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*2023 Festa Coordinator Annual Report*

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**Quote from Helen Keller – “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”**

**I find that this quote from Helen Keller fits our community to a T. Working alone we cannot be successful, but working as one we can accomplish many things. Such as our Festa do Espirito Santo and maintaining our UPSES Hall.**

Would like to commend 2023 Festa Presidents Ted & Cici Drummond for a job well done and a beautiful Festa. As we all know it is not easy to put on the most important event of our community and they did with pride, honor keeping our tradition of faith and dedication to the Holy Spirit and St. Isabel as their number one goal. It was an honor and joy to work with both of you and your family and truly miss our late-night texts and talks. The Festa was beautiful, and Queen Eva & King Dylan and the rest of your royalty showed our community how proud they were to represent our hall and the Holy Spirit and St. Isabel. Ted & Cici you made our job so easy. We truly were blessed to work with such an extraordinary family. Congratulations on a beautiful Festa and parade.

As coordinators we did not get much of a break since the very next day after 2023 festa we were in high gear working with 2024 Festa Presidents, Brennand & Bridget Shoeffel. They have had 4 successful fundraisers. Festa Golf, Cork & Brew, Casino/Drawdown & Santa’s Brunch. They have already shown us how hard they will be working in making 2024 Festa a successful year. It has so far been fun working with you both and your family. We wish you much success and are always here to help you.

To Ashley & Jaquelyn such dedication and hard work, so proud of you both. Watching both grow up to be successful in your professions and still have the time to give back your roots and traditions, brings me great joy. You are a great example and role model to our youth and young adults of our community. I thank you for taking over the task of becoming the future coordinator, and hopefully taking over the coordinator’s task after Festa 2024. I will be around to help anyway possible but believe you 2 girls and as past Queens can handle this task hands down!

May the Holy Spirit embrace each of you!

Respectfully submitted.

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