

Hello friends and supporters! Welcome to our Autumn edition.

Important News - we have been selected to be part of this year's *Christmas Big Give* (the UK's biggest match funding campaign) which runs from #GivingTuesday on 27 November to Tuesday 4 December. All money donated to us online through the Big Give website will be DOUBLED by Big Give Champions.

We want to keep 40 extra children in our new Cashew Tree School from next June and need £200 per child to allow us to achieve that.

It is really simple to help us change these young lives with the gift of education. Just click or copy and paste **<http://bit.ly/BigGive18>** into your Internet browser and give what you can to get it doubled. Remember - wait until between noon on Tuesday 27 November and noon on 4 December to give. Every pound will count.

Also, can you please help us spread the word by talking to your friends and colleagues, holding a fundraising event in time for the week or sharing our messages on social media? We also thank all the churches who are working with us to raise as much as we possibly can during the Big Give week.



*Wishing you a very Happy Xmas from all the children and staff at ASCF
The children have designed this Christmas scene for Leytonstone United Free Church who will use it as their card this year. We liked it so much that we want to share it with everyone.*

News in brief about our projects:

The fund for Cashew Tree School is going well and we hope to award the building contract in the New Year and be ready for opening in June 2019. We ask for your prayers for a successful outcome of our bid for a Global Grant from Rotary International, with partners the Rotary Club of Camberley linked with the Rotary Club of Araneta in Manila. We are also really grateful to the Grant Giving Trusts who are supporting us.



Students at our temporary Cashew Tree School have settled in well and you will get a glimpse into their activities later in the newsletter. Life for Mango and Grapevine students has been packed with activities - see some of their photos and stories which are shared on pages 8, 9, 10 and 11

We give thanks that all our students and families remained safe during the awful floods that covered the area after the recent typhoon. Even though all the schools were closed and many local people lost their homes, the Philippine people are so resilient and worked hard to restore their lives.

Other things to highlight in this edition are the tributes to our valiant fund-raisers who have worked hard to bring in money this year. I hope you will take inspiration from them and think how you could also fundraise for us.

If the *Big Give Christmas Challenge* (<http://bit.ly/BigGive18>) is not for you and you want to contribute to our more traditional Alternative Christmas then you will find details of this on page 17.

It just leaves me now to wish you a joyous Christmas and a very peaceful New Year and may God bless you all.



Kay Mackay
Chair
Children of the Dump

*'It is Christmas every time you let God
love others through you ... yes, it is
Christmas every time you smile at
your brother and offer him your hand'*

Mother Teresa

SARAH MCLEOD NEWS FROM ASCF

Merry Christmas from a tropical wonderland - the Philippines truly is! There are so many things of beauty, many beaches (not just the famous Boracay) but many, many coves and the rugged and beautiful shoreline. But with anything that has beauty there is always another side, ugliness. In this case, poverty. It is real and not far from the bustling metropolis of Metro Manila.



The wonderful projects supported by Children of the Dump (in the UK) and ASCF (in the Philippines) show that, with determination and a wonderful team on the ground, you can change lives for one person at a time. In return, that one person who is cared for gets a great education, support for their family and they, in turn can then change their own lives and create a positive story that continues on and on.

When you are born into a family living in poverty, the hardest thing is to get out. I believe that education is the key. However, this is not always as easy as it sounds, because most families are more concerned about getting sufficient food and earning (the smallest amounts of) money from whatever means they can. The first thing to



go when the money runs out is sending your child to school. The student drop-out statistics from early years to mid- and onto high-school are high, and in a country that still insists on having a degree to get even the most mundane of jobs, this stops many from stepping out of the poverty trap. Cashew, Mango and Grapevine are a lifeline to those families lucky enough to get a place and we cherish each student who enters.

I was fortunate enough to attend the wedding of one of our old Mango students - Laila. She is one of five sisters and we know them all well! Although she didn't graduate from college, through Mango she learned about the importance of family and that education was important; she was just in a rush to grow up! Laila now has a family of her own, with a wonderful husband. She has her own small business, but the main

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thing is that she is independent - she has a home, she takes care of her family and she is a wonderful young lady. I was so proud to attend the wedding and be a sponsor.

