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### **Philanthropic Spirit of St. John the Baptist Students Brings their Families across the Globe to Volunteer**

**WEST ISLIP, NY** – Last summer, nine student volunteers from St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School were so moved by their school-organized mission trip to Peru that they have chosen to return again with their families this year! The students had volunteered their time at the Hogar de San Francisco for one week last summer and were touched by the children they met and the service that they performed. The Hogar is a home for fifty Peruvian children in great need of medical attention.

Run by an American doctor, Dr. Anthony Lazzara, the Hogar provides basic medical care for young children who otherwise would not receive it. The Hogar also makes appointments and provides transportation when more intensive care is needed. The St. John's students provide support tasks such as feeding the children, washing them, and accompanying them into Lima for medical care.

In July, there will be a total of thirty-two SJB students who will work at the Hogar over seventeen days of the summer vacation along with teachers and their principal. In addition to the school trip, SJB students Christine Glynn and Elizabeth Edwards are going with their mothers during February break. Erin Allar is going with her mom and sisters for ten days in May, and Tom Routh and his mom are going in August. So for a total of 47 days this year, the Hogar will have an SJB student or alumnus there volunteering.

“We are so thrilled that the spirit of serving this very special community of children had such a positive impact educationally, emotionally and spiritually, that our students and family members are going back to experience it together. Some of our seniors have even expressed a desire to continue the work of Dr. Tony in some way in their own careers,” stated St. John's principal, Nan Doherty. SJB Cougars are clearly making a difference across the globe!



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**About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School**

*About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School: 1,700 students attend St. John the Baptist DHS, a college preparatory Catholic High School located on the south shore in West Islip. As part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, St. John's offers a value-centered education that recognizes the unique talents and abilities of each child, while fostering a school environment that challenges students to reach their true potential. Open since 1966, St. John's offers a rigorous curriculum and extensive activity and athletic programs. Students have the opportunity to take numerous Advanced Placement classes and 99% of St. John's graduates continue on to higher education. For Mission Statement and additional information: [www.sjbdhs.org](http://www.sjbdhs.org)*