of nutritional values and education to continue with their training in different institutions of the municipality.

OSF provided financial support for the implementation of a computer room for children ranging from the ages of 4 to 10 years from Senderos de Paz. OSF will continue to provide ongoing support for the children of Senderos de Paz, ensuring a secure future.

- The Nuevas Oportunidades, San Rafeal Heredia, Costa Rica

The Nuevas Oportunidades (New Opportunities) project was created to provide computer training to children and young adults. Approximately 36 children and young adults from a shelter in the province of Heredia and a group of approximately 80 children from the “Los Angeles” school in San Rafael Heredia will be able to attend this program. Many of them come from dysfunctional families and have little or no access to higher education. The training will focus on enabling the children to find better paying opportunities after they leave the shelters.
The Orphaned Starfish provided funds to furnish a computer center, and will continue to provide ongoing financial support. We provide computer education for underprivileged children who have no access to computers in any part of their community.

- La Posada de Belén, La Garita, Alajuela, Costa Rica

The Posada de Belen is a home for girls between the ages of eleven and eighteen, who have children of their own. Regardless of their nationality or belief system the program takes them in with open arms. La Posada helps them adjust to their new role as a mother by ensuring that all of their needs are met. After having their baby, the girls spend six months at La Posada before they return to their homes. In 2009, a new board was elected with a vision to educate these girls and give them the tools that they need in order to learn a trade, get a job, and not have to return to the place where they were victimized. Our new mission is to educate, because we believe that if we educate one teenage mother we will be educating 1,000 future generations. In providing these opportunities, we are simultaneously educating the girls and making a difference in their children’s lives, by giving them something that their mothers never had: an education, the right to play, and support for their dreams. We believe that they have the right to be what they want to be, so we give them a range of options to choose which career path they prefer. With this being said, we guarantee that once they reach the age of eighteen, they will be able to have a job with the career skills they acquired at the Posada.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation furnished and equipped the computer center with the installation of 10 computers, internet access, Rosetta Stone English software, and also pays for teacher’s annual salary. These advances contribute to the overall goal of improving young mother’s education so that they have the skills and self-confidence to continue their studies and thereby break the cycle of poverty for their children and future generations.

- The Orfanato Niños de Cristo Program, La Romana, Dominican Republic

Orfanato Niños De Cristo was founded ten years ago by Sonia Hane, a native Dominican, who had been living in the United States for several years when she felt a strong call to return to her country to open a home devoted to abandoned, abused, or parentless children. The mission of the orphanage is to provide a safe home, family, and education to these children and to prepare them for adulthood. There are currently 124 children in the orphanage. Adoption in the Dominica Republic is extremely difficult because of past abuses of the system, therefore almost all of the children that come to the orphanage Niños De Cristo will stay until they are young adults and can find their way out into society.

In March of 2008, with the help of various donors, a vocational school building was completed with four classrooms. The primary challenge of today is to provide all the children with an opportunity to improve the overall quality of their education and especially to provide the older children with a vocation so they can leave the orphanage and start lives of their own.
OSF has equipped the classrooms with approximately thirty new computers as well as pay a teacher’s salary on a continuing basis. The goals of the new vocational computer center are to introduce all the children to typing, computer usage, and standard computer skills, allowing them to use the computers for their schoolwork, connect to the world through the internet, and use these skills to qualify for gainful employment.

- The Centro de Formación y Capacitación Cabarete, Puerto Plata, The Dominican Republic

In 2007, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Puerto Plata established a vocational training center in the township of Cabarete. The training center offers courses at no cost to children and youth, in various subject areas including information technology. These children are extremely poor and most of them suffer from physical disabilities. In addition to receiving vocational education and training, the participants experience increased self-esteem and benefit from moral and civic empowerment that helps keep them away from crime. To date, the center has benefited children who otherwise would have no access to computer training and jobs and facilitated job placement in the labor market and helped promote the self-development of these at-risk youth through basic vocational training and the use of information technology.

OSF provided funds to furnish and equip the computer center located inside the Centro de Formación y Capacitación de Cabarete, as well as pay the salary for an IT instructor.

