



John D.V. Salvador

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John D.V. Salvador
Foundation

Endless Opportunities





Breaking Barriers, Building Hope



Dear Friends,

As I reflect on this past year, my heart is full. What began as a simple commitment to honor the life and legacy of John DV Salvador has grown into a community of people who believe deeply in opportunity, dignity, and hope. Each of you—our partners, supporters, staff, and friends—continues to remind me why this work matters.

Every story we encounter fuels our resolve: a young student discovering their talent in a newly modernized workshop, a family whose path forward feels just a little brighter, or a community strengthened through compassion and shared purpose. These moments are not abstract to us—they are the result of your generosity, your belief, and your willingness to stand with those striving for a better future.

This year, thanks to your support, we've continued to help open doors that once felt firmly shut. We've walked alongside educators and organizations who are changing lives every single day—including our valued partners at Don Bosco, whose mission to “break the cycle of poverty, one student at a time” remains closely aligned with our own.

As Chairman, I am humbled by the trust you place in the Foundation and deeply inspired by the impact we are making together. Thank you for your kindness, your partnership, and your steady belief in what's possible. May we continue building hope—boldly, joyfully, and hand in hand.

With sincere gratitude,

M. Lizelle Salvador
Chairman, JDVS Foundation

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A Note from our Treasurer



The John D.V. Salvador's performance during fiscal year 2025 was satisfactory despite the closure of our fund raising operations in the United Kingdom last summer. Over the years, many of our friends had returned to their home

country and sent donations directly from abroad. The efforts and cost to maintain our UK charity exceeded the benefits.

Consolidated donations amounted to USD 113,786 (USD 105,977). With half a dozen large donors and many small donations, we made our budget of USD 100k. Our Swiss Chapter was again our largest single donor, contributing just above 20% percent to total funding.

Cost were as well controlled as in previous years. With changes in our filing procedueres, we were able to eliminate all legal fees which amounted to USD 2'550 the previous year. Thanks to the filing change, our Efficiency ratio returned to a very healty 99.31% (97.34%). In other words, we spend less than a cent on admin for each dollar we raise.

Transfers returned to the level of our annual budget and amounted to USD 97,263. We helped to upgrade Don Bosco's Accounting Department with new laptops, projectors and printers; supported the Centro Salvador (“Bless the Children Foundation”) with funds for a project management position and supported the orphanage of Saj Martin de Porres with money for the house parents and teachers.

Since 2006, the John D.V. Salvador Foundation raised USD 3.8 million. We built with these funds the orphanage in San Martin de Porres, the Centro Salvador in Tondo, the Casa Soledad & Vicente in Baseco. The latter two form the foundation of our outreach program which now covers 2'000 young students. We also support Don Bosco TVET in Tondo where we refurbished and modernized the School for Hospitality and Tourism (200 students), the Book Keeping Department (150 students) and Don Bosco's Agricultural College in Legazpi (140 students).

Hugo Banziger
Treasurer



Don Bosco Looks Ahead to 2026 After a Year of Growth

Don Bosco Tondo entered the festive season on a quiet note. With final exams finished, most students returned home for Christmas while a small group stayed behind to help with campus upkeep—including cleaning up after the recent upgrade of the football field once played on by President Marcos in his youth.

Father Vester, the school's dean, reflected on a successful year: **Enrollment rose from 800 to 1,100 students**, and the school now offers **nine accredited diploma programs**. The Accounting Department celebrated a 100% exam pass rate. The annual Christmas Fair—drawing over half a million visitors—added **2 million pesos in revenue** while offering affordable entertainment for low income families.

Yet challenges remain. Don Bosco's annual electricity bill has climbed to 5 million pesos due to power intensive welding and engineering courses. Flooding from the Pasig River continues to threaten parts of the campus. With rising national visibility after last year's presidential visit, the admissions office now turns away half of all applicants. Expanding course offerings and facilities is a growing priority, especially as the Philippines' economy demands more engineers, welders, and digital skills graduates.