This Christmas we will once again have our pantomime with the children to raise funds locally. We have garage sales and Quiz nights to raise funds for the building of the new Cashew Tree School and hopefully enough funds to give each child a Christmas hamper of food to ensure that for one joyous day they too can enjoy an overload of food. Thank-you to everyone in the UK who supports us over here and the team on the ground who do the hard work. Every penny counts and every penny is needed.

Have a very merry Christmas from the board of ASCF in the Philippines and we look forward to sharing photos of the new build and the children over this festive season.

Sarah



*A typical home for families living around the dumpsite. Note the springs from the mattress that forms the front door.
(Photo taken by Kay Mackay on her visit to Manila earlier this year.)*

NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

June 2018

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Ptr Genesis led the spiritual development of the senior children of Mango and Grapevine projects.

The senior children learned about "How to fight the works of Satan in their lives". With this, these are the following guide he gave to the children: Always Pray; Read the Bible and Fellowship.



The children learned how God used the life of Moses and how Moses followed God. After the discussion, the children had an art activity.

July 2018

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES: GROUP WORK



"Overwhelmed By Negative Feelings" was the focus of the group work of the senior children.

The facilitator, Ms Irene Orine, RSW, explained to the children the importance of overcoming their negative feelings.

At the end of the activity, the children concluded that "feelings are usually connected to their thoughts." The activity ended with the self-evaluation questions

NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

August 2018

CASHEW ACTIVITIES BUWAN NG WIKA

In the annual commemoration of the National Language month or Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa, the Department of Education (DepEd) through the Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino (KWF) released the memorandum containing the theme and poster for this year's celebration. The theme this year is Filipino: Wika ng Saliksik or Filipino: Language of Research.



Our very own Cashew Tree School held a short program where all the students had their song and dance numbers related to this year's theme.

They also held a contest dubbed as Ako at si Ina or Mother and Me 2018, where each mother and child tandem showcased their talents, skills and creativity in making their national costumes made out of indigenous materials such as corn husks, mussels and other recyclable materials.

September 18

OUTREACH PROGRAM



Mr Mike San Diego the president of the Rotary Club Metro-West Mesa, together with his team conducted an Outreach Project with the ASCF children ages 4 to 12 years old.

They shared stories with the children and after the storytelling, they asked questions and those who got the correct answers received prizes.

NEW CASHEW

As planned, we were able to re-open Cashew Tree School in temporary accommodation at the start of the academic year in June 2018. We greeted 63 little four and five year old children who are transported to and from their communities on the nearby dumpsites or the resettlement village.

Parents joined forces to get the school ready for classes and there have been a range of community



These included nutrition week where parents attended a cooking course, and a competition of traditional costumes made from scavenged materials. We have recently added a number of videos on YouTube showing activities at Cashew - just search Children of the Dump Cashew and you will find them.



The plans for the new building are progressing well. A building permit has been granted for a two storey construction and contractors have submitted estimates for the first stage which would be just the ground floor.

We have been blessed with significant grants from Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust and the Souter Trust which have taken us closer to target. We are now awaiting the results of an application for a Global Grant from Rotary International in conjunction with our partners the Rotary Club of Araneta in Manila linked with the Rotary Club of Camberley. Our Board are confident that we will be able to move ahead with contract award in February and completion in June for the new school year when we will become fully registered and begin the Kinder classes.



FUNDRAISE FOR CHILDREN OF THE DUMP

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



In 2018, several of our supporters have held events in aid of Children of the Dump, ranging from Cycle Rides, a Parachute Jump, Beach Clean, Garden Parties, Coffee Mornings and a Charity Ball, to mention but a few. To date they have raised over £9000 in the last 6 months!

Could you or your family or friends get involved in fundraising? The list of ideas to fundraise is endless: hold a garage clearance or boot sale, run a bring and buy sale, have school mufti days, try ab-seiling or do a sponsored walk etc.



For further detail on how you could help us raise additional funds, please contact John on 01276 942030 or by email at: office@childrenofthedump.org.uk We will support you all the way.