- Centro de Muchachos Trabajadores, Quito, Ecuador

The Working Boys’ Center – Family of Families (WBC) is a private, legally incorporated non-profit social organization. During the past 50 years, it has developed and maintained supportive and formational programs for working children, as well as for their entire families. Its overall emphasis is on the promotion and strengthening of moral values and its activities are in the areas of health, education, nutrition, housing improvement. The objectives of improving the quality of education of students and graduated students securing employment requires that WBC take seriously the advances being made in ICT as well as in applying this new technology in classroom education and workplace production activities.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation furnished and equipped the computer center with the installation of 15 computers, internet access, Rosetta Stone English software, and also pays for teacher’s annual salary. We serve approximately 500 students in which the center improves their quality of education. We also provide technologically enhanced training in work skills, which will increase awareness of potentially better employments and help their processes of human professional growth.

- Haz Un Amigo, Mejora Tu Comunidad, La Libertad, El Salvador

Haz Un Amigo, Mejor Tu Comunidad was founded under the Mercedario’s regional administration, Senora de la Paz, in its interest to contribute to societal problems. All the children and youth, orphans and at-risk youth, in this particular area are exposed to a
variety of at-risk situations, particularly the marginal zones which have less economical resources, which doesn’t allow them to satisfy their basics needs. These children are even more vulnerable to climatic disasters and to social problems, such as violence, vandalism, drug addiction, alcoholism, gang groups, etc., adding the shortage of opportunities to personal development and proactive life. Haz Un Amigo, Mejor Tu Comunidad’s project is a community center that provides computer training to children and young adults. Approximately 200 to 300 children and young adults from the ages of 5 through 19 will be able to take advantage of the Orphaned Starfish Vocational Training Center we will establish through this grant.

Haz Un Amigo, Mejor Tu Comunidad works in the following areas: serving children and youth within the community, sponsorships for 280 children with food and education; meals 3 times a week in two schools located in the marginal areas, la Reforma y el Espino; orphanage for teenagers (15 teenagers), annual summer classes and camps (during vacation period) for children, camps and free music courses for teenagers, and psychological attention. Haz Un Amigo, and we, believe that education is a lifeline to the children in El Salvador—it is essential to overcome the negative impacts related to natural disasters and a long-term approach to mitigating issues arising from armed-conflict. An informed and educated generation of young people can heal and restore the country.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation provides a computer center that will serve children and teenagers from the ages of 5-19, who are currently experience the effects of a broken family or affected by alcoholism, economic crisis, emigration, limited access to formal education, absence of health services, etc. Microsoft also partnered with OSF and is providing a pilot programming course for the children here.

The program will allow the children and youth individually and formative, they will acquire basic knowledge in English language and computation. They will have support in the completion of their homework, through the use of computer and internet; also learning the development of creativity, creating, making images, music and basic knowledge about video editing, promoting values, etc. We want to give them valuelables tools to compete in the work market or apply to entrepreneurship and opt for a better life quality. In a social plane, the program will prevent the actual problems the children and youth face on a daily basis: gangs, violence, family disintegration, addiction conducts such as drugs and alcoholism that affect their society.

- ECF and ECF Village, Addis Ababa and Aleltu, Ethiopia

ECF Village’s main feature is the school-based child safety net that comes with an integrated set of basic health, nutrition and education services, and a model which has proven to be cost-effective and sustainable in the context of Ethiopia, a large African country with among the highest concentrations of poverty in Africa.

Currently there are 411 children enrolled, between the ages of 4-17, with roughly equal gender equality. The classes range from Kindergarten to 10th grade. In collaboration with the local communities and authorities, which assist with the selection of beneficiary
children, ECF has been enrolling approximately 35-40 children every year; their ages range from 4 to 6, and they usually join from kindergarten. Today, the first class of students have reached 10th grade in 2010 and they will take national examination for the completion of high school.

OSF will provide funds to build a Technical and Vocational Training Center at the ECF Village. The center is expected to allow the children to learn computer and technical skill to help them obtain employment in areas like information communication technology, hospitality and tourism, construction, textile and sewing. In addition, OSF will also provide funds to pay the salary of two teachers.

