

THE KAUTAPEN GROUP

GIVING BACK





OUR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

David Denies Bird Hunting has a rich history of social responsibility in the communities where we work and live. Since 1985, our motto has been “*investing money in people*”. This guiding philosophy is all about enriching the lives of local youth and elderly people in need. It means encouraging employee voluntarism in the region, and it’s a mission that’s constantly evolving.

David Denies has partnered with the Misión Esperanza Foundation to actively promote and fund social outreach projects in the communities near our lodges and in outlying areas.

David Denies
BIRD HUNTING
Home to hunters who expect perfection



ABOUT THE

MISIÓN ESPERANZA

FOUNDATION.



The Misión Esperanza Foundation is a non-profit organization with a long history of charitable work in remote and vulnerable areas. It is head-quartered in the San Marcos Sierras region of northern Córdoba, Argentina.

Sister Theresa is the founder and creator of the Foundation. From Cabo Verde, Africa she traveled to many regions of Latin America and finally arrived in San Marcos Sierras, Córdoba in 1996 where she remains. When she arrived in Córdoba, she settled in a small borrowed room with no electricity nor bathroom. Her first mission in this region was to feed homeless children that lived on the train tracks.

In the following years she was able to reach more isolated places and help people that had not received help before. With hard work and knocking on many doors she was able to open her first community center. This was just the beginning, she then opened six community centers and provided a mobile health vehicle. She has dedicated her entire life to the church and to the homeless of Córdoba and other parts of Argentina.

Misión Esperanza and David Denies Bird Hunting have many ongoing projects. Since 2001 to date, here are some of the projects we have in progress as we work to achieve our objective of eliminating poverty in this region.

A Partnership that Moves Lives Forward



1996

Sister Teresa arrives in Northern Córdoba with literally nothing more than the clothes on her back.

The Arrival

1998

Sister Teresa begins making changes across the community. While traveling to more isolated areas in the region, she identifies those in need, and provides food, clothing, and medicine.

The change begins

In the beginning, food was prepared on site, and outdoors in poor areas. Local volunteers helped Sister Theresa cook for the children.

2000

David Denies Bird Hunting partners with FME to feed children on a small scale.

David Denies Partnership

David Denies builds Los Altos dining room to feed 60 children daily. Cooking for many people becomes an easier process and the children have a more comfortable “home”.

2004

David Denies Bird Hunting builds classrooms at FME to teach a variety of workshops.

Theaching

2005

David Denies buys a van so the logistics of food transportation becomes possible.

Logistics

2006

First freezer is purchased, so food can be stored.

Food Storage



2007

The popularity of dove hunting grows, increasing dove meat donations, more children than ever are fed daily.

We Get popular!



2010

Donations grow to the point that the "Health on Wheels" monthly program becomes possible, and it tours the region providing medical care twelve times per year.

Health on Wheels



Support grows to include family members of the children that benefit from the foundation, they do work such as cooking and serving.



2012

David Denies starts employing permanent staff to work exclusively on the needs of the foundation.

Permanent Staff



Children's Day is celebrated each year. Annually up to 150 youth attend and each child receives a gift.



2013

FME sees the need to support children, not only with a daily meal, but to provide education-enhancing future possibilities. Language, music, and physical education teachers are hired.

Future Possibilities



2015

David Denies begins to enhance Christmas each year, traveling throughout the region to share good cheer with families.

It's Christmas!



2018

Renovation and maintenance works were carried out on the community centers.

We get Renovated



Solidarity Days become a scheduled monthly celebration to engage and benefit local children.



David Denies Bird Hunting's constant support makes it possible for over 600 children to get access to education and a hot meal every day.



2020

Even through the worldwide pandemic, FME was able to reach distant areas in north Córdoba to provide food for people in need.

The Pandemic



2022

Following the borders opening in November 2021 post-pandemic, our clients returned to the fields and the production of dove meat “escabeche” was resumed to be served at the centers.

The Return



2023

Strengthening community support, sewing machines were purchased to train women with the goal of creating greater job opportunities.

New Job Opportunity



2024

Continuing with health prevention and care, eye exams were conducted for children, and glasses were provided to those in need.

