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Deborah and Carlos Santana's Milagro Foundation Mission:

Milagro means "miracle." The image of children as divine miracles of light and hope, even as gifts to our lives, is the meaning of the name. Milagro is a charitable public foundation established in 1998 by Deborah and Carlos Santana. The Milagro Foundation grew from the hundreds of requests for assistance received by the Santana Band and Carlos and Deborah each year. The Board of Directors was chosen with expertise in education and legal services to assist Carlos and Deborah in deciding which grass roots organizations to fund, with a concentration on health, arts and education.

With funds generated by concert ticket donations and generous individual and corporate donors, the foundation makes grants to community-based tax exempt organizations that work with children and youth in the San Francisco Bay area, the United States and countries around the world touched by the music of Santana.

The Milagro Foundation focuses on serving at-risk, under-represented and disadvantaged youth through educational programs and health services. Milagro also supports artistic and culturally enriching programs that strengthen youth and communities.

Milagro is a public charity.

We are dedicated to serving and inspiring others to do the same.



It's one thing to believe in miracles. It's another to make them happen.

At the Milagro Foundation, we help make miracles happen. Since Deborah and Carlos established the Milagro Foundation in 1998, \$1,413,333.50 has been granted to 205 agencies working with children and youth around the globe.

Thank you to the Santana Band and Crew and to each and every one of you for helping miracles happen for children.

Shelley Brown
Executive Director

"I live with the belief that each one has come to earth to offer a higher light to humanity. Through Milagro, I have met many lovely people dedicated to loving and caring for the global community by sharing their art, music, organization skills, and medical expertise.

When I look at the world through Milagro's eyes, I have hope, peace and joy." –Deborah Santana



Loco Bloco



Global Education Partnership



Oaktown Jazz



Children's Book Project

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North Carolina LAMBDA Youth Network



Canal Ministry



On September 30, 2003, the Milagro Foundation Board met for the final granting session of 2003 and gave \$77,000 to 19 agencies working with children:

Aja Project

A photographic journalism project for refugee children in Thailand, Columbia and San Diego. \$4000

Bahama Village Music Program

Key West, Florida. Provides free musical instruction to children using adult volunteers and teenage music students. \$2500

Barry University's Yucatan Crippled Children's Project

Provides wheelchairs and medical equipment for visiting doctors who help and operate on thousands of crippled children. \$4000

Gerard's House

Santa Fe, New Mexico. Provides grief counseling for children and youth who lose a parent. (\$5000)

Global Education Partnership

Oakland, California. An experiential after school program emphasizing entrepreneurship, work readiness, computer skills and global awareness for children at Fremont High School. \$5000

Loco Bloco

San Francisco, California. An after school drum and dance ensemble for children in the Mission District. \$3500

Louisville Leopards

Indiana. One of Carlos' favorites - a percussion ensemble of children. Providing instruments for the group. \$2500



No Limits Theater Group

Los Angeles, California. The only theater group in the US for deaf children who are learning to speak. \$2500

North Carolina Lambda Youth Network

North Carolina. A statewide leadership and organizing network for social change led by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and allied young people, ages 13-24. \$5000

Oaktown Jazz Workshop

Oakland, California. Perpetuates jazz among urban children by offering music lessons to children in Oakland. \$2500

Parent Services Project

Marin County, California. Trains parents to become partners and perform leadership roles at their children's schools. \$5000

"We believe in a brighter future for the children of this planet, we also know that we must accelerate equality, justice, compassion, beauty, grace and excellence, kindness and gentleness in the here and now." - Carlos Santana

The Community Clinic of Maui

Maui, Hawaii. Requested translation equipment for use in their pediatric department. \$3500

Children's Book Project

San Francisco, California. A book give away program located in the Outer Mission where teachers and parents can go and receive free books for their classroom and home libraries, encouraging parents to read to their children. \$3000

Coronado YMCA

Richmond, California. Funds to allow the opportunity to partner with local performing arts programs. \$2500

Marin Interfaith Youth Outreach

Marin County, California. Run by 13 faith based organizations in Marin County - their teen center programs help youth in need in the areas of job readiness, education and recreational programs. \$6000

Mission Learning Center

San Francisco, California. A remedial reading program at Sanchez Elementary School, one of the poorest performing schools in the country. \$2500

Music in Schools Today

San Francisco, California. Supports arts programs at Glide Memorial Church as well as other school based arts programs in the city. \$5000

Performing Arts Workshops

San Francisco, California. Provides artist residencies for homeless children and youth residing in Hamilton Family Center facilities in San Francisco. \$4000

San Rafael Canal Ministry

Marin County, California. Youth Education and Development Program provides language acquisition, education, health education, computer training and college and career development for immigrant youth. \$9000



Circus Day Foundation



Circle of Life Project



Bridge the Gap

Aja Project



Barry University



Bahama Village



Global Education Partnership



On February 5, 2004, the Milagro Foundation Board met for the first granting session of 2004 and gave \$65,500 to 21 agencies working with children:

Bridge the Gap

Marin City, California

Voluntary one on one tutoring program in Marin City. \$3000

Canal Community Alliance

San Rafael, California

The Youth Development and Leadership program offers teens and young adults healthy alternatives to potentially unhealthy or harmful behavior. \$2500

Cantare Con Vivo ("CCV")

Oakland, California

Music Choir program in West Oakland \$1000

Center for Young Women's Development

San Francisco, California

The Sisters Rising program is a well paid nine-month employment-training project run for and by girls who've lived and worked on the streets and/or who've experienced the juvenile justice system. \$5000

Circus Day Foundation

St. Louis, Missouri

A Circus arts program integrating youth of many cultural backgrounds, including Jewish and Muslim children. \$1000

El Nido Teen Center

St. Helena, California

After School homework center for teen club, the only drop in teen club in Sonoma County. \$5000

Family & Youth Counseling Agency, Inc.