- La Alianza, Guatemala City, Guatemala

La Alianza is a safe house for girls between the ages of 12-18 who are victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking. La Alianza employs a model of care that has become nationally and internationally recognized as not only a safe haven where homeless children and teens can reclaim their lives, but also a widely respected voice and force in the fight to protect and defend the rights of children in Guatemala. La Alianza is a home and school for girls, many of whom have babies through their abuse. This program also provides food, shelter, daycare and education for these little ones. La Alianza’s offers these children the following rehabilitation plan: street outreach, pre-community, residential care, legal services, family reintegration and support and an independent life program. The complete rehabilitation of these children is what makes La Alianza so successful.

The Orphaned Starfish funded the furnishing of eight computers, desks, a printer, projector and the teacher. The computer classes introduce the girls and adolescence to standard computer skills, allowing them to use the computers for their schoolwork, connect to the world through the internet. These computers will give these children the opportunity to gain employment that will help them provide for themselves and for many of them, their children.

- The HELO Inc., Les Cayes, Haiti

Founded in 2007, HELO started its orphanage in a rented house with ten children selected by Co-Founder/Haiti Director Jean Phares Beaucejour. HELO is an acronym for Home Education Love Opportunity, which is what they strive to provide to orphaned and abandoned children in their care. Homes are family units, housing 10-12 children with house-parents, a housekeeper and a cook. Children receive three meals a day, a lot of love, medical care, and a quality education. Opportunity, will come from the self-esteem, self-confidence, values and education (scholastic and vocational) learned at HELO.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation funded the furnishing of a computer classroom, which includes cabinets, computer desk tops, and chairs. We also funded ten computers, a printer, antivirus software, monthly internet service, reading horizon software, and Microsoft Office. We continue to provide internet connectivity on an annual basis and pay the for the Teacher’s Salary. OSF will continue to provide ongoing financial support.
• L’Ecole La Redemption, Leogane, Haiti

La Redemption was founded in 1974 as a primary school. In the 2007-2008 academic year it began its extension into secondary education adding one grade up each year. For the first time in 40 years La Rédemption had 13 grades, offering its students the opportunity to complete their primary and secondary schooling. A project to create a computer room at La Rédemption was initiated in 2009. Unfortunately, the earthquake of January 2010 damaged the building and destroyed the equipment they had gathered. They are starting anew with this project to respond to a need in helping students acquire computer skills.

OSF provided a computer center to serve over 600 children between the ages of 6 to 14 years who attend the school. We provided the resources and funds to furnish a computer center and also helped source 35 tablets for La Redemption. These resources contribute to the overall goal of improving the educational environment of street workers in La Redemption so that they have the skills and self-confidence to continue their studies and thereby break the cycle of poverty for future generations. OSF will also continue to provide ongoing financial support ensuring the kids of La Redemption a secure future.

• Sociedad Amigos de Los Niños, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

SAN’s Flor Azul program in Tegucigalpa and Comayaguela, Honduras provides homes and protection for at-risk street children in, as well as balanced meals, educational opportunities, psychological and medical care. They care for 51 boys who are currently attending elementary and high school. Flor Azul also includes a youth farm where boys learn valuable skills involving training in agriculture, animal health, aviculture, vegetables and plantains farming, animal traction and soil. Through Flor Azul’s Learning-by-Doing method, they expect to achieve sustainability by producing foodstuff for sale and consumption.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation contributes by funding and furnishing a computer center for Flor Azul. We provide computers, software and a teacher’s salary, as well as installation and maintenance, and care of supplies. The skills the students acquire in the center help give them an alternative to life on the streets.

• Homestead Place of Safety, Kingston, Jamaica

Homestead Place of Safety is located on approximately two acres of land; and, caters exclusively to the needs of girls remanded to the facility for care and protection; uncontrollable behavior; and/or on criminal charges. Homestead’s mission is to create a stable supportive and nurturing environment to girls who have experience trauma in their lives by providing intervention and rehabilitation that will ultimately build resilience and aid in their socialization. Girls attend classes on the compound of the facility Mondays through Friday and, are actively engaged in pursuits such as: Sewing, Food and Nutrition, Cosmetology, Social, Studies, Geography, Religious knowledge, Mathematics, English Language, English Literature.
The Orphaned Starfish Foundation has installed a fully furnished computer center, which includes connectivity to the Internet, desk and chairs, and desktop computers. OSF also funds the teacher’s salary and will continue to provide on going support for the children of Homestead Place of Safety. The girls will have the opportunity to receive computer-training skills to increase their awareness, which will allow them to have better employment and secure their future.

