

**Changing young lives, one at a time.
Caring and educating vulnerable children in the Philippines.**

As the temperature starts to drop and the leaves fall, we are preparing in this newsletter for the arrival of Christmas and planning to offer a loving family festive season for our children and staff in the Philippines.

A new series featuring members of the team delivering ASCT services starts in this edition with one of our key leaders, Peter, whose history with us stems from his own childhood. We hope you will get to know the team and why they are so passionate about the difference they can make for each child, thanks to the money our supporters raise.

I am really looking forward to visiting Manila in November with my husband Fred. This will be our second visit, the first being four years ago to celebrate the formal opening of new Mango. It is exciting to be able to return. We arrive in time to join in with the pantomime, 'Cinderella and the 7 Ugly Sisters' and spend some time with the children and staff in all our services. I can tell you all about it in the next newsletter.

God bless, Kay Mackay ASCT Chair



WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE A SPONSOR

Sponsors are incredibly important to the students supported by ASCT. Below is a letter written by Catherine, one of our Mango Tree House students. Several of our students do not have sponsors, if you would like to discuss the options for supporting one of our children please contact Alison on 01276 707633.

What does it mean to have a sponsor in UK?

It means a lot to me to have a sponsor in UK. It means an opportunity to have a better life, a chance to be at ^{my} least as I unfold my abilities and potentials in order to be successful. I am blessed to have sponsors, to have great people with great hearts that trusted me all throughout the years since day 1, people who continued to support my skills during my strength and weaknesses. Having a sponsor is one of my greatest blessings in life because I have experienced wonderful things in life that teach me how to appreciate even little things in life and that is while staying here in Mango. I won't be here wherever I am standing right now if not for these people who help me to achieve so much things, people who spend's material things that I need and people who personally guide us here in Mango. Being a sponsored child of ASCT doesn't only mean having a good and comfortable life but also ~~has~~ doing the responsibility of being trusted and making everybody's effort worth waiting for.

-Catherine-



MEET THE STAFF - PETER EMATA

Welcome to our new regular slot; meet the staff. We start with Peter Emata the Operations Manager and Administrator for our work in the Philippines.

I am Peter, one of the products of ASCT from its many years of great work. I started working for ASCF/ASCT in 1991. I was very much part of ASCT long before I started working for the charity, having been a ward from an early age.



The nature of my work at ASCF is being a father, brother, and friend to all the children under ASCF care. As the Administrator, I do the day-to-day running of the different projects of ASCF/ASCT in terms of program implementation and office management.

Working for the charity gives me satisfaction in life especially seeing the joy from the faces of children that ASCT provide assistance for. It's even more fulfilling seeing the children become successful in their chosen field. In my 23 years of working with ASCT, I have seen lives changed and am still seeing more lives being changed to this day. To all the Supporters, Trustees, and Friends of ASCT, thank you ever so much for your undying commitment to be part of ASCT's mission to change more lives in the Philippines. God Bless!

FUNDRAISING IN PHILIPPINES

Our staff in the Philippines raise funds locally not only to help with the budget but also to raise awareness of our work. Here they explain what they have been up to: Fundraising is a challenging word, because it requires many things in terms of resources. ASCF have had various fundraising activities such as a garage sale and dinner theatre and we are rehearsing for a pantomime with many of our students taking part.

In June the staff, children, trustees and volunteers organised a garage sale to sell old toys, used books and household items. Through Sarah McLeod, we collected second hand items from different donors. People from all different walks of life came to buy, they were happy to have those things without spending too much money. At first we laughed at the thought that they helped us without realizing that it was us that really helped them. It was a lot of hard work and was definitely an exhausting event. However, we enjoyed it and we were thankful that we earned around £1230. It was a fantastic job.

In August we held an evening of 'dinner theatre', when lots of supporters enjoyed a play called 'Accommodation A Comedy' while dining at a local hotel. It was also a big success.

On the 24th November the children of Mango Tree House will be taking part in Cinderella and the 7 ugly sisters. Please wish us well for our pantomime and watch out for photographs in the next newsletter.

CHRISTMAS SCHEME

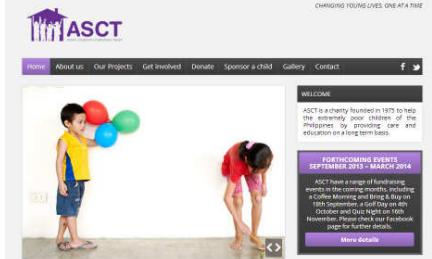
Our 'Gifts for Christmas' scheme has been a great success in the past. Since we started the scheme in 2007 you have bought over £10,000 worth of presents. Please help us to make 2013 as successful as other years. To take part simply fill in the form below and return with a cheque (made payable to ASCT) 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.