Health Prevention



Our future

David Denies & FME continue to be 110% committed to making a difference in all of the areas we touch.





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NUTRITION PROGRAM

“Transforming dove harvests into over 600 hot meals each day for underprivileged children.”

Thanks to David Denies Bird Hunting and our guests, nutritious and protein-rich doves are used to prepare hot meals. During our hunting days, bird boys take special care of a portion of the dove meat. It is carefully cleaned and separated into bags for freezing.

The high-protein meat is then cooked and served for lunch at the community centers by local volunteers to over 600 underprivileged children every day. The free meal program has been designed to help local families who often cannot make ends meet and supplement their children’s nutritional needs.

Doves are an important source of vitamin C, as well as B1 and B6, both of which aid in a child’s neurological development. The meat is rich in minerals and its high iron content helps in the formation of red blood cells and the upkeep of a properly functioning nervous system. So it not only tastes good, it is also good for you.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Hope Project

The Hope Project is a living, breathing campaign that provides daily support to needy children and families in the Córdoba region. The success of this program directly correlates to our successful dove shooting programs, and we are proud to state that we are the only outfitters in Argentina to have built a pure charitable program of this magnitude without regard to market advantage.



David Denies designed the Hope Project because we saw people in need everyday. We saw hungry children, and families that were not getting simple medical care. We wanted local children to have good schools and safe places to go after school—so we raised the money and built those places. The project started with food from the field and has blossomed

into much, much, more—it continues to grow—and it continues to make a difference in people's lives. Hope Project mirrors the David Denies' philosophy of investing in people, because doing so makes all the difference.

“From meals to schools,
the Hope Project
makes a difference.”

We take pride in our support and commitment to the local community. David Denies Bird Hunting's staff collaborates closely with the foundation projects in many different ways. We are happy to boast that we have 100% staff participation. Every one of our staff members is involved in some way. And, because our staff is involved and enjoys this aspect of their work, they tell our guests and that further spreads the news of the work that has been done, and is yet to be done.

As David Denies commitment with the foundation grows, the staff that works at the lodges also gets more involved with this project. We all work together with the same aim and we share news about all the projects with enthusiasm! Our commitment to being great corporate citizens takes place in four core areas.

Tucuman Project



Providing daily meals and hope to vulnerable children.

The Tucumán Project began to take shape with the establishment of David Denies in this province, expanding our social outreach with the goal of actively engaging with the people in the area who need it most. Unlike other social projects, this initiative is carried out exclusively by David Denies, as there are no nonprofit organizations in the area conducting charitable activities.

Located in the southern part of Tucumán province, Argentina, in a rural area surrounded by very small, underprivileged communities far from urban centers, a community hall was built to provide a daily meal to children living in vulnerable conditions.

Each day, the children come to receive their lunch, lovingly prepared by the women in charge of the kitchen, ensuring proper nutrition, supporting their development, and creating a safe and supportive environment. David Denies supplies the food, electricity, gas, facility maintenance, and all necessary resources for its operation.

Our goal is for this space to not only provide meals but also serve as a place where local children can engage in activities that give them valuable tools for their learning processes and access to opportunities they otherwise wouldn't have, such as sports, dance, and academic support. We aim to create opportunities



in these underserved areas to make a meaningful difference in their lives.

While prioritizing the children, the project also celebrates Children's Day in August. On this special day, the children enjoy games, entertainment, and a snack. Each child receives a gift, a new toy, a bag of candy, and most importantly, a smile on their face.

“Creating a safe, supportive space for children in rural Tucumán.”



PARTNERS IN HEALTH

“A partnership delivering vital healthcare where it’s needed most.”

David Denies is dedicated to making a real difference in the lives of people in need. From helping communities access quality healthcare to tackling serious health challenges, every effort is focused on bringing care and support to those who need it most. By partnering with local leaders, healthcare professionals, and volunteers, meaningful solutions are delivered where they are needed the most. These inspiring stories reflect a deep commitment to improving lives and creating positive change in every community where David Denies is present.

Health on Wheels



Doctors of La Esperanza—two decades of healing and hope on the move.

