



CHILDREN OF THE DUMP

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**TRANSFORMING LIVES IN MANILA
THROUGH EDUCATION**

Dear supporters and friends of Children of the Dump

We are looking forward to Christmas in this Newsletter, so as well as featuring our Christmas Appeal, this issue showcases our forthcoming exciting event to be held on 25th November; when the amazing Odd Fellows Male Voice Choir are performing at High Cross Church in aid of Children of the Dump. We look forward to seeing you there.

We also enclose our Annual Report for 2016/17 from John Wenger our Treasurer and myself, this was adopted at our Annual General Meeting on 14th October and tells the dismal tale of the falling value in the pound and our inability to maintain budgets in Manila. Thanks to your response to our appeal, this year is looking much brighter and we can now share with you some amazing news, which is hot off the press!



"We were really blessed to have Peter Emata, our director from Manila join us for the Board of Trustees following the AGM. We spent most of the meeting debating the best way forward for Cashew Tree School, which closed earlier this year. I am absolutely delighted to tell you that we have agreed an innovative partnership with our neighbours Papaya Academy to use some of their spare accommodation for 2 classes catering for 100 children from 4- 6 years

A MESSAGE FROM KAY MACKAY

This will start in June 2018 and it is wonderful that we can re-instate this valued service and even better, because of the new location, we are able to expand the geographical catchment. Because of this good news, we have decided to focus our Christmas appeal on helping to equip Cashew with some more up to date equipment. Most of the furniture is 20 years old from when the school was originally opened and the audio-visual equipment is similarly ancient. Catherine Acosta our headmistress says; “We are so excited to be planning the reopening of Cashew Tree School, to be able to give 100 children a quality start to their education is a real privilege. Replacing some of our worn out equipment will make the experience we can provide so much more engaging for the children” This solution should take us through the next couple of years at least while we deliver the longer term solution. More news about this on page 4

Fred and I have booked our flights for the annual trip to Manila, we fly on the 14th February so if anyone wants to take up a little space in our suitcase with a gift for your sponsor child then please let the office know. I promise you that they treasure your letters and get incredibly excited if we turn up with one from their sponsor. Chocolate is usually in abundance in our case, 160 bars being the record last year as a gift for each child and not forgetting the staff team. We are excited to see the children another year older and to hear all their news.

Meanwhile, on behalf of all the Trustees in the UK, the board and staff of ASCF and most of all the children; may I wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.



Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

Lao Tzu, Ancient Chinese philosopher and poet

A MESSAGE FROM SARAH MCLEOD

Christmas is always a busy time in the Philippines, the time of year the whole country enjoys family, food and fun times! The “ber” months as we call them start September 1st. The longest Christmas season in the world and lights are already up in many homes as excitement bills. The same can be said for the Children of Mango and Grapevine. Of course, school continues, exams need to be focused on but of course there is much to be done in terms of fund raising. As you read this copy the team is well on the way with full rehearsals for this year’s Pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*, is this year’s production. Director Ham with Director Jocelyn are old hands at casting, checking costumes, music, lights, sound and action but it still takes the whole home to prepare the children, support and get the event ready. Before the Panto is our second garage sale of the year, this time at the Union Church who are a fabulous support to us by allowing us the space for free, not just for this event but also the Christmas Food Hamper Packing which will happen nearer Christmas.

Obviously, life is not all rosy and the usual challenges happen daily when you have a family of 40 plus children together in one home. The staff are fantastic at creating an atmosphere of trust, discipline and love and never cease to amaze me how wonderful they are at managing the different emotions, thoughts and backgrounds of each child. We are also having challenges in finding younger additions to the board, as a country, the expat community is transient and there are also rules surrounding who can be on a board and certain documentation needed. Rest assured that Peter and myself are working together to bring on board, before the end of our fiscal year 2 Additional “bodies”. These additions to our fold will be able to help us in the next couple of years, help complete the plans we have and support the team.

I am lucky that I get to be here on the ground and be there to see them grow up from nervous little things to confident adults ready to face the world. Please look at our Mango Facebook page, there will be lots of updates of our rehearsals and snippets of what is and will be a wonderful event.

