

ASCT Code of Fundraising Practice

In light of the recent malpractice by agents of a few charities, ASCT would like to reassure their sponsors of the code of practice that ASCT follows.

The work of all of the **ASCT** members will be **Legal, Open, Honest** and **Respectful**.

KEY: * denotes legal requirement

1.2 General Principles

- a) A legal principle underpinning fundraising is that all funds raised for a particular cause **MUST*** be used for that particular cause.
- b) ASCT **WILL NOT** denigrate other individuals or organisations.
- c) ASCT **WILL NOT** exaggerate facts relating to the potential beneficiary.
- d) ASCT **WILL NOT** take advantage of mistakes made by the donor.
- e) i) ASCT **WILL** take all reasonable steps to treat a donor fairly, enabling them to make an informed decision about any donation. This **WILL** include taking into account the needs of any potential donor who may be in a vulnerable circumstance or require additional care and support to make an informed decision.
- ii) ASCT **WILL NOT** exploit the credulity, lack of knowledge, apparent need for care and support or vulnerable circumstance of any donor at any point in time. There is more information available about responding to the needs of people in vulnerable circumstances and helping donors to make informed decisions in our 'Treating Donors Fairly' Guidance.
- iii) If ASCT knows or has reasonable grounds for believing that an individual lacks capacity to make a decision to donate, a donation **WILL NOT** be taken.
- iv) A donation given by someone who lacked capacity at the time of donating **MUST*** be returned.

For further details or to receive the ASCT code of fundraising practice please contact John Busby at the ASCT office.

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It is October as I put pen to paper to write this message and was yesterday enjoying seeing pictures from the children at Mango Tree House as they decorated their Christmas Tree. The run-in time for Christmas in Manila seems to get longer every year but is a reminder of our Christmas Scheme in operation once again. See details on page 7. The joy on the children's faces was in sharp contrast to the many children who are not so fortunate to be within the loving family of ASCT. The need is infinite in the local area and we would dearly love to increase the number of children that we support but with 300 already dependent on us and in view of our precarious financial situation, we really need to feel more confident of income and reserves. Times like these need committed leadership and we are seeking more Trustees to join our Board. Skills and experience in the charitable sector or fundraising would be an advantage but more importantly a passion for the work of ASCT and a willingness to get stuck in and help the team would be extremely welcomed. Please pray for people to come forward to join our Board to help us carry on the work for another 40 years. *Kay Mackay* Chairman ASCT.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas from everyone at ASCT

DAVID COX MBE

It is with enormous sadness that we learned of the death of David Cox, ASCT Life President who has been our leader and inspiration for so many years. His passion and determination to offer opportunities for children living in abject poverty in Manila, developed services that support 300 children a day to be educated, loved and supported to grow into adults who can make their way in the world and offer life chances for future generations. David, we are so grateful to you and will miss you dreadfully. Kay.



Lord, thank you for the life of David Cox. Thank you for his inspirational leadership and his love for the children of ASCT. We have all been touched by the depth of his faith and his desire to carry out your work on earth. Give us the gifts and strength to carry on his dream, inspire us to work to the best of our ability to uphold the legacy that David has entrusted to us, making ASCT a reflection of his life and dreams. Amen

NEW ASCT TRUSTEES REQUIRED

ASCT are seeking new trustees to supplement our current board. If you would like to now more please give us a ring.

Trusteeship can be rewarding for many reasons - from a sense of making a difference, to new experiences and relationships. You will be expected to make a commitment of your time, skills, knowledge and abilities but this is rewarded by the feeling of making a real difference to the children of ASCT.

Trustees' 6 main duties

1. Ensure your charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
2. Comply with your charity's governing document and the law
3. Act in your charity's best interests
4. Manage your charity's resources responsibly
5. Act with reasonable care and skill
6. Ensure your charity is accountable

For further details please contact John or Alison 01276 707633

CHRISTMAS SCHEME

Our 'Gifts for Christmas' scheme has been a great success in the past. Since we started the scheme in 2007 you have bought over £14,000 worth of presents. Please help us to make 2015 as successful as other years. To take part simply fill in the form and return with a cheque (made payable to ASCT) to the ASCT office. In return you will receive a gift certificate which you can either keep yourself or pass on as a present to someone else.



Every penny donated via the scheme will be sent out to the Philippines and used to buy the gifts that you choose. These gifts will then be distributed to the children and families that ASCT support.

Gift	Price	Quantity	Total
Kitchen Utensils	£2.00		
Set of Bedding	£15.00		
Vitamins	£12.00		
Electric Fan	£40.00		
Xmas food pack	£14.00		
Toys	£12.00		
Towels	£7.00		
Matting Cashew	£22.00		
Heavy Duty Gas Stove	£30.00		
Plastic Chair—Hall	£7.00		
Educational software	£20.00		
Clothes for grapevine	£5.00		
Grand Total £			
Name			
Address			



and sponsors. The guidance and counseling of the Mango staff propelled her to do her best in everything she does. Her inspiration was her family and Sponsors. Whatever and wherever she was today, she has a lot to be thankful for the training, information and opportunities given to her from the first day she arrived at Mango.

She served as a big sister to the younger students in Mango and dedicated herself to sharing her talent with the other children and served as a role model to them. All her experiences in the home and in life inspired her to take a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. She recently passed her licensure exam and is now a registered Social Worker straight after university graduation. She now works at the Department of Social Welfare and Development in one of their project for informal settlers.

We are extremely proud of what she has become and what she has achieved in spite of her past experiences. She will always be looked up to by all the younger children she left behind at Mango.