On the next few pages are examples of some of the fundraising events that our supporters undertook in aid of Children of the Dump.

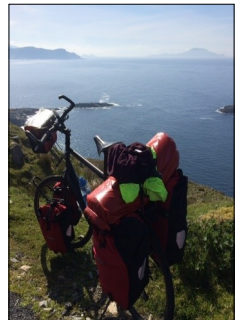
Cycling the 'The Wild Atlantic Way' -John Marjot



'The Wild Atlantic Way' has a certain romantic allure, bringing to mind images of fierce storms, terrible winds and driving rain. The Irish Republic inaugurated this, 'the longest defined coastal touring route in the world', in 2014, a complete marketing stroke of genius. It follows the west coast of Ireland, beginning in Derry (Londonderry, to the Northern Irish) in County Donegal, and ending at Kinsale in County Cork.

Having recently retired, and also having a very supportive wife (the two best things to ever happen to me), I decided to cycle the 2,500 kilometres of this highway, and to seek sponsorship whilst doing so for the benefit of Children of the Dump, a charity which my family and colleagues have been supporting for many years.

I have to admit that another reason to embark on this unsupported cycle tour was the polite refusal of my youngest son to my request to accompany him and his friend, on their journey in 2016 from Lima in Peru to Ushuaia in Patagonia by bike! He was probably quite right to have done so. The Donegal hills were enough to exhaust me in the first week of my own adventure, the Andes might have finished me off a long time before I had the opportunity to wheel my laden bike from the Holyhead to Dublin ferry at the beginning of May this year!



Having begun the journey in suitably cold and wet conditions in Donegal my luck, and that of the rest of Ireland, changed quite suddenly and, to the amazement of the whole country, they and I enjoyed some of the finest May and June weather on record. The 'Wild Atlantic Way' became the 'Benign Atlantic Way', and I got sunburnt! It was a remarkable and unforgettable journey for me. A slow lazy sojourn through the most spectacular, and historic scenery of this amazing island, and generous friends and family have helped me raise over £2500, one pound for each kilometre I rode.

John did complete the epic journey and raised a total of £3,157.65

Thank you, John, from all of the Trustees, staff and students of Children of the Dump. We followed your journey with admiration.



The two Chris's Tour de France

Ten years ago, Chris and I lost a great school friend, Tom Sewell. The two of us have a little cycling bug and we decided to cycle from Paris to Marseille via the Swiss Alps, not only as our attempt at a summer holiday but also to raise money in Tom's memory. We spoke to Tom's family who made us aware of Children of the Dump and we collectively agreed it would be a great cause to support.

Having read about the conditions and upbringing many of the children in Manila face, we knew that the money we would raise could help transform the lives of a few of the children, which was more than enough motivation to spur us on through a tough 730 miles in 37 degree heat.

Upon our return, having allowed a few weeks for our bodies to recover, we were able to meet John (Busby) whose first-hand account of his experience in Manila really brought home how much of an impact the money we raised would have.

Thanks to all of our generous donors and we look forward to hearing about future successes of Children of the Dump. *Chris & Chris*



Chris and Chris cycled over 700 miles in 8 days, averaging over 90 miles a day. They raised an amazing £3,526.08.

A 'Thank You' event was held for the two Chris's by Linda and Ken Sewell, the parents of Tom, in whose memory the event was held. This was attended by John Busby, our Charity Manager.

Thank you' to Chris Primett and Chris Price from the Trustees, staff and students of the Charity for your epic journey and for raising such a marvellous amount of money.

FUNDRAISERS

Mark Hutchinson - Sky Diving



We are delighted to report that our fundraiser Mark Hutchinson, on Sunday 8 July parachuted from 12,000 feet at Headcorn in Kent to raise money for Children of the Dump.

Mark said "I enjoyed jumping, but my mum and girlfriend didn't enjoy watching!"

Thank you, Mark from all of the Trustees, Staff and Students for volunteering to make this first time jump and for raising £1,241.17 for our charity. We know you were press-ganged by our Chair Kay Mackay!

Swansea Bay Beach Clean

We are pleased to report that the first organised Beach clean raised £606.98 for our Projects in Manila.