On a final note we are so grateful for the support of so many people who give so generously to the team in the UK. Without your continued support of children who you never get to meet, (but I hope in the coming months I can give you a real feel for them and who they are), we could not continue. Your support has meant a great deal in ensuring that we can reopen Cashew, our little school that enables youngsters to experience school for the first time and embedding in them and their parents the importance of learning. Many of these children would not get a chance to attend school, let alone a great school like Cashew.

Thank you
Sarah

NEWS FROM THE UK

Cashew Tree School – the future.

As you will know, we were forced to temporarily close the school in March of this year due to land ownership issues, new registration rules and the falling value of the pound. As Kay has showcased in her introduction, we are thrilled to have found a short-term solution in a partnership with Papaya Academy, our neighbouring elementary school at Mango Tree House. Papaya is an educational charity funded by Kalinga Foundation in Holland, an organisation with similar aims and ethos as Children of the Dump. We can utilise some of their accommodation for a few years while we fundraise for the best permanent solution.

As in the UK, government regulations in social care and education in the Philippines continues to change and we need to keep abreast with these to ensure our services can maintain their license. An important part of the values lived by Children of the Dump are that we continue to support a child until they have completed their education or decide to move on from our support. This often means that we maintain children over the age of 18 – as would be the case in most families. Many of our children start their education later than usual due to their hardships, so we may well have young people a few years older than their peers in their year at school or college. We believe it is essential to give these students every opportunity to succeed and integrate well into adult society. New regulations in the Philippines require the adoption of Independent Living Accommodation for young people over 18 living in facilities such as Mango Tree House. We believe that this is a good thing to do and will benefit our young people, helping them adapt to living independently as an adult whilst having the security and safety net of the staff at Mango just around the corner. We have therefore taken the decision to plan for both Independent Living Accommodation (ILA) and new Cashew Tree School.



We have agreed to develop the current plot of Mango Tree House to provide for both these services. We are examining a couple of options to evaluate them further and will then decide which to pursue. It is truly magnificent though that we can now fundraise with certainty that this is the way forward.

NEWS FROM THE UK

Peter's visit with us in the UK has been a busy time. He says this about his trip.

"I came to the UK to attend a very important Trustee meeting tackling the issue of reopening Cashew. I was also given the opportunity to meet some of our supporters, such as Leytonstone United Free Church and St Pauls Camberley to thank them personally for their generosity in the support they have given to the charity. As well as all the other supporters, they have given us a lot of hope to move forwards and look for better days ahead for Cashew Tree Learning Centre, Grapevine Scholarship Programme and Mango Tree House"



Leytonstone UFC



St Paul's Church



Houses of Parliament

"My thanks to Fred and Kay for taking a lot of time, resources and energy to take me around London and show me British heritage and restaurants I have never experienced before. I will be able to take home great news to the children, staff and families we support in the Philippines. Your generosity and support will change a lot of lives."

Peter Emata

It's over! No... It has only just begun

Before I graduated from ASCF's care, I have this fear of the unknown. What will my future look like? Where will I start climbing to triumph and what will be my first step? Being an irregular student in college, I had to wait for 5 months before my graduation ceremony. I spent these idle months at Cashew Preschool as a trainee and a volunteer teacher assistant. Cashew became my first



training ground, the first step to reaching one of my dreams, becoming a school principal someday. I had no idea that after I graduate, my first job would be as a school head mistress. I should have been glad and jumping gleefully because I achieved one of my dreams that quickly and easily. Instead I was faced with an even greater fear. How will a young, new graduate and a girl with no experience lead a school with 8 teachers, 200 preschool students and 400 parents? My first year was turmoil. On the second year, I started to be more confident. While the third year was the sweetest, it felt like I can do anything. My fourth year could have been extra special but our school unfortunately seized operations.

For 19 years, Cashew served as a moral and spiritual nest to the parents, a training ground for the young minds and a battle field for the teachers where everyone that goes out wins, prepared and equipped for the next new battle of their lives. Harold Ramis once said, "How one handles success or failure is determined by their early childhood." For me, Cashew means a child's first foot step in breaking the cycle of poverty and illiteracy through a good head start in education. This is what I hope to continuously see in Cashew. We can do so much if we are all united for the same mission—to change lives one at a time. I was not worried when the school temporarily closed. I was even excited for what was in store for the future of Cashew because I believe that all things work together for good and everything happens for a reason.