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

If you wish to raise money for ASCT other than through a donation why not Challenge Yourself?

Why not do something you have always dreamed of and help a good cause at the same time?

By participating in our more challenging events, such as skydiving or a London – Paris Cycle Ride you can raise lots of money whilst successfully accomplishing an ambition!

Hold your own personal event with these fundraising ideas; Abseiling, Apple Bobbing, Auction of Promises, Bad Tie Day Barn Dance, Bingo, Book Sale, Bring and Buy Sale, Bridge Evening, to name but a few, the list is endless.

At a loss as what to do? Funds can be raised by a number of different events. We have over 100 ideas for fundraising events

If you're thinking of organising your own event please contact the office on 01276 707633 or email office@asct.org.uk. John and Alison are here to support you in your efforts to fundraise for ASCT.



CHRISTMAS POST

Christmas time is fast approaching and, like children around the world, the ASCT children are eagerly anticipating the day. If you sponsor an ASCT child and would like to send them a card and/or a monetary present the Christmas package will be sent from the ASCT office on the 2nd December. Some of our children do not receive a Christmas gift. If you would like to give to one of these children please send a cheque, made payable to ASCT to the address below. All gifts go directly to the individual children and they are able to spend money as they wish.



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EMAIL v POST

Email can be a great way to both go green and save money. This saves printing costs as well as delivery costs as correspondence are delivered electronically. Email also helps the environment by reducing the carbon emissions that are created when letters and parcels are delivered by post.

We would invite ASCT sponsors and ASCT friends to receive Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc by email. (*Children's letters and cards to Sponsors will continue to be sent by post as will Sponsors letters to the children*)

At present we post over 1000 newsletters, 3 times a year, and with the cost of print and postage increasing year on year, it becomes more expensive. ASCT understand that email is not for everyone and are happy to post out correspondents to those who wish.

To register for email, please

Email - office@asct.org.uk or contact John on 01276-707633

Your details will then be entered on our email database

Please be assured that all data we hold for you is for the sole use of ASCT, it is not shared, sold or otherwise distributed to any other person or organisation.

COULD YOU SPONSOR AN ASCT CHILD?

ASCT educates over 300 children in three different projects. We have children without sponsors in all three of these projects. You can sponsor a child from as little as £10 a month.

The following stories show how we make a real difference to the children we support. Help us to help children like Ellaine, Myrna and Ariane by considering sponsoring. Please call 01276 707633 for more details.

A GRAPEVINE STORY:

It seems just yesterday when Ellaine was just a little girl barely 10 years old in Grade V at Kasiglahan Village Elementary School when we first visited her to be one of our Grapevine students.

Ellaine recalled how difficult life was back then when their father did not have a permanent job due to his physical disabilities and whilst her mother did laundry work. Her parent's sacrifices inspired Ellaine to do her best in her studies. She also believed that getting good education and finishing her studies would change her and her family's life immensely. Ellaine consistently topped her class and did not mind going to school without any pocket money because she was saving for additional expenses in school.

Ellaine was able to pass the entrance exam to one of the country's most prestigious university's where she took Bachelor of Science in Accountancy. She represented her university in various competitions and became an active member of the Junior Philippine Institute of Accountancy and the National Federation Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants, but most importantly, Ellaine graduated from the university this year, 2015, with a Cum Laude award. ASCT and ASCF are so proud of her and all of her achievements. It was not an easy road to take but her persistence and hard work paid off and she can now reap the fruits of her labor.

Ellaine is forever indebted for all the help and support ASCT and ASCF has extended to her and her family through the Grapevine project.

After her graduation, an accounting firm offered their support to pay for her review class in preparation for her board exam. Ellaine took the licensure exam on October 3rd and with her hard work and God's grace, she passed the exam and is now a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

We are all privileged and fulfilled to witness and be part of stories like this. It pushes us to continue the work and believe in the importance of changing lives through education.



A CASHEW STORY:

We are proud to share with you the story of Maria Ariane Rizza L. Palo. Ariane was among the first intake of graduates of Cashew in 1999. Ariane and her siblings were Cashew scholars; spending their formative years in the school.

When Ariane was little, her father used to work as a carpenter but eventually lost his job. He switched jobs to be a fisherman and take on extra work in the dumpsite. Ariane's mother on the other hand, was ingenious. She took every opportunity to support her family by volunteering in various charity organizations, attending Bible studies, attending feeding and livelihood programs in the hopes of getting food and financial support. Her efforts paid off as her family's daily needs and her children's education were met through the help of the ASCF Cashew and Grapevine projects.

Ariane graduated as one of the outstanding pupils in her class at Cashew.

Ariane proudly shared that Cashew was her first teacher. It was here where she learned how to read and write; this gave her an edge among her classmates when she enrolled in an elementary school. She also learned to be more independent and resourceful—all thanks to Cashew. Ariane was motivated to work hard on her own and achieve her dreams for herself and her family. It was probably because of her life story that she dreamed of becoming a teacher.

Ariane was accepted as a college scholar in the University of Rizal System where she graduated this year, 2015, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education major in English. Ariane is now teaching as an elementary teacher at Foothills Christian School in Quezon City.



A MANGO STORY:

It seems like only yesterday when Myrna became part of the Mango Tree House family. She was only 9, when she arrived in Mango. The tragic death of her father left her and her three other siblings orphaned. Her father's untimely death brought complex challenges to the family. She was thankful for the opportunity to be taken under the care of ASCF, and be able to finish her education and provide her family with a better future.

For 14 years, Mango Tree House became her second home and her second family along with its supporters