Thank you to all those people who took the time to join us in July and to those who took part in the raffle and those who donated on Facebook.

A special thank you to:

- Nathan and Laura Dyer for donating the majority of the raffle prizes and for attending on the day.
- Alan Duthie and all his volunteers of the Pleasure Anglers and Kayakers Association for making the event possible.

The amount raised will keep three children in our Cashew Tree School for a whole year and provide them with a daily meal which, for some, is the only decent meal they will receive.



FUNDRAISERS

2018 Pro Am Golf Event



This year's Pro Am Golf competition was held on Friday 11 May at Moors Valley Golf Club in Ashley Heath, near Ringwood, Dorset.

The event was very well supported with a total of 19 teams taking part. Each team comprised

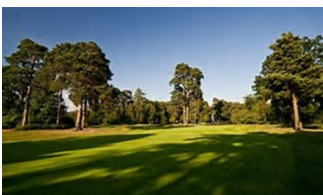
four amateurs and one professional, with teams of both men and ladies.

The day started with refreshments, followed by an 18-hole shotgun start Stableford competition, with a Golden Hole at the end. This was followed by a BBQ, with prizes, a raffle and auction.

We had a wonderful day with glorious weather. Over £2500 was raised for the projects in the Philippines, and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day.

Special thanks are due to those companies and individuals who generously donated raffle and auction prizes, including Nathan Dyer Swansea City Football Club, Broadstone, Foxhills, Hindhead, Royal Winchester, Camberley Heath and North Hants Golf Clubs, Alex McCarthy Southampton Football Club, Callaway Golf and The French Table in Surbiton.

We hope to hold another Pro Am Golf in the near future so please, if you are a keen golfer or know of someone who would like to take part, watch this space, or contact John in the office on 01276 942030 (email office@childreofthedump.org.uk)



£420 voucher for four at Foxhills Golf & Country Club



Swansea FC signed shirt



House of Commons whisky



Hospitality tickets at Ringwood Brewery Marquee, New Forest Show



Fundraising ideas for 2019

Michael Elkington who is a volunteer with the Charity, Michèle Hackney, our Administrative Assistant, and John Busby (our Manager) are going to abseil from a venue to be decided by our readers. This will be the first time (and probably the last, as all are scared of heights) that any of them have ever abseiled. In the next edition of the newsletter they will be asking for suggestions from readers on where they should attempt this feat. If any of our readers would like to join them jumping off a structure, they are more than welcome!

Watch this space in our next issue.

Why Fundraise?

We asked one of our Fundraisers, why did you decide to Fundraise?

Their reply - "It was to support a cause close to my heart in that every child matters, no matter what continent they live on. It also made me feel good that I'm helping these children by fundraising and allowing them an education, so whether it be running a marathon, a first time skydive, cycling from one end of the country to the other or even holding a coffee morning with friends, I decided whatever I did would make me feel proud about helping others who are not so blessed as myself."



... and we asked our new Administrative Assistant why she was prepared to put fear aside and launch off some unknown building to raise money.

Her reply - "Many of the children we support in Manila live in atrocious surroundings; facing daily challenges and poverty that we cannot begin to imagine. A few minutes' terror (which is probably how long the abseil will last) is nothing compared to what they face on a daily basis. If by abseiling down a building it will help transform the life of just one more child, then it will have been worth it." *MH*

MEET CASHEW STUDENTS WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT



Fara

Meet 5 year old Fara who lives in a small concrete shell of a house with her twin sister, grandparents and mother. Money is tight and Mum can't afford to send her to school.

Fara loves anything violet and to eat spaghetti .

One day she wants to be a teacher.

Aaron

Aaron's favourite food is fried chicken. He has three other young siblings.

The family live in Payatas near the Dump where Dad works irregularly as a rubbish truck driver, taking loads to the dumps but there is not nearly enough cash to look after everyone.



Isay

Isay's mother does not have a job and relies solely on the help and support given by her parents and aunties to provide for Isay's basic needs.