In 2002, a new initiative of Sister Theresa gave birth to a Mobile Clinic operated by a team of volunteer health professionals called “Doctors of La Esperanza”. The mobile clinic was created to provide free monthly health-care services to uninsured people living in the most remote areas of northern Córdoba and to educate them on disease prevention.

As one of our first projects over two decades ago, David Denies joined the project with an initial investment in technological equipment and with ongoing funding for travel expenses, including fuel, maintenance, and food for doctors and patients.

Each month various doctors, nurses and other health professionals travel in a large, specially outfitted caravan to rural areas where they conduct physical exams, perform simple procedures, administer medication, practice dentistry, gynaecological exams, pediatrics, nursing assistance, cardiology exams, and lab work. Over 5000 adults and children benefit from these medical visits each year.



Vision of Change

From waste to vision: Kautapen Group's commitment to Córdoba communities.

At The Kautapen Group, our commitment goes beyond providing exceptional hunting and fishing experiences. We are dedicated to making a positive impact on the environment and the communities where we operate. One of our latest initiatives was a collaboration with Qualia Eyewear that perfectly embodies our commitment on giving back: recycling used shotgun shells to create eyeglasses for children in need in Cruz del Eje, Cordoba.

Focus on Córdoba

Last year, Fran Mariani and Gisela Cristini from The Kautapen Group, along with a team of ophthalmologists from the Institute of High Ophthalmological Complexity (IACO) embarked on a journey to the heart of Córdoba. They traveled to the dining rooms of the Mission Esperanza Foundation, where they addressed the urgent vision care needs of underprivileged children. Over the course of the campaign, 355 children received thorough eye examinations and personalized prescriptions from eyecare professionals, to help improve their vision and quality of life. The study revealed that 45% of the children needed prescription glasses, which were provided to them, enabling them to study and develop properly. We were able to provide eye care services thanks to the assistance of four dedicated volunteer doctors, whose expenses were covered by The Kautapen Group (TKG).

Turning shotgun shells into eyeglasses



Innovative Recycling

We collected thousands of used shotgun shells from our dove hunts, transforming what was once waste into a valuable resource for creating eyeglasses. The sturdy plastic from these shells was repurposed, melted down, and reshaped into customized eyeglasses. 162 children received eyeglasses and they were able to choose from

“355 children received eye care thanks to an innovative recycling initiative.”

twelve different frame styles that were created. We directly contributed to enhancing the health and quality of life for these children, creating a lasting impact. The recycling also paves the way for future projects with cartridge plastic and brass. This initiative is funded with our own resources with the idea of making it sustainable





COMMUNITY CENTERS

“Eight Community Centers providing meals, education, and hope to 950 children.”

The María de la Esperanza Mission includes eight Community Centers where the tireless Sister Theresa and volunteer staff provide a daily meal to as many as 950 underprivileged local children. David Denies Bird Hunting financially supports all centers, by providing food, electricity, gas, building supplies, and school materials to each one.

These multi-use spaces offer after-school classes, subject-specific workshops and organized sports for local children. The aim is to give each student the tools he or she needs to succeed in the entire learning process, and recreational activities also include sports, dancing, bakery and recycling crafts. A teacher gives personalized instruction to the children and they accompany children through the entire learning process.



SOLIDARITY DAYS

“Building connections and supporting communities through Solidarity Day.”

Each month, David Denies organizes “Solidarity Day” missions, when our staff and other volunteers visit one of the seven Community Centers run by the Misión Esperanza Foundation to engage with local children and adults in Solidarity Day activities.

activities to lesson plans that include talks on recycling, or the importance of good nutrition. In addition, volunteers help sort and deliver donations such as children’s clothes, sneakers, books, and toys. We also encourage hands-on group tasks such as planting trees or picking fruit in local orchards.

Volunteers lead activities designed to teach and empower the children who frequent the community centers. In particular, Solidarity Day missions can range from organized sports

The goal is to give volunteers an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in need through meaningful interactions.

Children's Day

A special day filled with fun, treats, and happiness for every child.

Each year in August, Fundación Misión Esperanza and David Denies join forces to celebrate Children's Day which has become a huge celebration, attracting over a thousand children each time. Attendees are bussed in from surrounding rural areas, and more than 100 volunteers collaborate on the planning and organization.