- Many Hopes, Kikamblala, Kenya

Many Hopes aims to eliminate the causes of extreme poverty in Kenya by working with the victims of that poverty who will one day be the solution: orphaned and abandoned children in the Kilifi region. They rescue children from situations of abuse, and educate and empower them to be influencers for justice. They achieve this vision with a template for sustainable, replicable justice globally: The Many Hopes Justice Framework. In addition to the children in their homes, they have represented hundreds of physically and sexually abused children in the child welfare system and courts in Kenya and have completed planning for a justice center to provide legal advocacy for individual children and serve as a research and policy resource, helping to enhance and enforce child rights.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation has helped assist the students of Many Hopes become equipped with the skills to become adults who don’t just survive but rather influence. Many Hopes world-class school will provide the highest level of education and the best educational resources available. OSF has included a state-of-the-art computer lab containing: 10 computers, 10 desks and chairs, educational software and Internet access, and the salary of a Tutor.

- The Asilo Primavera Program, México City, México

Asilo Primavera, established in 1908, focuses on providing shelter, housing, food, and education for more than 100 abandoned, impoverished, or parentless children, ages 6-18. Asilo Primavera’s goal is to integrate the children as responsible young adults into society by providing them with the necessary tools and support, such as school and regular computer classes.

The Orphaned Starfish foundation made a grant to Asilo Primavera to accelerate the learning process through regular computer classes. The grant was utilized to purchase additional computers and printers, software, 180 books for computer learning, and other support items. OSF’s support has already improved Asilo Primavera, with reports from the teachers showing increased computer awareness and an improvement in the students’ ability to use computer hardware and software. OSF also provided funds to purchase ten new computers for the computer center. The foundation also pays the salary for a computer teacher on continuing basis.

- The Ciudad de Los Niños, La Paz, Baja California, México
Ciudad de los Ninos, a foster home, provides a safe haven for 150 abused and abandoned children. These children usually suffer from low self-esteem due to physical and/or emotional abuse, and are in need of special care and acceptance. The foster home creates a family environment where values and good habits are stressed, and where the children can interact in a stable environment, fostering the development of their personalities. In addition, the Ciudad de los Ninos gives the children the opportunity to get an education and trade training allowing them to leave the home with the tools that will enable them to succeed.

OSF provided funds to construct and furnish the computer room to help bolster the home’s education program.

- El Pozo de Vida, México City, Mexico

El Pozo de Vida is a U.S. non-profit organization, based in Mexico, that fights human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Their mission is to fight against Human Trafficking. Their vision is “freedom for everyone.” Their goal is to raise awareness and advocate for victims in the rescue and rehabilitation processes. EPDV runs a rescue home out of Mexico City, Mexico, where underage victims of sexual exploitation enter a holistic restoration and rehabilitation program, receiving education, medical attention and psychological care. El Pozo de Vida is an active participant in the Mexican legislative movement against trafficking and their desire is to raise global awareness to help educate and mobilize others in joining the fight against human trafficking. El Pozo De Vida fights Human trafficking through five initiatives: Prevention, Intervention, Job Training, Advocacy & Restoration.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation provides funds to support the computer center in El Pozo De Vida. The girls at the safe house are homeschooled during their rehabilitation time. Now, the girls have the opportunity to advance their education as well as earn job skills. One girl has received a scholarship through OSF and by mid-2016, she will have a culinary certificate from one of the best culinary arts programs in Mexico!

- Snow Lion Schools, Kathmandu, Nepal

Snow Lion Foundation was established in 1972 by the Swiss Association for Technical Assistance to look after the health, education and social welfare of the Tibetan refugees in Nepal. In case of financial need, these schools have recourse to the DOE. The DOE provides support and guidance to the Tibetan students from Nepal who come to India to either complete their schooling or to pursue higher education. Tibetan Schools various levels are spread across all the Tibetan Settlements in India, Nepal and Bhutan. Since Nepal has the largest concentration of Tibetan refugees outside India, the Department of Education, Dharamsala has accordingly facilitated the opening of a sizeable number of primary and middle schools to provide education opportunity to Tibetans living in the settlements or in the remote regions of Nepal.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation donated funds to rebuild computer centers damaged during the recent earthquake in Nepal and have donated computers. Once, rebuilt, OSF
will provide funding for the computer teachers for Atisha School & Namgyal Middle Boarding School.