Although Isay grew up without a father, her mother and her grandparents make sure they give her all the attention and love needed to make her feel complete



Sponsoring a child at Cashew is a shorter term commitment as each child only stays here for 2 years and they only need £4 per week support. You know that you are helping a specific child get a great start in education and you also get Christmas and Easter cards plus a yearly report. See updates by following Children of the Dump on Facebook

If you would like to sponsor Fara, Aaron, Isay or another child either by yourself or with friends or family then contact John on 01276 942030 to find out more.

SPONSORING A CHILD

What to expect when you sponsor a child

When you decide to sponsor a child you can be sure that you will be making a huge difference to their life. Furthermore, by helping to raise them out of poverty through education, you will be having a potential effect on future generations to come.



Letters

All children love to receive letters and cards from their sponsors, although unfortunately we cannot accept parcels or packages because of postage costs. You can send them as often as you wish and we will endeavour to remind you of their birthday (if you are on email). You should expect to receive Christmas and Easter cards from your sponsored child and, depending on their age and writing ability, occasional letters.



Child Gifts

Monetary gifts (not exceeding £10) can be sent to your sponsored child for special occasions such as birthdays, Christmas etc.

Child updates

You should also expect to receive annual updates on your sponsored child in the form of school and general reports ... and, of course, you will receive Newsletters and other information from Children of the Dump.

By sponsoring a child, you are doing something special ... thank you.

"In the 21st century, the best anti-poverty programme around is a world-class education."

Barack Obama

SAVE THE DATE - THE BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS 2018

THE CHRISTMAS BIG GIVE STARTS ON 27 NOVEMBER

For the first time Children of the Dump has been selected as a charity to participate in The Big Give

You can be part of The Big Give 18 and ensure the future of children like Divine. By donating on the Big Give website by copying the link <http://bit.ly/BigGive18> or by following the link on our own webpage at www.childrenofthedump.org.uk.

But there are restrictions: You must donate between noon on Tuesday 27 November and noon on Tuesday 4 December. Funds not raised within that time are still vital, but they will not be doubled.

The Big Give is the world's largest match funding charity that has raised £100m since it was founded in 2007. For the period of a week from Giving Tuesday (27 November) every public donation made will be doubled by an anonymous donor. **One donation, twice the impact.**

Our campaign objective is to ensure that 40 children currently without sponsors can stay at Cashew Tree school for a full year. Each one needs £200 total sponsorship which could come from a number of donations

One of these is Divine (right) who has just had her fifth birthday. She loves pink and wants to be a doctor, but Dad earns just £2 a day, hardly enough for food. Nothing is left to get her to School. Divine is one of 40 kids hoping for sponsorship so she can stay at Cashew Tree School where she gets vital Early Years education.



Normally we need to raise £200 for each child each year, so every 10 donors who give £20 each keep ONE child at Cashew Tree School. However, during The Christmas Big Give every 10 donors who give £20 each keep TWO children at Cashew!

For updates during the BigGive week please click [this link](https://childrenofthedump.org.uk/2018/10/22/826/) or copy and paste <https://childrenofthedump.org.uk/2018/10/22/826/>

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

If the Big Give does not excite you and you want to make a donation to our traditional Alternative Christmas then this is how you can do that.

We are focusing on educational supplies and essential items for the children of Mango Tree House and Grapevine.

- ☺ Team Dynamics day with lunch for 100 Mango and Grapevine students: £50
- ☺ A months internet connection at Mango: £20
- ☺ School Uniform for a child: £20
- ☺ School Books for a child: £15
- ☺ A month's packed lunches for a child: £15
- ☺ A month's transport for a child to school: £10
- ☺ New Tagalog bibles for Devotions: £8 each
- ☺ Paper and pens for a child: £5



To take part in the Alternative Christmas, simply phone John on 01276 942030 or email him at office@childrenofthedump.org.uk by Friday 30th of November, stating what you would like to purchase. Send a cheque to the Charity office (writing 'Alternative Christmas' on the back) or make an online donation direct to the ASCT bank account - reference

'Alternative Christmas'. Contact John for Bank account details (on the number above) and let us know what you wish to purchase.

You will receive a personalised certificate of your purchase to mark your donation which will help transform young lives through education.