There is a reason to be happy because the school will reopen soon and I would like to get this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all those people who silently hoped, prayed and supported Cashew to be at work again. You are all our children's silent heroes. Please help us to have whole new brighter Cashew Preschool. The best is yet to come and cheers to a new beginning!

-Catherine Acosta

NEWS FROM THE UK

Volunteer with Children of the Dump

The roles of the volunteer have changed somewhat since the charity moved to a virtual office from a fixed office at the Ian Goodchild Centre in Camberley. We are now looking for volunteers to help with our charity events and social media distribution.

Events

The events side of the charity require people to attend and help set up our stand with literature, and to be available to talk to potential new and existing sponsors about the projects in the Philippines. Most of our events are held in the Camberley area and training would be required to allow the volunteer to feel comfortable when speaking about our work and future plans.

Social Media

The social media side would ideally suit a volunteer that could spare a few hours a week to keep our Facebook, Twitter and Website up to date with current news. To enable the volunteer to do this they would need to be in contact both with the UK and Philippine charities and have close liaison with the Managers.

Do you want to become a Trustee of Children of the Dump?

Interested In Becoming a Trustee

Trustees have the responsibility of making sure a charity sticks to its objectives and also decide how the charity is run. This position can have a huge impact on peoples' lives. And, you'll often get the chance to develop yourself in the role by learning new skills and taking part in new initiatives.

Roles & Responsibilities

The trustee will make sure that the charity is being run in the correct manner. Typical duties can include: Budget control, Ensuring that the charity follows its governing document, event fundraising events and decision making.

Decision Making

When acting as trustee it's important to make informed decisions. Trustees will make team decisions based on the majority opinion, at charity meetings.

It's important to note that all trustees have equal responsibility for the accounts and financial planning.

All trustees must: Use reasonable care and skill, Act responsibly and in the interests of the charity, Make good decisions based on sound advice where appropriate.

If you are interested in any of the above, please feel free to contact John on 01276 942030 or email office @childrenofthedump.org.uk

Once A Student of ASCF

No words can really completely capture the joyous feelings in my heart when I think of how Asian Student Christian Foundation (ASCF) has benefited so many thousands of children and students these past forty two (42) years including me.

By the way, I am Francis B. Pabua, 23 years of age, former grantee of ASCF-Grape Vine. Five years ago, I graduated a two (2) year Diploma Course in Computer and Electronics Technology at Global Career Access Training with a Bronze Medal Award (equivalent to Cumlaude in a bachelor course). And now, I am working as a Returns Section Comptroller at Dyna Drug Corporation since April 2013 up to present.



I would like to share that back then when I was 13 years old, first year high school, actually I thought that I wouldn't be qualified due to being overage. But God is great, because I knew that ASCF was the answer to our prayers. Since then, that opportunity of being one of the grantee, inspires me more to strive hard in my studies that I got to be the 1st Honour student on the recognition day in 1st Year, Star Section in 2nd Year, 5th Honour Student in 3rd Year, Class President in 4th Year, at Kasiglahan Village National High School.

ASCF-Grape Vine really had helped me a lot financially, emotionally, and spiritually. I had lots of unforgettable experiences, memories that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

I wrote this article to let you know how much I appreciated all those enormous effort that you have done. I cannot imagine any possible way to truly express my thanks to your support. I admire and am very grateful to this amazing organization, for your significant contribution on my success as a student. I am also very grateful to Auntie Dianne Forzani for showing her love and support to me through all those years. I am so blessed to have her as my sponsor and hoping and praying that she and her family are doing well.

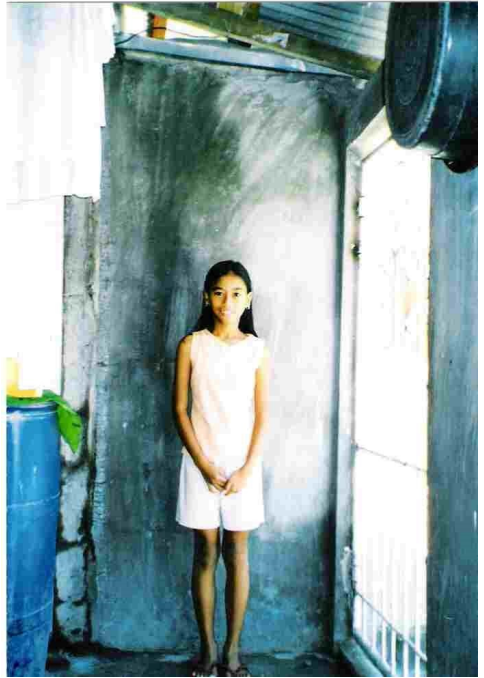
Thank you to all the people and what a privilege it is to be a part of such an amazing foundation, filled with such amazing people!

