



# NEWS FROM CEBU

## — PAUL & MARLYS HEALY: *A Legacy of Love* —

*In 1978*, Marlys (Danielson) Healy accompanied her father on a mission trip to Asia. When she visited the Philippines, she witnessed the heartbreaking plight of the street children in Cebu City. After she returned to Minnesota, she convinced her friends (Kathy Flora, Paul Healy and Sandy Swanson) to

In 1979, they moved to Cebu and began meagerly by providing medical supplies and medicine to individuals in the community. They started a Bible study, which eventually became a church that has grown by hundreds and still meets today. They started caring for vulnerable and orphaned children.

progressed, and their supporters increased. At one point in the early days at CSC, 22 children and adults lived in a one-bathroom home!

In 1990, a generous supporter helped build two properties, expanding the facilities to provide for more children and resources to

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join her cause and help raise the necessary funds to impact lives in Cebu.

Eventually they bought their first property, a house and a piece of land. Over the years, their work

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care for children with special needs. A few years later, CSC saw the need to have its own school. Again, thanks to their generous supporters, CSC received the funds necessary to build the school.

Under the Healys' leadership and God's direction, CSC has grown to include four residences, a school, offices, and a medical facility, providing for 75-100 orphaned, abused and neglected

children in Cebu City, Philippines. While residents at CSC, the children receive comprehensive services, encompassing nutritional, medical, educational, emotional, and spiritual needs, as provided by over 100 Filipino staff working hand in hand with American missionaries. These support staff include social workers, house parents, tutors, child care workers, household workers, guards, caretakers, and office staff.

**Paul and Marlys are models of Christ's love in action. They dedicated the majority of their lives, serving as missionaries in the Philippines.** CSC is so thankful for all they have done. With an amazing leadership team in Cebu, we will continue the work they started. We are excited to see what God does at CSC in the next 40 years. ■



## Leave a Legacy Through **PLANNED GIVING**

**You can use planned giving to impact the lives of children in Cebu, while enjoying financial and tax benefits for you and your family.** Through your estate or retirement plan, you can provide general support to the shelter, or fund a project that is important to you. If CSC is in your will, please let us know!

A former resident, Luke, had such an impact on CSC that we started an endowment fund in his name.

The Luke Endowment Fund was created so one day we can rely on the interest to support part of our ministry and fund projects outside the regular budget. You can give to this fund at any time, but we direct all estate gifts to the Luke fund, unless otherwise designated.

**To find out more about planned giving options, contact our office at 651.493.1551.**



## A note from **PAUL AND MARLYS HEALY**



In a couple of months we will be fully retired from CSC. It doesn't seem possible that almost 42 years have passed since we left Minnesota for Cebu in May of 1979. Retirement will be a huge adjustment for us, especially not being around the kids and staff in Cebu.

amazingly during this time. This has been the story for our entire history. During good times and difficult ones, through typhoons and floods, sickness and death, and the joyful times too, you people gave and prayed and loved. In 42 years of ministry we have never once failed to provide a meal or a dose of medicine

facilities, and a ministry that I'm sure pleases God by ministering to his precious little ones in Jesus' name. We have been able to pass a well-run, dynamic, and financially secure ministry to the next generation of leaders, and we want it to last for many more years!

*It shouldn't surprise us that CSC supporters have come through so amazingly during this time. This has been the story for our entire history.*

These have been difficult times for the team and kids in Cebu. We have been thinking about the pandemic and how faithful and generous our supporters have been throughout this crisis. In spite of quarantines, so many things shutting down in Cebu, and COVID all around, our staff has been able to do the things necessary to protect the kids and themselves and provide security and hope to everyone.

It shouldn't surprise us that CSC supporters have come through so

or books, clothes, shoes, or doctor's visits. We have a faithful God who makes good things happen through great people who share our belief that every child deserves a family and that the suffering of children is unacceptable.

We have confidence for the future because of friends like you. Our prayer is that the ministry we have given so much of our lives to will continue to thrive in the months and years to come. We have a dedicated and experienced staff, amazing

**Please join us in continuing to support CSC in the years to come.**

One way you can help secure the future of the ministry is to make an estate gift. We will be putting CSC in our will and would encourage you to consider joining us in this way of continuing the legacy of compassion and kindness to the homeless children of the Philippines, even after we are gone.

