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Super Weekend Soaping Up Los Angeles

BY LYNN ANAMASI, MERCY ASSOCIATE

As part of my calling as a Mercy associate, I have aligned myself with a group that educates others about the signs of human trafficking. The organization is called S.O.A.P., which stands for Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution, founded by a high school friend who is a survivor. That fact is why I'm drawn to this work. My friend is a survivor of human trafficking. It's hard to realize, but through education and learning her story, it's very possible, and I find myself reflecting on how easily that could have been me.

SOAP generally brings people together before large sporting events as a vehicle to educate and rescue potential victims. Championship games such as the Super Bowl are triggers for trafficking because so many people, particularly men, arrive, seeking entertainment.

Unfortunately, traffickers know this and take advantage of the circumstances to bring young girls and boys to the location as the "entertainment."

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Caso de Resiliencia Humana en un Banco de Alimentos durante la Pandemia

POR JUANA JANE AGUON, COLIDER DE LAS ASOCIADAS/OS MISERICORDIA DE GUAM

En el momento de escribir este artículo, había 777 casos de Covid en Guam y cuatro pacientes que ya estaban muertos cuando llegaron a los hospitales. Hay muchas personas sin techo como también muchos niños que aguardan un hogar de crianza. Subió el precio de la nafta y continúa creciendo la inflación en los alimentos. ¿Sabían esto?

Ya sabemos. Queremos que alguien busque las soluciones para todo lo mencionado. Pero, en vez, queremos contarles una buena noticia. Hay mucho para celebrar empezando por las asociadas que acomodan latas para luego distribuirlas entre los sin techo o los pobres en 13 villas de Guam.

La Hermana Cabrini Taitano, consejera de las asociadas de la Misericordia y miembro de MAML y Edna Hardy, asociada y presidenta de MAML que tienen conexiones con los intendentes de esas villas junto con colegas, estudiantes y amigos comenzaron un banco de alimentos en el Convento Tai.

En medio del estrés y ansiedad prevalente entre los necesitados, las asociadas de la Misericordia organizaron el banco de alimentos.

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Mercy at America

BY MARY ELIZABETH O'CONNOR, MERCY ASSOCIATE

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A graduate of Providence College and Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, she has previously been employed as an editor for *Catholic Digest*, as a local newspaper reporter and as a diocesan television producer.

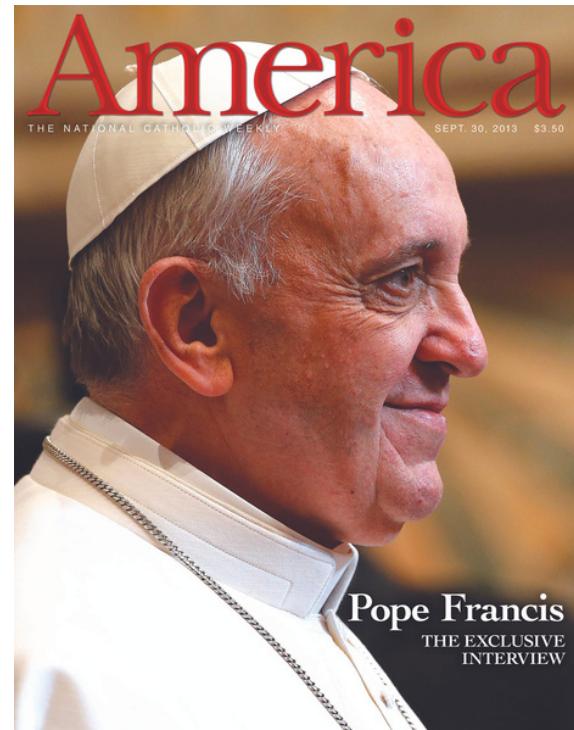
Kerry is the author of *Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job* (Loyola Press).

Mercy became a life link for Kerry as she connected to a number of Mercy colleges and high schools in giving talks for her book. She recalls being in awe of the good work done on a daily basis by the students and staff at these institutions.

Kerry's connection to Mercy began when she joined Mercy Volunteer Corps after college and worked as a special-education teacher on the Navajo reservation in Arizona. Her community members, support people and MVC staff helped to make that year a significantly defining one in reference to her life experiences. In 2012 she continued her connection with Mercy when she became a Mercy associate, encouraged by the example of Sister Camille D'Arienzo, RSM, whose work as a writer, journalist, and activist were immensely inspirational to her. Kerry recalls that Sister Camille's personal example of faith, fortitude and generosity profoundly influenced her.

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Asociadas/os de CCASA y sus Actividades

POR NINFA DE COTO, ASOCIADA DE MISERICODIA

En el hemisferio sur y Centro America enero y febrero son meses de vacaciones y verano por lo que no nos estamos reuniendo en grupos. Sin embargo, los países individualmente cada uno sigue con sus actividades colaborando con la gente de menos recursos. A continuación algunos ejemplos:

Argentina: Hace viandas semanalmente para repartir en barrios de escasos recursos. También dictan talleres de verano para niños y adolescentes.

Guatemala: Semanalmente dan mercadería a mucha gente necesitada.

Honduras: Es un tiempo para reflexionar sobre el rol que cumplen las asociadas y la importancia de ser cada día más concientes de que es necesario una transformación profunda que permita continuar impulsando la justicia y la misericordia.

Panamá: Asociadas y hermanas han creado grupos que están dedicados a dar talleres de programas de alternativas a la violencia vía zoom por lo de la pandemia. Han sido un éxito.

Perú: Organizan distintos talleres que se dictan durante el verano tanto para mujeres como para sus hijos en las 3 casas de la mujer que existen en Lima, Perú.

El siguiente tema a discutir entre todos los asociados será el de los migrantes, y la fecha de la reunión de Zoom se compartirá pronto.

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Ninfa de Coto,
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The Critical Concern of Women

BY PAM BUTTS, MERCY ASSOCIATE

For 25 years, my ministry was providing medical and surgical care to patients in the hospital, and I loved my work. As the years transpired, I made the decision to further my education, obtaining my nurse practitioner/physician assistant license in 1988.

Providing health care to the medically underserved provided me the perfect opportunity to address the Critical Concerns.

Because of Mercy's Critical Concern with regard to women, I was drawn not only to assist in my patients' health care, but also to listen compassionately to their innermost heart-cares, wrapping each patient in prayer during and after our visit. I believe I was able to combine my Mercy ministry gifts with the blessings of a career directed to the same end.

One case, in particular, comes to mind, and it was when a newly pregnant patient came in the office to tell me that she was unwilling to continue her pregnancy. I spoke gently with her, asking her to give her decision more thought and prayer. When the patient left the exam room, I immediately went into my office, knelt and prayed to Our Lady that the young woman would have the courage to keep her unborn child.

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