You will always be one of the highlights in my life as a student. Again, thank you very much from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely yours,
Francis Pabua

Irish Reodique A former student

I was just a typical woman who dreams to have a beautiful and successful life. I know everyone has a right to get what they want. To make it possible, we don't just dream rather we need to endure all the trials and persevere. The strength and knowledge we have, help us to work on it. Achieving on my present career path will never be good without the help and encouragement of my family and friends. Before, I dream to work in an Automotive Industry. And now, I thank God for the answered prayer! Working in that kind of prestigious company is one of the best career paths I have. Since my father's income was not enough to support our studies, God gave me ASCF to pursue my dreams. Make me believe that I can do anything, and most especially, to dream that I can be a leader someday. ASCF is charity in our community that



helps children and families to change their lives. They support a child for the education and through the work of the foundation I am one of those lucky children that Grapevine supported. ASCF helped me to be more competitive and being kind to everyone. They lead each student to do well and be a blessing to everyone. Through this, I met Lawson's family my sponsor who supported me from the beginning until I become what I am right now. They are the biggest blessings that I have aside from my family. Presently, I am working on one of the most prestigious Automotive Business Industry and I am proud to say that all my hard work, dedication and sacrifices are worth paid off. All this opportunity push me to be more



productive and to learn new things in my life. The key to succeeding is hard work, dedication to the job and the determination.

Irish Reodique

Head, PM Telemarketing Specialist Service Marketing Staff

Honda Cars Marikina

Rosario Bernadette Castillo Arcilla

“We are a sum of our experiences. Everything that the people around us did be it big or small, made an impact in our life more than we can imagine.”

All of the things that I was able to have, and all of the things I have and yet to be achieved, I owe it to all the people around me. I am really grateful for I have been a part of the ASCF during my high school and college days. They have given me the support I need back at those times. I thank God the most for giving me His blessings more than I deserve, for strengthening me, for guiding me every day, and for His presence in my life.

Today, there are more Grapevine students that are part of the ASCF. There are more children who will be given assistance and an opportunity to a brighter future. I am forever indebted to this organization and I hope that there will be more institution like this to help more children in our country and in the world.



As the quote at the starts implies, we are what we are because of our experiences, and that we should meet more people. People do not cross our paths by accident, they are meant to make an impact in our life. We may not notice it right away, but sooner rather than later, we will realize them. Had I not met some friends who were part of the ASCF, I won't know about this foundation. Had I not been a part of ASCF, I won't be a Grapevine student and I won't meet people like Ate Irene, Ate Sylver, Ate Jo, Ate Neria and Kuya Peter. Had I not met all those people more importantly Ate Neria who puts a lot of effort passing my college requirements, maybe I was tracing a different path far away from what I am currently in. Life is a series of causes and effects and it is up to us what actions we will make to turn this causes to magnificent effects.

Mango Gallery



Student Sponsorship Opportunities

We have several students who are teenagers, but who are starting education late in their young lives, this is mainly because of extreme financial difficulties faced by their family as they were growing up, forcing these young children to scavenge instead of attending school.

These students, whilst older than many of their peers in their class are highly motivated and strive to learn. Their ambitions in life are just as great as any of our other students.

We are looking for sponsors who can help these students reach their full potential.

Below is just one of these students.—Wendelyn aged 16

The family lived at one of housing units along Kasiglahan Village area with their co-church at Iglesia ni Kristo providing it for free. Their family lived below the poverty line, with the father being the only bread winner of their family. He worked as Security Guard and was earning below minimum salary, while the mother stayed at home taking care of their children.

In 2011, Wendelyn's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer while she was pregnant with her sister. Due to her health condition she was confined to a Government hospital to monitor her condition until such time as she gave birth. After giving birth Wendelyn's mother died due to complications.

