



# JOURNEY OF HOPE

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## HONORING THE PAST ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



Sr. Carol Putnam, RSCJ 1980-1986  
Co-Founder

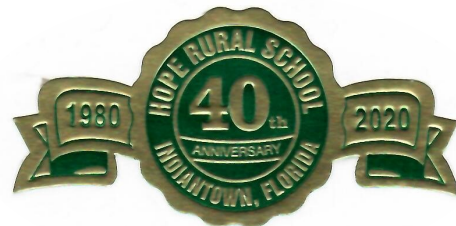


Fr. Frank O'Laughlin 1980 - Co-founder



Sr. Marie Celeste Gatti, OP  
Director - 1986-2004

## Celebrating Hope



Sr. Mary Dooley, SSND  
Director - 2004-2015



Sr. Elizabeth Dunn, OP  
Director - 2015-Present

### Past Principals

- Sr. Esperanza Jasso, RSCJ 1983-1987
- Sr. Marie Therese Janke, OP 1987-1988
- Sr. Carol Jean Willie, SC 1988-1994
- Sr. Marion Hangsterfer, OP 1994-2006
- Sr. Katherine Kinnally, SSND 2006-2014
- Mrs. Erin Dilla 2014-2015



Sr. Martha Rohde, OP  
Principal - 2015-Present

# WARM WELCOME FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Sister Elizabeth Dunn, O.P.

Paul Siefker  
President

Brian Powers  
Vice President

Amy Holley  
Secretary

Miguel Gaspar

Judy Pierman

Adrian Reed

Carl Schlanger

Peter Upton

Ed Ricci  
Legal Counsel

## Mission Statement

The mission of Hope Rural School is to offer hope to families.

The school primarily serves children from immigrant families by providing them with a Catholic Elementary education in grades Pre-K through 5 in an environment that nurtures the Gospel values of mercy, justice, and love, through fostering the principles of Christian discipleship; supporting, guiding and encouraging parents in the education of their children; developing an appreciation and respect for heritage; encouraging and enabling graduates to reach their full potential through advanced education.

Dear Friends,

The late Archbishop of Recife, Brazil, used to say, "When we dream alone, it is only a dream. When we dream with others, it is the beginning of reality." It has been a remarkable gift to dream with you, our generous benefactors. You have believed in our vision and mission and have faithfully supported us for many years. Your support and faith in what we do each day at Hope Rural continues to help us claim and embrace God's mission to be our mission.

*This year we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of giving HOPE to families.*

In this issue of "Journey of Hope", we *Honor the Past* with pictures of our Directors and a listing of Principals whose vision and wisdom guided the school from 1980 to the present. Each congregation infused the mission with their own charism and ministry, allowing children to flourish in a nurturing and caring environment. The Directors and Principals through the years have been blessed with dedicated, selfless, and talented teachers and staff. (One of our staff, Tonya Lozano has been with us since the doors opened in 1980.) Our history also includes many parents, teachers, volunteers, and friends who have shared, cared, and loved through their involvement in Hope Rural School. We have shared some of our history through pictures in this issue. Enjoy the memories!

Our **40th Anniversary** is also a time to thank our Board of Directors, who from the beginning to the present day, have shown their commitment and full support of the mission of the school. Our Board President, Paul Siefker has been with us for 40 years and often speaks of the "miracles" that have happened at Hope Rural. We also give thanks to the many organizations, parishes, foundations, trusts, grants and individuals who have and continue to support our school by their donations, by fundraising for us, and by their generous gifts of personal time throughout these 40 years. We will never forget those who loved Hope Rural School and are now enjoying eternal happiness. We stand on their shoulders for the foundations they helped to build.

As we *Envision the Future*, we give thanks that we are accompanied by courageous visionaries like yourselves who walk with us enlivened by the Spirit. The mission of Hope Rural belongs to each one of us, and we belong to the mission. We thank you for your donations that help support our operating expenses.

We are proud of alumni who are pursuing advanced degrees. We are thankful for visitors who come each year and always make each day a new beginning as they so appreciate what we do. Every visitor who comes remarks that their visit was an opportunity to experience the deeper meaning of family.

In this season of thanksgiving and gratitude for 40 years of glorious history, I quote this passage from Saint Paul:

"I thank our God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped us in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now. And so, I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished."

Holiday blessings to you and your families.  
With warm wishes and gratitude,

Sister Elizabeth Dunn, O.P.  
Director

"PROVIDENCE CAN PROVIDE,  
PROVIDENCE DID PROVIDE,  
PROVIDENCE WILL PROVIDE."

# JOYFUL GREETINGS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, SR. MARTHA

**THANKSGIVING GREETINGS TO YOU.** As Hope Rural School celebrates our 40th anniversary, our Ruby year, we think of all the wonderful blessings we have had through these years. We count you as one of those blessings. Your support of our school has enabled us to spread our mission to thousands of children through the years.

Our school opened in 1980 with Kindergarten to Grade Two. Our youngest then (5) would now be 45 years old. What memories you have made possible for thousands in these past 40 years!

The families, children, and staff of our School make up our Hope Rural family. We are also blessed to be part of the Palm Beach Diocese family and Holy Cross Church.

The Sinsinawa Dominicans of Wisconsin have the saying that proclaims, "At the heart of ministry is relationships." Though Sr. Elizabeth and I have only been here five years, we feel that we have been blessed by all the relationships we have forged in our ministry in Indiantown.

