



Sunday, October 13, 2019, 1:00 – 4:30 pm
St. Clarence Church Pavilion at 30106 Lorain Road in North Olmsted

July 15, 2019

Dear Friends,

Since January 2006, Holy Family Parish in Stow has sponsored a Medical Mission to Honduras in Central America. Honduras is the second poorest country in Latin America and many, many people who live in poverty in small rural and mountain villages have a great need for healthcare because they are nowhere near a hospital, clinic or pharmacy. Thankfully, members of Saint Clarence Parish in North Olmsted, Saint Vincent dePaul Parish in Cleveland and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Wadsworth have supported this most worthy project.

Each January, a team of doctors, dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, nurses, other healthcare professionals and volunteers pay their own way to go to Honduras on this week-long medical mission. In the last five years these teams of healthcare professionals and volunteers have served more than 38,000 people without access to healthcare.

As with everything the cost of procuring the necessary medicines, medical and dental supplies, vitamins, and other much-needed items have increased. In an effort to defer some of the cost, we will be hosting the “**Banquet of the Clam**” clambake fundraiser on Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm at the Saint Clarence Church Pavilion, 30106 Lorain Road in North Olmsted. The fundraiser will also offer a silent auction and other raffles.

The Honduran people and this Medical Mission have become very important to me over the last 14 years. I have witnessed the Honduran peoples' need and their gratitude for what we do for them by bringing healthcare and human comfort to them. **To help make the BOTC clambake a success, we are in need of silent auction items.** All items donated are 100% tax deductible, and since the items are donated, all proceeds from the auction of these items will benefit the Honduran Medical Mission.

If you are able to donate an item or make a donation which the committee will use to secure auction and raffle items please contact Sally Benjamin at sally.benjamin@gmail.com or Betty McClarnon at emcclarn@gmail.com.

Tickets for the “**Banquet of the Clam**” can be purchased at the Holy Family (Stow), Sacred Heart (Wadsworth), Saint Vincent DePaul (Cleveland), Saint Clarence (North Olmsted) and Saint Francis Xavier (Medina) Parish Offices after August 15th.

Thank you for your interest and support of this most wonderful outreach to those in need in Honduras....Muchas Gracias!

For the BOTC Committee,

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