Thanks to all who have supported us and the ministry of CSC. It has been a tremendous ride for us, and we look forward to watching many more years of important work in Cebu. ■

Sincerely,  
**Paul and Marlys Healy**

# The Healys & CSC — THROUGH THE YEARS —



1980s

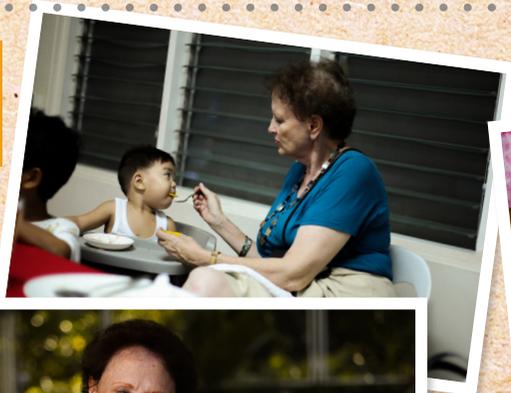


1990s





**2000s**



**2010s**

# FROM THE DESK OF KIRBY STOLL, PRESIDENT



*The Healys* are a tough act to follow, no doubt. It's a good thing they have instilled in all of us—those on staff, the board of directors and all those who support CSC—that this ministry is not theirs. It belongs to God. The Healys would say that it's always been about God and them doing their best to bring Glory to His name by serving the "least of these" (Matthew 25:40) and the "orphans" (James 1:27). CSC's Mission Statement begins by saying, "We exist to glorify God..." The Healys have done that, and I'm confident God will someday welcome them with open arms and a big "well done."

**The foundation laid by Paul, Marlys, and many others is solid ground for what we hope to build for the future by expanding programs, facilities, and doing even more to fulfill the mission of CSC.**

In my visits with Paul lately, we've been talking a lot about the past 40+ years. I ask him questions, and he tells me stories. It doesn't get much better than that! He is writing a book, you know. It's about 60% complete at this point, and although it will likely not be published by

the time he retires, my hope is that it will be fully written. We joke about it being a New York Times best seller. We will be sure to have copies available for all those who will want to hear about the "first 40 years of CSC."

Paul and Marlys, although retiring, will not be far away. Paul will stay connected and will serve as an advisory member of our U.S. Board of Directors. The foundation laid by Paul, Marlys, and many others is solid ground for what we hope to build for the future by expanding programs, facilities, and doing even more to fulfill the mission of CSC. We are so grateful for their service to the Lord and to CSC and will do everything possible to advance the mission for decades to come.

We are postponing any retirement celebrations until the summer, when it will be much warmer and we are able to host guests in an outdoor setting. In the meantime, we welcome any cards and notes of appreciation for the Healys to be sent to the U.S. Office. ■

Blessings,  
**Kirby Stoll**



**BJORK OSTROM**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VICE CHAIR



Maya Angelou said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

I believe without a shadow of a doubt that the kids at the Children's Shelter of Cebu will never forget what it felt like to be loved by Paul and Marlys. They might forget what was said. They might forget what was done.

**But they won't forget what it felt like to be loved.**

What a gift. What a legacy.

**JOEL REASONER**  
MISSIONARY

The title of "hero" is overused. These days, there are superheroes and guitar heroes. But a true hero is rare. I believe Paul and Marlys are heroes. Their journey started years ago when no one thought of them that way. They, along with some others, took on the challenge of caring for children in need, knowing full well the future was uncertain.

When I was in seventh grade, my family and I visited the shelter. The heat, traffic, and bustle on the streets of Cebu overwhelmed me, but I vividly remember a physical calm filling me as we entered the green gates of Children's Shelter of Cebu. It was a haven. I met Jacob, the child my family supported, and all the kids. I also got to see the Healys and everyone at the shelter caring for and loving the children.

In a high school writing class I had to write about a hero. I thought back to the shelter and Marlys. After

reading the assignments, the teacher announced there were two papers that clearly defined a hero.

The first paper was written about Spiderman. The second was my paper on Marlys Healy. So, there were Spiderman and Marlys Healy, standing side by side—each a hero.

Much has changed at CSC over the years. Many children have come to the shelter. Some have returned to birth families. Many children have joined their forever family through adoption. And as children leave, new children come in, their lives forever changed.

**Paul and Marlys did not go to the Philippines to be heroes. They simply followed God's lead to care for children. Along the way, they changed the lives of so many. Paul and Marlys are heroes to so many children.**



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Save the Date!



## Children's Shelter of Cebu **2021 VIRTUAL BANQUET** Saturday, April 24

Due to COVID, our event will be online this year. While we wish we could gather in person, we hope this option allows us to connect with a larger group. Enjoy this virtual event on your phone, computer or television from wherever you are, including the comfort of your own home!

If you'd like to host a watch party at your home, business or church, contact us for more information.

We look forward to gathering with you virtually to support the continued work of Children's Shelter of Cebu. **More details to come!**