- **Druk Amitabha, Kathmandu, Nepal**

The Amitabha Monastery sits on the top of Druk Amitabha mountain overlooking Kathmandu Valley. It is a center for spiritual practice and for humanitarian causes. It has a hall that seats up to 2,000 people, a library, administration office for the Drukpa Lineage, a nunnery, residences for 300 nuns, and a medical clinic. It is a refuge for animals saved from butchering and has vegetable gardens to provide food for the center. The hiking trail here are as attractive as the monastery and the surrounding scenarios. The Druk Amitabha Monestary is home to the world famous Kung-Fu Nuns who support the surrounding communities and especially sprang into action post the recent earthquake.

OSF donated funds to help purchase computers that will be used in the Druk Amitabha Monestary in Naro Hall that will provide computer classes to children in the neighboring villages who lost their homes in the earthquake.

- **The Hogar de Niñas Madre Albertina, Granada, Nicaragua**

Hogar de Niñas Madre Albertina is a home for social orphans in Granada, Nicaragua run by an order of nuns called the Madre Albertina. It has the capacity to house and care for 30 girls, ages 4-16 and provide day to day care for another 20. The orphans are from a variety of backgrounds including physical and sexual abuse, drugs, or simply abject poverty. The Hogar is a safe haven providing 3 meals a day, schooling outside the Hogar, transportation to and from school, and a permanent staff including two educators, a psychologist, a social worker and a cook. Their aim is to prepare the girls for the world outside when they leave.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation provided a grant for the supplies and installation of a computer room in the Hogar. The grant covers laptops and furnishings, snacks for the students before their lessons, English language learning software and a teacher’s salary. The computer room will provide marketable skills for the girls at Hogar de Niñas Madre Albertina that they can use when they leave and enter the real world.

- **The Asilo Malambo Program, Orfelinato San Jose de Malambo, Panama**

Founded in 1890, Asilo Malambo fosters children and young adults from all backgrounds but mostly orphans. Currently, Asilo Malambo cares for approximately 150 girls, including 30 HIV positive children, and serves a community of over four hundred people.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation funded the furnishing of a computer classroom with thirteen computers and peripherals, four printers, air-conditioning unit. We continue to provide internet connectivity on an annual basis.

- **The Hogar San Vicente de Paul Program, Colon, Panama**
Founded in 1893, Hogar San Vicente de Paul (Compañía de las Hijas de la Caridad de San Vicente de Paul) provides care for 45 girls ranging in age from 6 to 16 by providing shelter, food, clothing, healthcare, and education. They come from backgrounds of severe violence and abuse, exposed to adult domestic violence, neglect and extreme poverty. Some of the girls are from rural areas without access to education and some have lost their parents to prison. The girls suffer from depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, lack of concentration, and as a result have low academic performance. Some of the girls even suffer from malnutrition, learning or physical disabilities. The orphanage is dedicated to improving the physical and emotional well-being of the abandoned children living in the home and is committed to improving the quality of their education by providing access to information and communication technologies.

OSF provided the funds to furnish and equip a computer center located inside Hogar San Vicente de Paul, as well as pays the salary for an IT instructor.

- Primaria Parroquia de Fatima, Chorrillo, Panama

Founded in February 2010, Hogar Parroquia de Fatima located on Chame countryside, provides a multitude of services. There is a nursery for working Mothers, a primary school for all the children in the neighborhood, and an orphanage for children in need. It also includes a home for elderly care.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation provided the funds for 10 computers and all equipment for the computer lab. The computer lab is used by the orphanage and the primary school in the community.

- The Hogar Montecarmelo, Bejuco, Panama

Founded in February 2010, Hogar Montecarmelo is temporary housing for teenagers that have the aspiration to complete their studies, located at the sector of Chorrillo, Panama. These teens come from humble families with very low resources. Usually these teens live as far as 2 to 4 hours away from the closest school. Sometimes to reach school they have to walk, take a horse or even take a canoe to get to school on time. This institute is like a home for them with all the normal rules. They stay in the institute for 15 days at a time, and return home for the weekend every two weeks. They continue in that routine until the end of school year.