This unfortunate event resulted in multifaceted problem; Wendelyn and her sister stopped their schooling because there was no one to take care of them. After 6 months their father left them for an unknown reason. The absence of both parents lead to the separation of the children. Wendelyn and her brother were left in the custody of their maternal grandmother and her other siblings were sent to an Uncle.

Wendelyn at young age experienced complex problems, brought about by the death of her mother and abandonment of their father. It was also observed that Wendelyn was in a high risk situation having experienced all forms of abuse from the common-law-husband of their maternal grandmother.

In 2014 the ASCF Social worker recommended that Wendelyn be admitted to Mango Tree House. Wendelyn was in need of protection from possible further abuse that she might encounter due to her vulnerable condition, plus the fact that her grandmother was unable to sustain her basic needs nor can guarantee her safety. It was felt by giving proper guidance, security, opportunity and support Wendelyn could utilize her full potential to improve her life and have a good future.



NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

June 2017

For this month, the students' spiritual mentor Pastor Vincent taught about serving God while they are young because no one knows when the second coming is. Some of the children shared what they learned in life and how God helped them. Pastor Vincent instructed them to recite the books in the Old Testament.



July 2017



We are really amazed how the Saturday activities help both Mango and Grapevine children in different aspects of their lives. As the Saturday activities are divided into 4 different activities, we started it by showcasing the dancing talents of everyone. The children are divided into 8 groups and each group has to interpret the same song entitled “Cheap Thrills”. We are thankful for Anne and Anna volunteers from Papaya Academy for helping us to judge the performances.

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With the overall goal of developing the different aspects of the life of Mango and Grapevine children, the social workers, house parent and Pastor Vincent worked hard to achieve the charity's goal and objectives.

Group Work

The elementary kids had their group discussion about on how to improve their relationship towards one another.

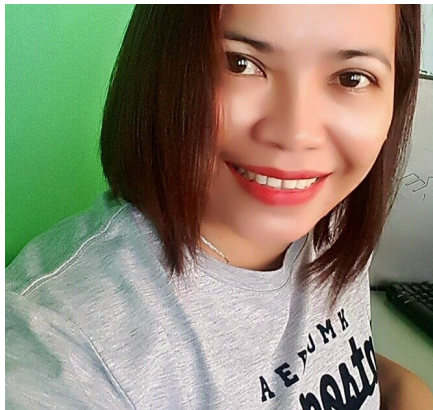


A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JOCELYN

“Being a senior house parent is not easy but loving this job makes me stay.”

There is more about working in a non-government organization. Some people might encourage me to look for a better job so I can get paid higher than what I received from my salary now. But who can say which job is better? Is it really better because of the salary you can earn? Or the benefits you can receive from them? Is it really the money that matters? Well, for some reason, yes but it does not sum it all.

I started working at ASCF as a house parent when I was 22 years old. I just can't imagine how the time has flown so fast that this year I'll be celebrating my 15th year of working as the senior house parent and the child protection officer. You'll maybe wonder what we do every day in the house.



Let me share with you my daily life. Every day I wake up early in the morning to supervise the senior children arranging their beds and during their breakfast. I make sure that the senior children will go back and forth from school at the scheduled time. I also supervise the domestic staff and take over the house parent's duty during their rest day. I am accountable for making thank you card to the supporters with the help of the talented senior child. I am also responsible for the safekeeping of the donated goods to be sold in the garage sale, escort the senior children for attending other fundraising activities for the charity and overall in charge in the production rehearsal for Pantomime.

I also work with the groupings of the children on their assigned task such as daily and general cleaning. I also do the devotion schedules of the children. Working here at ASCF does not necessarily mean you have to focus on the position you had but you have to be flexible because you just not work for yourself but you work here as a team. I learned to be available to help my co-worker in the time they need me.

I am grateful because I have given the opportunity to be part of the ASCF Family. I have learned a lot from this work and from the children.

Group Funding

Group funding is a way of raising many lesser amounts of money from a larger number of people. Children of the Dump appreciate that not everyone can afford to sponsor a child monthly; therefore, by creating a group funding circle of 12 people, who each give £15 just once a year, they can support a New Cashew Tree child yearly.

Could you become an Ambassador for Children of the Dump and find twelve people who would be willing to give you £15 each just once a year, this equates to 31p per week per person?