This outdoor festival takes place in the Fundación Misión Esperanza main headquarters and includes all

sort of games, singing, the planting of trees and other recreational activities, as well as gift distribution. During the afternoon, children received sandwiches, cookies, cakes and juice.

At day's end, every child goes home with a bag with goodies, a new toy and a big smile after celebrating their special day!



Christmas Celebration

Bringing Christmas joy to rural communities with gifts, meals, and smiles.

Every Christmas, David Denies & Misión Esperanza Foundation celebrate Christmas. Sister Theresa and a group of volunteers travel in big caravans to the most remote and vulnerable areas while delivering bottled water, clothing, Christmas trees and ornaments, plus toys and goodies for the children. Just like Santa Claus, they make stops along the way, and groups of families wait to share a meal and the good cheer of the season.

This is our way of being part of these underprivileged children's Christmas.

It's a full day party, where we all get to share great moments and smiles with the local people of rural areas. At the end of the day, each child gets to go back home with a bag of goodies and a new toy.





SACHA MAMA PROJECT

“Creating opportunities and sustainable growth for the *Téleras of Boquerón*.”

BOQUERÓN, SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO

San José del Boquerón is a locality disconnected from urban centers, with no commercial or tourist routes passing through it. The road that crosses it is Provincial Route No. 4, paved up to Boquerón but turning into a dirt road beyond that, which becomes completely impassable during rainy seasons.

*300 km from Buenos Aires
280 km from Santiago (the provincial capital)
230 km from San Miguel de Tucumán*

The Jesuit parish of San José de las Petacas serves over 36 communities within a 60-kilometer radius.

The Jesuits support several projects in the area, with the weaving group Teleras SachaMama standing out as a sustainable initiative that began in 2015 and continues to grow.

The distances separating Boquerón from surrounding settlements cannot be covered on foot, especially when the paths run deep into the forest.



Supporting the Sacha Mama weavers with resources and a new dedicated space.

The three key issues the population faces are contaminated and difficult-to-access water, a lack of electricity, and poor road conditions.

The teleras are no exception to this reality. They weave in their homes and depend on the parish's availability for their activities, including meetings, delivering finished work, packaging orders, and training sessions.

Although there have always been teleras in Boquerón, it wasn't until 2001 that they formed a group under the name SachaMama. However, despite being organized in name, between 2001 and 2015, they lacked real coordination. For this reason, in 2015, a new way of working was proposed, starting with a group of 10 women. From that year on, they succeeded in coordinating their efforts and maintaining a steady work rhythm.

By 2024, 48 teleras are part of this project. As the group has grown, so have its responsibilities.

Creating opportunities and sustainable growth for the teleras of Boquerón.

The medium-term goal is for them to become self-managed and autonomous. The construction of a new dedicated space aims to facilitate their activities. It will function as a storage area for wool and other supplies, a stock area, an administrative workspace, a place for receiving work materials, distributing

This philosophy seeks to enrich the lives of those in need. While each day brings us closer to our goal with increasing success in supporting disadvantaged families, new challenges also arise daily. We know that with your continued interest, we will receive the help we seek.

“ Empowering 48 women weavers: Building a future for SachaMama in Boquerón.”

orders for production, dispatching finished weavings, hosting meetings, training sessions, receiving visitors, and serving as a showroom for sales. David Denies has a rich history of social responsibility in the communities where we work and live.

Our goal is to provide solutions for the teleras and their families. The donations received will be used to implement the necessary resources to support the SachaMama project.





DOVE ESCABECHE

“From field to jar: Empowering women through delicious dove escabeche.”

The process starts in our hunting fields; doves are gathered, cleaned, and frozen to be transported to one of FME’s locations. Once there, the “dove escabeche” preparation begins. A group of women from the Community Centers cook and pack the meat. They are assisted by a recognized local chef who instructs them in the cooking and packaging process.

David Denies Bird Hunting supports and handles all of the process and everything that is needed for the production, such as supplies, ingredients, materials, etc.

Some of these jars are also transported back to the lodges, where the dove escabeche is served to be enjoyed by the same hunters that shot the birds.