OSF provided the funds for 15 computers and all the equipment for the computer lab. The lab is used by the teens that are part of the institute and they have daily classes with a computer teacher.

- Primaria Parroquia Inmaculada, Manchay, Peru

Immaculate Parish Elementary School is located in Manchay, a neighborhood outside of Lima, Peru. The parish serves 240 students and their families who contend with varying degrees of poverty. The parish community center in Manchay is aimed at alleviating
poverty by fighting chronic malnutrition, neglect, abuse, and by keeping students in school. It caters to as many as 15,000 people and seeks to give their students skills with which they can support themselves and improve the community of Manchay.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation contributes by funding and furnishing a computer room at the elementary school equipped with furniture, technology for twenty computers, and provides a teacher’s salary. The children have the opportunity to receive computer training skills to increase their awareness which will potentially allow them to have better employment.

- **Niños del Arco Iris, Urubamba, Peru**

  The Fundación Niños del Arco Iris (The Rainbow Children Foundation) is a private non-profit organization whose goal is to provide health and education services to deprived people in Urubamba, Cusco. On a daily basis, the students learn how to be socially and environmentally responsible. CETPRO students are volunteers in the Foundation’s activities; they help in the school activities, in medical campaigns in rural communities, etc. The students go out with the schoolchildren to collect plastic wastes form the surroundings, they help in the children’s dining room every day, etc. In this way, the students are not only being prepared to get into the labor market, they are being educated to become in examples for others.

  OSF has equipped the classrooms with eight new computers as well as pays the teacher’s salary on a continuing basis. We funded Rosetta Stone software for English language training. The goals of the new vocational computer center are to introduce all the children to typing, computer usage, and standard computer skills, allowing them to use the computers for their schoolwork, connect to the world through the internet, and use these skills to qualify for gainful employment.

- **Hiyas ng Maynila, Gawad Kalinga, Manila, Philippines**

  Gawad Kalinga is a picture of what a squatter’s area looks like. It’s a place of poverty, crime, thievery, anger and hopelessness. Children are roaming the streets naked, malnourished, uncared and begging alms. The youth are out of school, taking drugs, joining gangs, working for a living at their young age taking big responsibilities when they should be enjoying life. Parents are jobless. Fathers are drinking alcohol early morning while mother gossips. The place is murky, dirty and stinking. The houses are made of whatever materials they could put in together like cardboard boxes, tarpaulin materials, old tires, plastics, and used plywood. Every child is a symbol of hope and of great potential. Children born in this place never lose hope in their future, even when the adults in this area have already given-up hope. Hiyas ng Maynila’s aim is to help the children improve their education by being computer literate and ready for their future. Once they are able to help themselves, they will be able to inspire the whole community and help their families.
The Orphaned Starfish Foundation provided funds to fully furnish the computer center with laptops, desk, chairs, cabinets, marker board, projector, printer, supplies, air conditioning, and more. We provide computer education for underprivileged children who have no access to computers in any part of their community. The computer center has been a great opportunity for children to further improve their computer knowledge skills. The youth will also be able to practice and prepare to have employment in the future. OSF will continue to provide ongoing financial support.

- Instituto Santa Ana, Adjuntas, Puerto Rico

Instituto Santa Ana, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1987 by the Sisters of the Guardian Angels located in Adjuntas, which serves girls and young victims of abuse and/or negligence between the ages of 5-14 years old. Their goal is to provide physical, psycho-social, cultural and spiritual resource to younger girls between the ages of 3-14 years of age, who have suffered any kind of abuse and/or neglect or lack of a home that gives them a good quality of life for their development. Their goal is that these children are trained to join the family and social system. Among the services we offer we also provide educational services, food, health, spiritual and religious education, social work and psychologist, cultural and recreational activities.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation partnered with Johnson & Johnson to create this computer center. Not only were computers donated but also tablets were donated by Vernet, for all the girls. These girls are excelling with the use of these computers. OSF will continue to provide ongoing financial support.