Towel	£5.00		
Toys	£10.00		
Mattress	£44.00		
Christmas Food	£12.00		
Electric Fan	£38.00		
Vitamins	£6.00		
Pair of shoes	£10.00		
Books for Cashew	£6.00		
School supplies	£12.00		
School Bag	£6.00		
Set of Bedding	£15.00		
Set of clothes	£17.00		
Gift	Price	Quantity	Total
Grand Total £			
Name			
Address			

NEW ASCT WEBSITE

Please have a look at our new website at www.asct.org.uk, it includes details of events, our projects and ways that you can donate and support us. The revamped site includes many of Katie Higson's photographs displayed recently at Guildford Cathedral. Thank you to Judith Scammell for her time and expertise in updating the site.



LOOKING FOR A PROJECT?

Do you belong to a church, school or group that are looking for a project to fundraise for? Well here are a few ideas:

To buy a set of bedroom furniture. This includes a bunk bed, mattress, all bedding and cabinet that the children use to keep all their belongings. £190

To buy a set of books for a whole class of children at Cashew School: £120

To sponsor a child: we still have several children who are looking for sponsors. You can sponsor a Grapevine child for £480 a year.

Give all 200 children at Cashew school a hot meal for a whole year: £2,900.

To discuss these options please give Alison a ring on 01276 707633.



Don't forget to sign up to Give as you Live or Easyclick. Just follow the link below to raise money for ASCT without even thinking about it.

www.giveasyoulive.com/join/asct
www.everyclick.com/asct



BARN DANCE

High Cross Church,
Camberley
Saturday 8th March



The annual High Cross Church Amateur Theatrical Society (HATS) pantomime will be raising money for ASCT. Please put the dates in your diary and support the fun event if possible.

Ali Baba

31st January, 1st,
7th & 8th February
2014. High Cross
Church Camberley.



Clear your attic for ASCT.

**Gift us your unwanted
antiques and collectables
to help us to raise funds for
our work in the Philippines.**



QUIZ NIGHT

**St Paul's Church Camberley
Saturday 16th November at
6:30pm**

**£10 per person which
includes a fish supper.**

**Come along with a group of
friends, up to 6 in a team, or
join up with others on the
night.**

**Tickets must be bought in
advance so do not delay**

GIFT AID

The way in which we collect gift aid on your donations has changed slightly and is now done online and involves ASCT giving your address to HMRC. Please remember that it is up to you to inform us if your circumstances change. This includes keeping us updated as to a change of name or home address and if your tax circumstances change. For us to claim gift aid on your donations you have to pay at least enough tax to cover the gift aid claimed by **all** donations that you make to charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs. Please contact the office if you wish to update your details.

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NEVER TOO YOUNG TO FUNDRAISE

Thank you to everyone who has helped raise funds for us over the last few months.

Particular thanks go to some of our younger supporters.

- ☺ The children of Kidzone, at St Peter's Church Loudwater spent several weeks learning about poverty, asking themselves 'Who are poor in Gods eyes?'. As part of this study they raised over £350 for ASCT in support of the two children that they sponsor.
- ☺ The children of Heather Ridge Infant School raised £214 at various events including their Leavers' assembly and sale of drinks and cakes.
- ☺ The members of St Paul's Toddler group chose to support us and sent a cheque for £200.
- ☺ The staff and pupils at the Cedar Academy and Henley-in-Arden School who both organised fundraising events.



A big thank you to everyone who took part in the ASCT sponsored walk held on a very warm day in July. The event raised almost £1,000. Congratulations must also go to Buxted Methodist Church. The members have raised a fantastic £1125 through out the year.

THANK YOU EVERYONE

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.



'ONE LIFE AT A TIME' PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION



Katie Higson and David Cox



David Regan with the Mayor of Guildford

Thank you to everyone involved in our exhibition 'One Life At A

Time'. We hope that some of you were able to view Katie Higson's photographs in the fantastic surroundings of Guildford Cathedral. We now have over 40 photographs available for display. If you think you could help us raise money by displaying some of these pictures, and have a suitable venue please contact Alison to discuss.

Patrons: **The Right Honourable Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Education and MP for Surrey Heath**
The Right Revd Christopher Hill, The Bishop of Guildford

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