

Who Benefits?

In the Economy of Communion, participants are not only those who share their profits, but those who receive assistance, too. Here are some letters received from those who benefit from both EoC firms and Focolare members' private donations.

Now Help Those More in Need

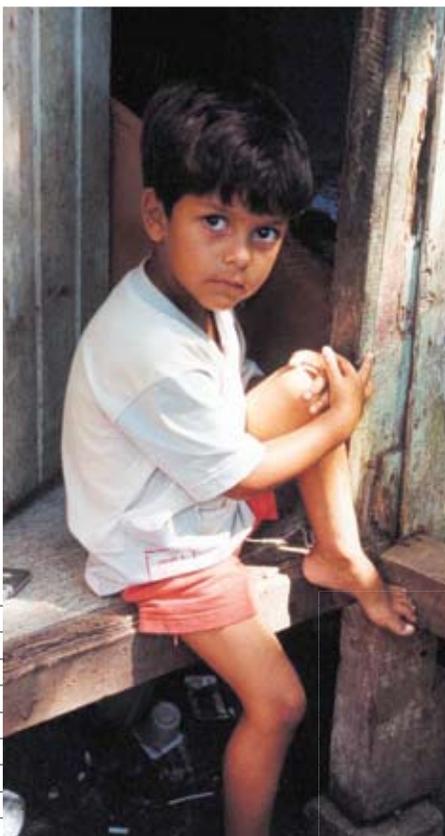
Thanks loads for the help that we received in these past years. My family was able to survive, and my daughter is about to conclude her studies. At present we no longer need the financial assistance you provided us: you could use it to help those who are more in need.

(Philippines)

Providence Keeps Me Alive

I am deeply grateful for the help that I received in these last three years. I could finally begin the urgently needed medical treatment. Thanks to the constant and timely arrival of this Divine Providence I am still alive, and I hope to live long enough to be able to help others who suffer.

(Philippines)



Many children in São Paulo, Brazil are among those helped by Economy of Communion profit sharing.

Concrete Love, Literally

Your help enabled us to repair our house. This concrete love gave us a firsthand experience of being part of one big family. Now all of us at home have providentially found a job, even if modest, and so we can help other needy people around us.

(Argentina)

The Education I Will Receive

I was desperate after having sought help everywhere to cover my school expenses. It was only the help of this great family of the Focolare Movement that has enabled me to experience the hundredfold, giving me the possibility to be admitted into a good school. The education that I will receive will facilitate my finding a job upon the completion of my studies.

(Pakistan)

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FOUNDED IN 1991 AS AN ANSWER TO social inequality, the Economy of Communion is currently made up of 754 businesses worldwide. Each follows EoC guidelines, including profit sharing to help those in need and foster structures and training programs that promote a culture of giving.

Living City has published articles on the EoC on a regular basis since 1991. For a complete list, visit livingcitymagazine.com, under *Focolare Movement/Economy of Communion*. Recent issues featuring the EoC were June 2004, January and May 2005, and May 2006.

See also *New Humanity Review*

n. 6, "Four essential aspects of the Economy of Communion."

For EoC background information, see the collection of essays, *The Economy of Communion: Toward a Multi-Dimensional Economic Culture*, Luigino Bruni ed., New City Press, 2002. Visit EoC's official website: edc-online.org.

