

Hope Broker Letter- 2009

Dear Hope Broker,

During these challenging times, all of us at Good Samaritan Family Resource Center have learned that we must remain prudent, realistic and, most importantly, hopeful. We remain hopeful because each day we witness the courage of low-income, immigrant families as they struggle to achieve self-sufficiency, seek dignity in their work and provide opportunity for their children. For this reason, we are steadfast in our mission to serve disadvantaged families in need, a legacy that has endured for 115 years through the support of our community and generous individuals like you.

The picture in this letter featuring Veronica and her family captures the purpose of Good Samaritan. You can see the smiles of a single parent and children who escaped a life of domestic abuse, pain, and temporary shelters. Thanks to the support she received from Good Samaritan, Veronica is now employed, lives in her own apartment and watches her children thrive in school at our child development center. These smiles are made possible by your support. Truly, you help our clients to remain hopeful and optimistic.

Each year, Good Samaritan serves 3,000 families like Veronica's, helping them to improve their quality of life and achieve their dreams. Some of our services, like parenting classes, support groups, family planning, and counseling, help to strengthen family relationships. Others, like family literacy, early childhood education, and school readiness, enhance the education children and parents. Good Samaritan also addresses the needs of youth in our community by coordinating support groups, after-school activities and summer programs. All of this is accomplished with a budget of \$1.8 million and 23 part-time and full-time staff.

As economic resources diminish, the needs of our community's poorest children and families have grown. Please help Good Samaritan continue serving these families by contributing to our annual Hope Broker Campaign. This is the only time during the year that we appeal directly to you.

Over the past year, we have seen declining financial markets affect nearly everyone in our society. However, the economic crisis has also inspired us as never before to continue serving people with the greatest need. We believe that our society can only be as successful as its most vulnerable members. Please help by giving as generously as you can.

Thank you for standing together with us.

Sincerely,

Mario Paz

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Executive Director

P.S. Together, we can strengthen families like Veronica's and help them to transform their lives. Please return your gift in the enclosed remittance envelope or make an online contribution by visiting www.goodsamfrc.org.