As Kay explained in her message on Page 2 This temporary solution to re-instating Cashew will start in June 2018 and we are hoping to attract sponsors for these young students

What will your group get for their sponsorship?

Details of their sponsored child.

A yearly group School report of their sponsored child.

A Christmas Card.



But most of all, the opportunity to shape a young child's future.

Children of the Dump will give any help needed to the Ambassadors to allow them to promote the Charity.

If you feel you could help and become an Ambassador, please contact me, either by email office@asct.org.uk or by calling John in the office on 01276 942030

Fundraising

We can't do what we do without our supporters. Whether you want to take part in an event, raise money in your local area, only you can make sure we can continue to change young lives one at a time

In 2017, several of our supporters have held events, ranging from garden parties, pamper days, sporting challenges and coffee mornings in aid of Children of the dump and raised over four thousand pounds

For further detail on how you could help fundraise, please contact John on 01276 942030 or by email at office@asct.org.uk

Mango Children's Favourite



Sent direct from the Mango kitchen

All the Mango kids beam with delight whenever they learn that our meal is Pork Sinigang. It is one of our children's favourite meals to eat. Its sour aroma tickles their noses while its sour broth awakens their senses. As you devour on the sourness delight of Pork Sinigang, amuse yourself in all its goodness. Dig in the pork that melts in your mouth and load up on the vegetables freshly picked from the garden or bought from the market.

This meal is best served and eaten hot on top of steaming hot rice. Yum!

Ingredients:

- 5 kilos Chopped Pork
- 1 ½ kilos Radish
- 1 ½ Taro
- 1 Kilo String Bean
- 6 strings Water Spinach
- 2 Pieces Onions
- ¼ Kilo Tomatoes
- 1 Piece Garlic
- 5 Packs Knorr Sinigang Mix
- Salt and Pepper to taste



Managers Note;

I'd go easy on the quantities shown above, or you will be feeding the neighbourhood!



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS



This year we want to make Alternative Christmas all about Cashew Tree School. Planning for the reopening in June 2018 is a great opportunity to upgrade the furniture and equipment, which has stood the test of 20 years of use by 200 young children.

Our head teacher, Catherine Acosta has compiled the following wish-list. You can contribute by sending a cheque made payable to Children of the Dump and posted to Children of the Dump, Alternative Christmas, High Cross Church, Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3SY, or by Bank transfer to Account - **Children of the Dump**. Acc No - **01146629** Sort Code **40-43-36** Quoting the **item number** as the reference.

Please include with your payment which alternative Christmas gift you would like to contribute towards and we will send you a certificate of purchase.

Catherine's wish list—

Refurbishment of existing desks and chairs.

Item 1 - Painter £10 per day

Item 2 - Carpenter £10 per day

Item 3 - 1 Gallon of paint £11

General items required

Item 4 - Whiteboards x 2 £40 each.

Item 5 - Large monitor for video displays. £150

Item 6 - Projector. £350

Item 7 - Projector screen £100

Item 8 - School supplies such as white board markers, crayons, pencils, pens. £3 per child.

Item 9 - Curriculum workbooks. £12 per child.

Item 10 - Desktop Computer for school office £500.



Christmas Gift and mail for your sponsor child

Please send your mail to the office by 1st of December or if you prefer to send an email then please email office@asct.org.uk and your email will be sent to ASCF for your student.. Due to postal costs we are unable to send any presents.

We suggest a child gift of £10 is most suitable for your Mango or Grapevine student. Sometimes we have seen overly generous financial gifts being made which can cause difficulties for the staff.. A gift to the family of a Grapevine student is especially valued at this time of year as this can help to make their Christmas a little easier. Alternatively, we always make sure that every child in our care has a gift at Christmas, so that everyone feels special. If you want to send more than £10, then we can use the excess for children who have not received a gift from anyone.