To address these needs, Don Bosco plans to install solar panels across its entire roof—an investment that could eliminate its energy bill and help fund future expansion. The solar site would also anchor a new program in photovoltaic engineering. Partnerships are strengthening as well: the German Embassy and the John DV Salvador Foundation are helping modernize the welding department with digital equipment and simulators.

Meanwhile, Don Bosco's Aqua Farm continues to demonstrate what small innovations can achieve, supplying the school with Kang Kong spinach and Tilapia for a full year without purchasing fish externally.

As the campus enjoys the calm of the holiday break, Father Vester is using the time to set priorities for 2026. The John DV Salvador Foundation remains committed to supporting Don Bosco's mission—breaking the cycle of poverty, one student at a time.



Centro Salvador Spin off: Establishing Baseco Operations

Centro Salvador has grown significantly since its construction less than 12 years ago.

Space constraints now affect core activities: parent meetings are held off site, staff lack adequate workspace, psychologists have no dedicated therapy rooms, and the kitchen has long been undersized. To address these challenges, the Canadian Chalice Foundation—our primary sponsor—recommended establishing Baseco Operations as an independent entity with its own team and governance structure.

As a result, Bear Hug Community Development Inc. has been created and will assume responsibility for the existing Baseco location. Much of Centro Salvador's kitchen operations has already transitioned there.

The newly formed Bear Hug board has appointed Jane Mata, a long serving volunteer and professional at Centro Salvador since 2018, as director. Several key team members, including cashier Joselyne Ponte, will also transfer to support a smooth launch.

Jane will lead efforts to address several immediate priorities: mitigating recurring flooding at the Baseco House, expanding space for parent meetings, improving accommodations for social workers, and decentralizing the food program. The Chalice Foundation has committed funding to double the Baseco program, Centro Salvador will continue providing technical support, and the John DV Salvador Foundation is assessing real estate needs.

We extend our best wishes to Jane and the Bear Hug team and look forward to continued close collaboration.





Digitalising Don Bosco's Bookkeeping Department

For 54 years, Don Bosco TVET in Tondo, Manila, has provided vocational training to students from low income families. The school enrolls approximately 960 students annually in programs such as Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Automotive Technology, Hospitality and Tourism, and Bookkeeping.

Nearly a quarter of the student body pursues accounting courses, which prepare them for entry level bookkeeping roles. Graduates often begin as junior accounting clerks and, after gaining work experience, may continue their studies in accounting at the university level.

While some accounting classes are already computer based, the current desktop computers lack the capacity to run modern accounting software, and the number of available units no longer meets student demand. As a result, many classes still rely on paper-based instruction.

To modernize the department, Don Bosco TVET and the JDVSF have committed to upgrading the school's digital infrastructure. The project includes acquiring 45 laptops for students, 15 desktop computers for the computer lab, 12 units for instructors, a new main server, updated network routers, printers, scanners, and improved Wi Fi coverage. The implementation is targeted for completion by June 2025.

This modernization effort will enable the Bookkeeping Department to adopt current technologies and introduce digital marketing training. "As digital marketing becomes increasingly important in the Philippines, we want our bookkeeping students to develop these skills as well," said Father Vester, Dean of Don Bosco TVET. He believes this expanded skill set will further enhance the students' career opportunities.



The John D.V. Salvador Foundation

A commitment to give at risk children the opportunity to thrive.

The Mission:

As children grow, they enrich the lives of those around them, and once they mature they have the chance to make a difference. But in order to fully develop this potential, children need and deserve a healthy, secure, and supportive environment. The John D.V. Salvador Foundation (JDVSF) works to establish, fund, and support programs to benefit children who, without the consistent care of loving parents, might fall victim to the poverty, disability, and abuse that could thwart development of their innate, unique gifts.

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