Chairman's Review

The focus for the charity this year has been on developing a strategy to replace Cashew Tree School and raise the necessary income to open in temporary accommodation in June 2018 and, by 2019, in new purpose built accommodation.

The site and scope of the new school building has been agreed with an additional storey able to be built to create Independent Living Accommodation for older students (as required under new government policy). The expansion will be subject to new capital funds being identified.

The fundraising appeal launched in Spring 2017 had a positive impact on income for the year, but comprised predominantly of one-off donations; sustainable income sources remain our goal. This year has seen an increase in income from grants, particularly to support the new Cashew Tree School.

In the UK, the drive to reduce overheads and costs has continued, resulting in the office accommodation being vacated and diverting the saved funds into other fundraising activities.

The strategy for raising income has focused more on applying for grants and on-line fundraising as well as traditional sponsorship.

The relationship with regular donors and child sponsors has been strengthened with more emphasis on recognising anniversaries and maintaining the excellent child/sponsor communications which are so valued by child and sponsor alike.

I enjoyed my visit this year to the services in Manila operated by our sister charity ASCF.

Mango Tree House is a loving residential home for 47 children aged 4 – 21 (or until their education is complete). This year; in line with government policy, greater emphasis has been placed on re-integration with family (if safe to do so) and supporting the child to continue their education while resident with family.

Grapevine scholarship programme supports over 65 children to continue with their education while living with their family, avoiding the need for the children to work on the dumpsite to help the family income rather than going to school.

Watching the children grow and mature in their studies and faith is a real privilege. I was also able to observe new admissions to Mango Tree House and see them lovingly welcomed by the existing children. The

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care and attention of the staff for these lost little souls was exemplary and rewarded by the children's flourishing confidence and smiles after just a couple of days.

We are proud of all the children's achievements both in their personal and educational development. Their dedication to their studies is a testament to the commitment of the charity to help them step out of poverty.

Financial Review

Income grew by 10% in year to £227,642. Most of the growth came from grants and restricted donations connected with the plan to build a new school to replace the Cashew Tree School in Payatas which had to be closed down.

Expenditure fell by 20% to £161,068 reflecting the absence of school running costs.

As a result of the increase in income and reduction of costs, the charity had a surplus of £66,575 for the year.

Total Reserves at 31 March 2018 were £150,000. Restricted Reserves (mainly for the building of the new school) were £52,000, leaving £98,000 in the General Reserve.

Each year the Charity has to set a "Target" for the General Reserve. On 1 April 2018 the Target General Reserve was £61,000. The actual reserve was £37,000 higher than the target but the excess is likely to be used to subsidise the running costs of the new school for the next 2/3 years.

Movements of funds during year						
	Balance at the 1 st April 2017	Income	Expenditure		Net Move-ment	Balance at 31 st March 2018
			Charitable Activities	Fundraising		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Unrestrict-ed Funds	45	210	128	29	53	98
Restricted Funds	38	18	4		14	52
Total Funds	83	228	132	29	67	150

RAISE MONEY AT NO COST TO YOU

Shopping on Amazon. Join Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase value to Children of the Dump. Amazon Smile is increasing the donation rate to 5% (10 times the regular rate) from 29 October - 2 November on all qualifying purchases made at smile.amazon.co.uk.

Same product, same price, same service as the normal Amazon site. Sign up in moments at smile.amazon.co.uk (Choose ASCT as the registered charity name of Children of the Dump)

Sign up with **Give as You Live** which has raised £10 million for charity. More than 4,000 retailers participate and donate a share of your online purchase value to Charity. Children of the Dump has already benefitted from donations from businesses such as Booking.com, Argos.com and Ticketmaster. Add the Donation reminder app which shows which companies participate as you shop. Sign up at www.giveasyoulive.com

FUTURE FUNDRAISING

Brighton Marathon; We have 3 charity places available in the oversubscribed 2019 run which takes place on Sunday April 13th 2019. Please tell your friends and family about this and help us find runners.

Raffle prizes or Auction items: We are constantly looking for raffle prizes and items or services that can be auctioned. Let us know if you can offer anything.

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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