Louisville, Kentucky

Teen centers for youth. \$2500

FISH of Greater New Haven

New Haven, Connecticut

Food delivery to people in need (80% are children.) \$1000

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.

Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin

This project brings diverse students together starting in 4th grade to develop skills to manage conflict resolution & negotiate & mediate cultural misunderstandings with peaceful results. \$3000

Jeannette Prandi Children's Center

San Rafael, California

Provides medical services to child victims of sexual assault. \$10,000



Khairunnessa Memorial School (KMS)

Bangladesh

School Supplies and Equipment for Rural Girls School in Bangladesh \$5000

Korean American Family Service Center

Flushing, New York

Creative Arts for Children program, will provide children ages 6-12 with art activities to deal with the special social, psychological, or emotional issues that may result from struggling with adapting to a new country or from experiencing violence at home. \$1000

VIP Community Mental Health Center

Los Angeles, California

Supports programs for victims of sexual abuse and family violence. \$10,000

Open Windows Foundation

San Miguel Duenas, Guatemala

Library for children in Guatemala. \$2500

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Boulder, Colorado

The program selects groups of low-income children in elementary school and provides them with tutoring, mentoring, cultural enrichment, career awareness, job placement, college preparation, and individual guidance by Seniors until they finish high school. \$1000

Rhythmic Concepts, Inc.

Oakland, California

Jazz Camp West provides jazz experiences for low income children to attend camp for a week in summer. \$3000

San Francisco Mime Troupe

San Francisco, California

Youth Theater Project teaches low income teens how to write and perform plays about the issues that concern them. \$3000

Southern Arizona Community Diaper Bank

Touson, Arizona

The only diaper bank in the U.S. provides diapers for low income families. \$2500

Stege Elementary School Third Grade

Richmond, California

Individual Richmond classroom teacher's dream of having her children experience culturally rich program using the Bay Area resources. \$2000

WMMT Mountain Community Radio/ Traditional Music Program

Whitesburg, Kentucky

The "Passing the Pick and Bow" project offers free after-school traditional music classes to young people across Central Appalachia. \$2500



Bridge the Gap



Jazz Camp West



ElNido Teen Center

Coronado YMCA



Loco Bloco



Louisville Leopards



Bahama Village



Thank you to the Santana Band and Crew and the following 2003 concert tour venues for a total donation of \$293,889.47 to support Milagro's children around the world!

Pace Concerts, Laredo, TX; Basketball Properties, Miami, FL; Pace Concerts, New Orleans, LA; Nextstage, Grand Prairie, TX; Pace Concerts, Houston, TX; Ticketek Pty, Sydney, Australia; Michael Chugg Entertainment, Auckland, New Zealand; Brisbane Entertainment, Australia; Connecticut Performing Arts, CT; Pace Music Group, PA; GSAC Partners, Holmdel, NJ; Beach Concerts, Wantagh, NY; Walnut Creek Amphitheater, Raleigh, NC; Cellar Door Amphitheater, Bristow, VA; Pavilion Partners, Camden, NJ; Clear Channel, New York, NY; DLC COPR Show, Cambridge, MA; W.42nd St. Music, Moosic, PA; House of Blues Concerts, Toronto, Ontario; Cellar Door Productions, Farmington Hill, MI; Polaris Amphitheater, Columbus, OH; Milwaukee World Festival, Milwaukee, WI; NEJA Group, LLC, Rosemont, Il.; Contemporary Group, St. Louis, MO; House of Blues Concerts, Atlanta, GA. and Hollywood, CA; Andy and Bill Concerts, Los Angeles, CA; Chronicle Pavilion, Concord, CA; Globe Arena, Stockholm, Sweden; Hartwell Arena, Oslo, Norway; Helsinki, Finland; Marek Lieberberg Konzertagentur, Germany; Mojo Concerts B.V., Delft, Holland; Gerard Drouot Productions, Paris; Enrico Thyron Zappoli, Milan, Italy; Wembeley Arena, UK; Bill Graham/ARCO Arena, Sacramento, CA and Portland, OR; Ticketmaster, Tacoma, WN; House of Blues, Vancouver, CN.

special thanks!

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The Santana Band Office Staff joins Milagro on site visitations

On our site visits, members of the Santana Band office staff are now accompanying Board members and Milagro staff to see first hand how Milagro grants make miracles happen for kids.

- Peggy visited Loco Bloco, a Brazilian drum and dance program in San Francisco. She said, *"What an education and broadening of horizons for these kids!"*
- Adam visited Buzzy Martin's Sonoma County Music Association's programs in Juvenile Hall. *"This program brings light and happiness to kids who don't have much."*
- At the Global Education Partnership's program at Fremont High in Oakland, Rita made the comment, *"I fell in love with these young adults and emotionally, it made me feel overwhelmed by their commitment to do well, make a difference and at the same time survive as a teenager."*



New Santana Band Staff and Milagro Foundation Staff at a company event this past Fall.

Sharing the life and light of our grantees with the larger Santana family expands the purpose and success of the Milagro foundation. As Santana staff meets the children, teens and directors, their lives are changed along with the grantees.

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