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"THE RAJA PROJECT"
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SONIA AND ALFREDO'S WEDDING AT MIAMI BEACH - a splendour of colour, flowers, happiness and the Ocean-a real success. The guests came from Peru, Italy, Thailand, Argentina, the Carribean and all the States and all offered to support RAJA! Thanks to the generosity of Sonia and Alfredo's friends and guests **donations have already been sent both by Sonia herself and by the Raja Account in Viterbo.**

BOLIVIA: Thanks go to Sonia from **Massimo Casari:** "Your contribution will be used for the football school that allows the children to enjoy a game of football and maybe forget the unhappiness of their childhood... A childhood which passes all too quickly and turns them into adults when they should still be playing"

INDIA: **Augusto Colombo** sends warmest thanks on behalf of the children of Warangal. The Raja contribution will be used to buy a new-generation microscope for the hospital where they do the cataract operations: *one has to be able to see in order to paint...*

PERU, LIMA. **Ana Teresa Harmsen**, Alfredo's niece, student at Lima university (and a brilliant chef besides) has been active for some time with the "Sembrando Juntos" organisation that protects, teaches, feeds and lets play many very small children (ages between 3-5 years) from the Lima slums. (Doscientas Millas e Bocanegra). Ana Teresa has told us many stories which we will pass on. These beautiful children -at the moment 377 of them-and their families need everything-really everything! **Sonia and Alfredo have adopted for one year Mathias Aldair, Libany Freshly Orozco and Piero Jesus Valverde all aged 3.** Raja will send funds to Ana Teresa and we are already thinking that one- or more-of us will take over gifts and go to paint with the children in Raja's name.

USA, MIAMI. **Paolo Rusconi**-a friend of Sonia's and ours is a doctor in the Pediatric Cardiology Ward at the Miller School of Medicine. This hospital carries out organ transplants on children. The Sonia/Raja donation will set up a RAJA playroom for the children awaiting transplant and the friends who go to visit.

ONCE AGAIN THANKS TO SONIA AND ALFREDO AND ALL THEIR WEDDING GUESTS!!!

Other news:

RAJA 'BOMBONIERE': a great success! The drawings of the children of the Luang Prabang orphanage have been framed and made into much admired gifts for the first Communion of Sara and Christenings of Margherita Maria. **A lovely idea -write for details.**

To become part of the RAJA project:

Donate! Either as a member or non-member.

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Make an annual subscription and help realise our projects. You will also take part in the draw to win one of Arianna Caroli's paintings to be made when we reach our 90th subscription.

Make a donation in exchange for one of the top fashion articles of the RAJA BOUTIQUE:

- › The **RAJA BAG:** a limited edition numbered from 001 thru 101 and made in natural jute, cotton batik and leather and hand-embroidered by the women of Bali-a must for next summer.
- › The sparkling **RAJA T-Shirt** from Miami beach designed by Sonia Trussardi Sepe. In quality material and lovingly embroidered in Bali-a must have!
- › The **RAJA BUTTERFLY** made in silver by master goldsmith Francesco Capotosti. A magic pendant that will always remind you that 'Nothing is impossible'.

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