- La Casa de Todo Program, Juncos, Puerto Rico

Since 1981, La Casa de Todos at Juncos PR, affiliated with Boys, Girls and mothers provides residential and educational support to children who have been placed in its care by family courts due to sexual and/or physical abuse, neglect, abandonment and/or extreme poverty. These children and their families are evaluated for the possibility that they could be reunited one day, or, if not possible, the children are put up for adoption. Often, the children continue at La casa de Todos until they turn 12 years old. La Casa de Todos is located in the Mango neighborhood of Juncos, Puerto Rico.

OSF in partnership with Johnson & Johnson funded the furnishing of an educational computer center. We funded six computers, a printer, Microsoft Office software, and the maintenance of the center. The children also received the gift of tablets through Vernet. The computers and courses will prepare the students for their future and professional careers. OSF helps by improving self-esteem and confidence, prepare youth for job market and post-secondary school educational programs, promote social and digital inclusion, complement education offered in schools with core course tutoring, languages, technology and sport, and foster sense of citizenship and strong moral values. OSF will continue to provide ongoing financial support.

- Hogar Fatima, Bayamon, Puerto Rico
Hogar Fatima is a residential home, non-profit, which serves young females from the age of eleven to seventeen. They serve young girls who are victims of abuse and/or neglect, also girls who have behavior problems. We treat the girls; also provide prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency, which aims to achieve a positive development of social skills and emotional covering. Founded and run by the Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer, a Catholic congregation founded in Madrid on June 1, 1864 and for 144 years, has been doing a wonderful social work in various continents through centers and special programs offering our youth a solid education based on Christian principles. This institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, disability and origin.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation in partnership with Johnson & Johnson funded the furnishing of an educational computer center. Johnson & Johnson donated computers and we funded a printer, Microsoft Office software, and the maintenance of the center. Their daily activities contribute to the overall goal of improving education so that they have the skills and self-confidence to continue their studies and thereby break the cycle of poverty for their children and future generations. OSF will continue to provide ongoing financial support.

- Programa Alternativa Adolescente – Colegio Don Bosco, Montevideo, Uruguay

The Alternativa Adolescente program of Don Bosco works with 60 teenagers between ages 12 and 15. Most of the teens are from low to middle class households, which in most cases lack a male role model. One of the basic problems in the area is the lack of educational opportunities (formal and non-formal) for the adolescents. By providing spaces and opportunities for the adolescents, the program aims to decrease the number of school dropouts among the adolescents. The general objective of the program is to contribute to the development of the adolescents by providing tools that will help them acquire the necessary means to achieve a productive life. The main objectives of the program are to provide a safe place for personal development which includes topics of their interests, to follow up with their development as a way of ensuring that they transition into a higher educational program, strengthen social networks for the adolescents, and considering that they play a capital role in the maintenance of the households. They also involve the families in the educational process.

OSF furnished and equipped the classrooms with eight new computers and a printer as well as pays a teacher’s salary on a continuing basis. The goals of the computer center is to introduce all the children to standard computer skills, allowing them to use the computers for their schoolwork, connect to the world through the internet, and use these skills to qualify for gainful employment. These advances contribute to their overall goal of improving the welfare of each adolescent.

- St. Mary’s Healthcare System for Children, Bayside, Queens, United States

The St. Mary’s Healthcare System for Children is committed to improving the health and quality of life for children and families with special needs. St. Mary’s Healthcare System is one of only a handful of organizations around the country that is dedicated to providing
intensive rehabilitation, specialized care, and education to children with special needs and life-limiting conditions. Many of the children have been abandoned by their families because of their level of needed care thus also St. Mary’s also serves as an orphanage to these children. Following hospitalizations in acute care facilities for complications from premature birth, illness, and injury, or when special services are needed, children and their families come to St. Mary’s to receive care, learn to manage their illness or injury, and achieve a better quality of life. As the largest provider of long-term care for children with complex medical conditions in New York State and one of the nation’s leading providers of pediatric post-acute care, St. Mary’s provides a continuum of care, treating children throughout the metropolitan area through a network of inpatient, home care and community programs and services, setting a standard of excellence in pediatric healthcare.

The Orphaned Starfish Foundation provided 10 desktop computers to St. Mary’s. They are utilized throughout the hospital. Their placement in their art room, multi-purpose room & the after-school program room make it possible for 200 children to use OSF computers daily. St. Mary’s is OSF’s first-ever program in the United States.