



**Immediate Media Release**  
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## **THE ART INSPIRING ACTION PROJECT**

***Experience The Inspiring Artwork of  
Two El Salvadorian Children  
As Art Transformed  
Their Lives Forever***



***"We were all children once. And we all share the desire for the well-being of our children, which has always been and will continue to be the most universally cherished aspiration of humankind."***

***– From "We the Children"***

The El Salvador Permanent Mission to the United Nations is privileged to present an very unique art exhibition featuring the expressive artwork of two talented Salvadorian children, who have been chosen from a group of art students who attend The El Centro District Italia School in El Salvador to present their paintings on opening night of the exhibition which will be held at:

**The Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations**

46 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016

**Thursday, November 21, 2013 6:00 to 8:00pm.**

The exhibition is coordinated by Helping Hands Inc., in collaboration with The Helping Hands Youth Council, The Light Millennium Organization, associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations., "Models Doing More", and The El Centro District Italia School, El Salvador.

***"The Art Inspiring Action Project"*** was intentionally named after meeting these outstanding art students during a visit to their school in El Salvador, which is one of the Global Centers of Helping Hands Inc. We were inspired by their passion for painting which uplifted their spirits, self-esteem and hope for the future. We were also inspired to take action by bringing awareness of their artistic accomplishments and natural talents by sharing them with the rest of the world. We believe this event is the perfect way to bring our intent to fruition. We consciously scheduled the exhibit during the week of The United Nations Universal Children's Day. This special event has been created to highlight two very deserving children and for all the children just like them that they will be

representing at the art exhibition. Please join us for a unique art experience. It would mean so much to the students themselves and to all who participated to make it a reality for them.

### **ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSAL CHILDREN DAY**

By [resolution 836\(IX\)](#) of 14 December 1954, the General Assembly recommended that all countries institute a *Universal Children's Day*, to be observed as a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children. It recommended that the Day was to be observed also as a day of activity devoted to promoting the ideals and objectives of the Charter and the welfare of the children of the world. The Assembly suggested to governments that the Day be observed on the date and in the way which each considers appropriate. The date 20 November, marks the day on which the Assembly adopted the [Declaration of the Rights of the Child](#), in 1959, and the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#), in 1989." Source: [www.un.org/en/events/childrenday](http://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday)

### **OUR FEATURED ART STUDENTS**

#### **EVELYN YANETH HERNANDEZ MEJIA**



Evelyn is a loving, kind and thoughtful 11 year old. She is also a very talented young artist with a smile that lights up a room. Painting is the one thing that brings out the joy in her soul. It transports her away from an otherwise stressful life, where she lives with her grandmother because of tensions at home due to her parents working long hours yet barely getting by. They struggle to pay for the medical needs of her older sister who is chronically ill. She is surrounded by gang violence in the streets causing her fear on a daily basis. Evelyn says " I dream of being one of the best artists in the world" We want to help her to realize her dream but, we need your financial support. She loves to study and wants to be successful so she can help her family. Evelyn needs the support of those who are fortunate and caring to help her rise above her difficult circumstances.

#### **RUBEN EDUARDO DIAZ**



Ruben comes from a family of six. He has two brothers, one sister as well as his beloved mother who suffers from asthma and other lung issues. He is very grateful his loving stepfather came into their lives after his biological father abandoned the family. Ruben also dreams of becoming an accomplished artist. He gives thanks to his art teacher, Mario Edwin Gonzalez for believing in him and encouraging him to pursue his painting and drawing. Mr. Gonzalez helped him realize that he had natural artistic abilities. He gave Ruben a sense of hope that his talents could provide him a brighter future. He takes his artwork to the streets of El Salvador to sell them. It has been his refuge and also a source of income for his family since his mother can no longer work. Your support can make a positive difference in Ruben and Evelyn's lives and for children just like them.

## **A CLOSE UP OF IN COLLABORATED ORGANIZATIONS**

HELPING HANDS, INC.: Helping Hands Inc. is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious 501(c)3 organization dedicated to helping homeless and orphaned children around the world. We are committed to providing food, shelter, clothing, health care, and education to enhance and improve the lives of our global children. We regard them as our most valuable resource as well as our future. It is with this intent that we do all that we can to provide a safe, nurturing, inspiring support system to enable them to thrive and achieve a successful, happy life.

Helping Hands Inc. was registered in 2003 in Texas, USA. The founder and visionary of the organization is Kaushalya Siriwardana, a native Sri Lankan who has an immense desire to make positive, lasting change in the lives of our global children who need our help the most.

"We believe all children have the right to a proper education and health care, a good plate of food, proper clothing, a roof over their heads, and most of all ... to be loved. We are dedicated to accomplishing this divine mission successfully all over the world" Kaushalya Siriwardana [www.hhcharity.org](http://www.hhcharity.org)

THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM: The Light Millennium (LM) is a non-religious, non-political, non-profit (501-c-3), non-governmental (NGO), independent public benefit, multi-media and cultural organization. We have been associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations since December 12, 2005. Officially founded by Bircan Ünver in 2001, we are based in Queens, New York. On the Web since August 1999, The LM invites citizens of the world from all walks of life to submit in an appropriate artistic medium, ideas and experiences that will help foster a better understanding between people of different cultures and beliefs.

In 2013, the organization produced and presented three half-hour television programs on El Salvador and its core issues at the United Nations, as well as honored by H.E. Ambassador Carlos E. Garcia Gonzales' participation to the Pioneer of the Millennium Development Goals: Ataturk Conference's High Level Session on April 19, 2013. [www.lightmillennium.org](http://www.lightmillennium.org)

MODELS DOING MORE: Models Doing More (MDM) is a non-profit organization dedicated to placing "Model Ambassadors" in the field and at the center of third world countries. MDM follows their lives as they give back to the international community. Models Doing More is dedicated to providing education, assistance, and sustainability to our most vulnerable global neighbors. MDM actively partners with grassroots organizations to develop long-term educational, medical, and emotional support for disadvantaged children and animals. Rishi Singh, Creative Director [www.modelsdoingmore.org](http://www.modelsdoingmore.org)

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