In addition to giving our guests the chance to taste and enjoy these delicious appetizers, the product of their own hunting, processing dove also gives us the possibility to generate a boost in the economy of low-income women and families, by providing an activity that empowers them. Everybody wins!



“Empowering women and delighting hunters with every jar of dove escabeche.”



GIVING BACK IN NUMBERS

8

Community centers for support and education.

1200

Pounds of doves are harvested and donated per month.

950

Underprivileged children have their meal every day.

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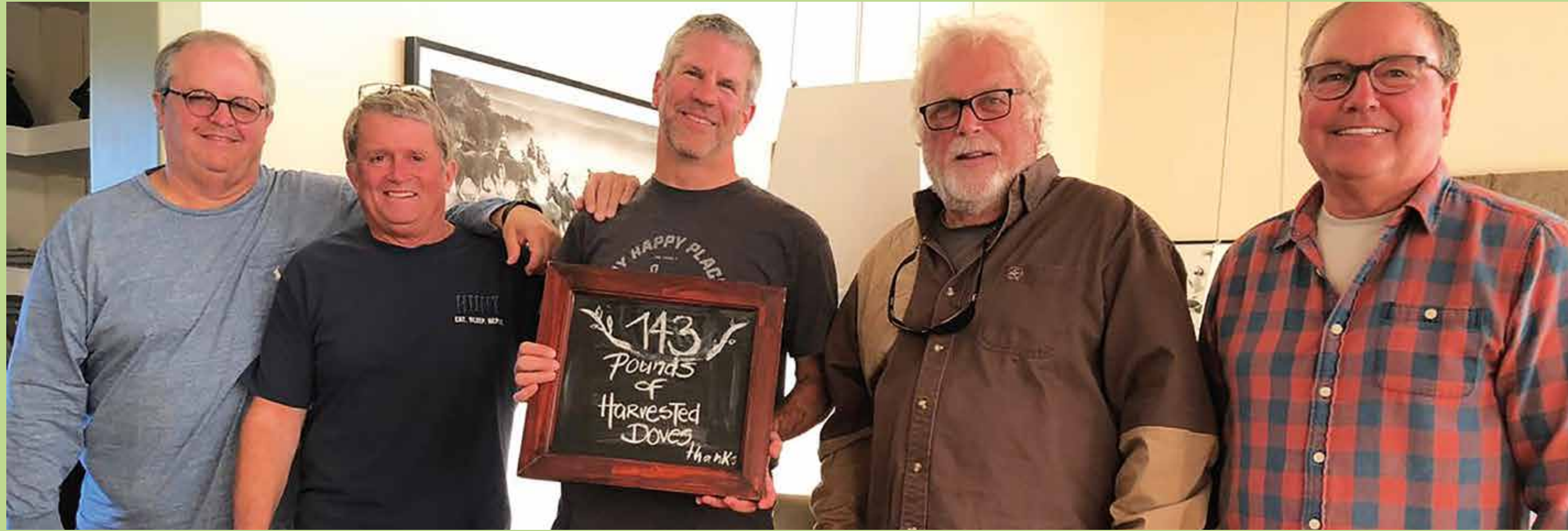
Years since the first mobile clinic visited monthly rural areas all over Córdoba.

5000

People receive medical care each year.

9000

Kids celebrated children's day.



DONATIONS
AND CONCERN
HAVE CREATED
GREAT BONDS
OF SUPPORT
BETWEEN OUR
GUESTS, STAFF,
AND THE PEOPLE
OF RURAL AREAS
IN ARGENTINA.

Help us give back by contributing. Together we can do so much more.

\$10 Community centers for support and education.

\$30 Pays the electricity bill for a month at a community center.

\$50 Feeds 36 children one meal.

\$100 Pays for food and supplies for the Health on Wheels program.

\$150 Covers the fuel cost to bring 20 doctors to rural areas.

\$250 Pays financial school materials for 25 children.

\$400 Feeds 300 children one meal.

\$500 Covers a month of school tuition for 150 children.

\$750 Covers the fuel cost to host 5 medical missions.

\$1000 Pays all costs for the Children's Day celebration.

