



Dear Students, Parents, and Staff of St. Matthew Parish School,

On behalf of the Silver Service Children's Foundation, I want to thank you sincerely for selecting our charity to benefit from your service project! The Silver Service Children's Foundation recently celebrated our 30th year anniversary of traveling to Buga, Colombia twice a year and performing life-changing orthopedic surgeries at no cost to underprivileged children. These surgeries correct congenital and acquired deformities and drastically alter the child's ability to function independently, participate school, and run and walk. We are grateful to be partnered with a fantastic local organization called Casa de Colombia, which ensures children who need our resources are found and scheduled for evaluations, as well as followed up on during the year.

Our next team will be traveling to Colombia October 8th-15th! We perform an average of 35-40 surgeries each trip. Post-operatively, the hospital experience is quite different in Colombia. There are often 3-4 children and their parents all sharing one hospital room, with limited resources. As we gather supplies, we are so greatly appreciative of the following items to help manage postoperative pain:

Pharmacological pain relief since many families are unable to afford:

-New/ unopened/ non-expired children's acetaminophen (such as Tylenol) : liquid or chewable

-New/unopened/ non-expired regular acetaminophen (such as Tylenol): liquid, chewable, or pill

Distraction can also be a powerful tool to aide in children's pain control and recovery! Our wish list of items includes:

- Books in Spanish (ages toddler- teen)
- Teen coloring books
- Colored pencils (small packs, please!)
- Fidget spinners
- Pop-its
- Fun socks for all ages
- Temporary tattoos
- Sticker books

All donated items will be picked up from the school on Friday October 7th. If you wish to contribute monetarily, you can

donate directly through our website: SilverServiceChildrensFoundation.org, or by scanning the QR code below to the left



Thank you sincerely for your generous gifts!

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Silver Service Children's Foundation