Annual Report 2017/2017

CHILDREN OF THE DUMP - CHAIRMANS REPORT 2017

The year ending 31 March 2017 has been one of significant challenge for Children of the Dump. As I highlighted in last year's report; our dependence on diminishing reserves reached crisis point during this year. The fall in the value of the pound impacted badly on our ability to send the same amount of money to the Philippines. Our board of Trustees both here and in Manila had to face very difficult decisions about what services could be provided with 25% fewer pesos. Some of the service reductions that we originally envisaged were avoided due to the phenomenal response to our emergency appeal in the UK. Existing and new supporters dug deep to keep all our children in Mango Tree House and Trustees are hugely grateful. Despite the appeal, Cashew Tree School was closed in March, partly due to the lack of funds but also because of new regulations and land title issues. We are working to re-open the service in new accommodation in 2018 but want to acknowledge that it has been very difficult for our teachers who lost their jobs and the Payatas community who lost a valued school

We are proud of the services in Manila and the staff who work so hard to provide children with the best possible opportunities and support. During the year, Mango Tree House and Grapevine Scholarship scheme were awarded their new license after a rigorous inspection and assessment process. Congratulations to all involved. The children celebrated their educational achievements and proudly shared their reports with us when we were visiting in February 2017. We enjoyed spending time with the children and staff, it is always particularly lively when Grapevine students come to Mango on a Saturday for 'group dynamic' sessions- we watched mixed age teams striving to win the challenge, each supporting the weakest members of their group and championing the strongest. Preparing lunch for over 100 hungry children was a military exercise with everyone pitching in to make sure a nourishing meal was available.

The fundraising strategy adopted by Trustees in 2016 has seen a stronger emphasis on making grant applications with some successes and a refreshed Events Committee are breaking new ground with a range of ideas for exciting events and fundraising activities. Our new name – Children of the Dump has been successful in attracting more visitors to our website and feedback has demonstrated that the name clearly articulates our purpose.

Trustees are very grateful to all our supporters, whether they sponsor a child, donate to general funds or attend our fundraising events. We thank the staff in Manila for their continued professionalism and dedication and most of all we thank the children we work with for the commitment to their education and achieving potential.



Annual Report 2017/2017

CHILDREN OF THE DUMP - TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

The Referendum on membership of the EU played havoc with the charity's finances in the year ending 31 March 2016. In June 2016, we were able to buy Philippine Pesos at a rate of £1 = php 67.90. The exchange rate then fell rapidly by almost 15% to just £1 = php 58.35 in October. It then slowly climbed to £1 = php 62.05 by March 2017.

Unrestricted income for the year was £23,000 (15%) higher than the previous year mainly due to a major Appeal that raised £17,000 in March, and some significant donations from Grant Giving Trusts.

Movement of Funds during the year						
	Balance at 1 April 2016	Income	Expenditure		Net Movement	Balance at 31 March 2017
			Charitable Activities	Fundraising		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Unrestricted Funds	52	188	166	29	-7	45
Restricted Funds	26	17	5		12	38
Total Funds	78	205	171	29	5	83

During the year php 10 million was transferred to Manila, a reduction of php 500,000 compared to 2015/16. In spite of this reduction, total expenditure grew by £10,000 compared to 2015/16 as a result of the deterioration in the exchange rate and an increase in fundraising costs.

The Deficit on Unrestricted funds for the year was £5,000 reducing ASCT's unrestricted funds to £45,000 at the end of the year. The target for Unrestricted reserves is currently £66,000.

In contrast, Restricted Funds increased to £38,000 and include £25,000 for the possible purchase of land for a new Cashew School.

John Wenger
Treasurer
Children of the Dump

IMPORTANT NEWS

The Charity holds events each year with the aim of increasing our funds to support the students at ASCF, and a large part of the income generated at these events are through auction or raffle prizes. In the past two years we have raised over £4000 pounds from donated prizes, such as meals at restaurants, football match experiences, golf related prizes, special occasion cakes, etc.

We appreciate that not everyone can attend our events, but if any supporter or Friend of Children of the Dump is able to donate an auction or raffle prize, they would be gratefully received.

For further information please contact John on 01276 942030 or email at office@asct.org.uk.

FUTURE EVENTS

25th November 2017—Rushmoor Odd Fellows Voice Choir at High Cross Church, Camberley—7;30pm. Tickets are £8 and can be purchased from the Church office.

11th May 2018 Children of the Dump Charity Pro Am Golf Day, Moors Valley, Dorset—For further details and to enter please contact John.

Details of the above events and all future events can be found on the Children of the Dump web site www.childrenofthedump.org or by contacting John on 01276 942030

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