*It is our ruby year and you are our gems. God Bless you. We thank you.*



## We extend a warm Hope Rural welcome to our new Art Teacher -Mrs. Janie Kaminsky

Mrs. Kaminsky grew up in East Rutherford, NJ. Her mother was a crafter, which may have led to her loving art. From her first day in kindergarten, after doing a little picture painting, Janie knew she wanted to be an artist. Her 1st grade teacher was so impressed by Janie's season changing patterns for their bulletin board, that she used them for years and she encouraged Janie to be an artist. Janie graduated with a B.A. in fine art and design and with a minor in ceramics. She went on to get certified to teach K-12 art.



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**SAVE THE DATES**  
**"TRIFECTA"**

- #1 OPEN HOUSE – December 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am – 11:30 am
- #2 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA  
March 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm
- #3 GOLF TOURNAMENT – May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tee time to be announced

**40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA**

**HOPE**

**OPEN HOUSE at HOPE RURAL**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT at the JUPITER ISLAND CLUB**

# BACK IN TIME...PRECIOUS MEMORIES...PRECIOUS FRIENDS



Nat Reed & Sister Carol at school dedication



First promotion 1981 with Thelma Waters



The Indiantown Community Sisters Sharon McGuire, Barbara Bireley, Joan Gannon and Carol Putnam



Sister Carol and Keddie Powers



Dedication of Hope Rural School April 1982 with Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy



Treasured pictures of the beginning of the Hope Rural Family Garden plot 1982



Fundraisers, Friendraisers, and Amazing Ambassadors of Hope and Joy!  
 Don and Sue Hesch    John Hiro as Santa, and June Schlanger    Jan and Jim Hurd

# NURTURING...BUILDING...VOLUNTEERING AND SUPPORTING HOPE



Sr. Esperanza Jasso



Sr. Marie Therese Janke



Sr. C.J. Willie and Debbie Banks



Sr. Marion Hangsterfer and Sr. Mary Dooley



Sr. Kate Kinnally and Mrs. Erin Dilla



Construction of 3rd Grade Classroom and setting the 5 concreteables for PreK3, PK4, K, 1, and 2



Betty and Gus Marentis treat our students to a fun day of Mini-Golf, arcade, and lunch. This special event is STILL an annual event celebrating the BEST readers in every class!



Margie O'Neil Snyder and Carol Schumm  
Fundraising co-chairs



Amy Holley and Paul Siefker  
Board Members



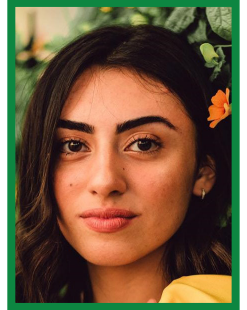
Joan Schoettle and Pat O'Malley  
Golf Outing co-chairs

# THE VILMA SHAW SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND ALUMNI

Shaw Scholarship recipients when applying for the Shaw Scholarship are asked to write an essay on "How Hope Rural Made A Difference in My Life." The following is a quote from the essay of a new scholar :

"My experience at Hope Rural enabled me to know, even from the very beginning of my educational journey, that I was special. My life after Hope Rural School has been a living testimony to the previous statement. Everywhere I go and everywhere I have been, people who I have met all seem to have asked me the same question, " Where do good kids like you come from?" They tell me this because of the dedication that I have towards school, the love that I have for God, and the respect that I give others. These were all instilled in my brain by attending HRS from PreK through fifth grade." - Ashley Gamez

*Ashley now attends Southern Adventist University in Tennessee - her goal is a Masters Degree in Finance.*



## 19 Students enrolled in Shaw Scholars Program - Fall Semester 2019

Lourdes Romero, Guadalupe Romero, Mariana Romero, Kimberly Morales, Stephanie Najera, Sandy Perez, Melvin Mazariegos, Dezirree Martinez, Melvin Vicente, Maria Carolina Domingo, Azucena Lopez, Jazmyn Brooks, Shannon Brooks, Kendly Lopez, Tailina Lozano, Juana Pedro-Jose, Egidia Gaspar, Juan Domingo, Ashley Gamez.

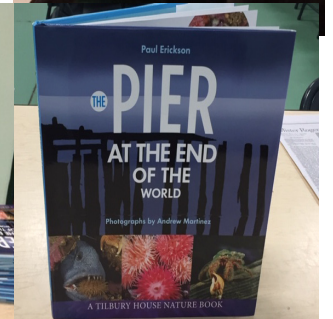
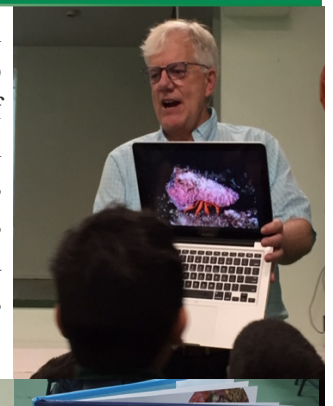
# THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE



Writer, photographer, and video producer Paul Erickson traveled all the way from Boston to share his recent book "The Pier at the End of the World" with second, third, fourth, and fifth grade students. Our students' imaginations were sparked and intrigued by the mysteries from under the sea. Mr. Erickson has authored or co-authored numerous magazine articles and three books about undersea life



BLESSINGS multiply when students give generously to other students. This group of talented young people came to Hope Rural - sharing their amazing Tae kwon-do skills in a powerfully unique demonstration. They brought an abundance of clothing and shoes to share with our students and their families.



# REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR LOVED ONES



## Memorial / Tribute Gifts

Remembering your loved ones through memorial gifts in lieu of flowers and tribute gifts in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, or other meaningful events, is a thoughtful and life-giving way to continue the mission work of Hope.

Please also consider remembering Hope Rural School in your will...a tribute for a lifetime.  
**Your contributions bless many! You are in our prayers and thoughts each day.**