

Hello friends and supporters of Children of the Dump; welcome to our summer newsletter in which we provide you with an update on the work in Manila and how your precious donations are used to transform life for a child from the scavenger communities.

After their summer break, children returned to Mango and school in June to start their new academic year. New students have joined the Mango family, some of whom are featured in this newsletter on page 9 and 10 seeking sponsors to support them going forwards. At Cashew Tree temporary accommodation, numbers increased to 100 students who will benefit from this great foundation to their education. We wish all the students the very best in their academic endeavours this year.

In this week of A level results in the UK, we applaud and celebrate the students in Manila that graduated at the end of last year. We send all the graduates our congratulations and prayers as they make their way into the world of employment infinitely better equipped than would have been possible without the support of Children of the Dump.

I received some worrying news this morning as I was writing this; my sponsor child Jerah-Mae is in Intensive Care having caught Dengue Fever. There is an epidemic at the moment and she is not the only child from Mango who has had to be admitted to hospital. Others have not been so badly effected but we ask you to send them all your prayers for a speedy recovery. Apart from the concern for their health, the additional costs for hospital bills will put extra strain on local budgets and shows the sort of pressure that families in these communities face. We have issued a special appeal to cover the costs of the care and treatment of our children as this was something we had not budgeted for in our normal medical expenses. Thank you if you have donated and we will issue an update on the health of our children as soon as possible.

Dengue is a viral infection spread by mosquitoes. It's widespread in many parts of the world. Mosquitoes in the UK do not spread the dengue virus but they do in Philippines. There's no specific



treatment or widely available vaccine for dengue and the infection is usually mild and passes after about one week without causing any lasting problems. But in rare cases such as Jerah-Mae it can be very serious and potentially life threatening.

Talking about worries leads me to reflect on the impact that the fall in the value of the pound is having on charity finances. We started the year getting nearly 70 pence to the pound but today it is about 63. A drop of over 11% already and looking like it will fall even more as the uncertainty over Brexit continues. The board of Trustees have taken mitigating action as far as possible – anticipating the drop and sending funds early for example for the Cashew Tree School new build. We need to increase our income to compensate for this devaluing of our spending power. I ask you all to prayerfully consider whether you could make a 10% increase in your regular giving to help us overcome this challenge.



Or can you become a Children of the Dump ambassador and lead local community fundraising, see page 11 and 12 for some inspiration. Another way we are trying to raise funds is through participation in the Big Give Christmas Challenge where donations are doubled during one week in December. See page 15 for further information.

I do hope you enjoy reading this edition of our news and if you have then please do share it with a friend to spread knowledge of our work. With our very best wishes and thanks for your continued support.

Kay Mackay

Chair of Children of the Dump

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”
B.B. King

NEW CASHEW BUILD UPDATE



APRIL 19

It is the monsoon and typhoon season here in the Philippines, so the construction is getting delayed. Pretty much nothing has changed from the outside recently, although the builders have made progress inside each room

We now have a roof over two of the classrooms and an appeal has gone out in Manila for local companies to donate paint, furniture and other necessary items to equip the school for operations.



JULY 19



JUNE 19

Your support has enabled us to increase the number of students this year to 100. God willing, we will have enough income to increase that to 200 in the new academic year in June 2020. It costs just £16 a month to support a child attend Cashew Tree School and give them the best possible start in their education.

See pages 9 and 10 for examples of students needing sponsors, such as Dian and Katherine who have recently joined the Cashew Tree School Family



JULY 19

DAVID COX'S DIARY

David Cox MBE - Charity Chairman in 1992

Extract from David's diary—Feb 2002

David was passionate about helping the underdogs of society, and here in Manila he used to say that if only we could better the lives of children; one by one, we could make a difference. On his visits to the home he would try and meet as many influential people in the Manila business sector and speak to ex-pats about how they could help in raising Money. He also called trustee meetings and would do some forward planning with the staff at the home.



David receiving the symbol of Barangay

His most precious time was talking to the children in the home and relinquished a little quiet time when the children could ask him anything they wanted about his life in the UK. This is a brief insight into one such occasion.

“Chelsi’s mother and social worker came to visit. Chelsi is one of 18 children and the social worker recommended that she come to Mango to be cared for and educated. Mum is happy with that, and Chelsi was introduced to the other children and she skipped off to be de-loused and new clothes found. Nonoy and Lin arrived when I finish talking to the social worker, (Nonoy have been a child in the home and was now married and his wife was expecting) it is always good to see students who have left and are in a working environment. We spoke for about an hour on England, the flight, time difference, education and they inquired on teachers ‘bribes’ in the UK. I gave Nonoy a gift from his sponsor and he was very grateful.



It was getting late, But I listened to Leila reading from her new book *There was an Owl on the Front – Midnight Magic*, she read with conviction even though would never have seen an owl. Her reading was good, 6 months ago she was on glue in a cemetery. Very moving.

The usual pre leaving situation of emotions, the children were in bed which was a blessing as their tears and sad faces are very hard to cope with. We left quickly and Peter took me to the airport, and we said our goodbyes.

MEET HOUSEPARENT- DEBORAH CABANILLA

I first applied for ASCF in 2006. I was referred by my cousin's wife and former houseparent to replace her position when she became pregnant.

I joined ASCF with little to less knowledge about being a houseparent in a children's home.



Although I have my own children, it took me long months of crying every night because it was harder to discipline children who are not your own. I always miss my children. It didn't make sense to me that I stay long hours with other children. I would find myself asking, why am I here looking after another child while I'm not able to guide and care for my little ones. But the Lord was always there to comfort me in my days of sadness.

I gradually learned to accept and love the work that the Lord had given me. I couldn't believe that I am still here working for a total of almost 10 years. I resigned once because of a family problem but I am glad that Kuya Peter accepted me again when I decided I could finally go back to work.

So much has changed in my life since I started working here at ASCF as a houseparent. And I thank the ASCF, ASCT and all the sponsors of the children for this wonderful opportunity to serve these children. I have learned that love goes beyond blood relationship, that family is not just the smallest unit of society as found in books, but family is ASCF, ASCF is family.

Like you, I'm happy that I shared love with the children in need of care and comfort and I'm happy that they have learned to read and write from my teaching. It is a great achievement for me to see them finish their studies, especially for those I have cared for since they were little.

I am glad that this family also helped me have a relationship with the Lord. I have come closer to the Lord and have matured in my spiritual life since we have a weekly Bible study besides our Sunday services.

Once again I want to thank all of you for your continued trust in me and for this opportunity you have given me.

CASHEW STUDENT STORY

Hello! I am Noel Tatel, Jr. My mother left us when I was a baby so I, my two older brothers and older sister were left under the care of our father, Noel, Sr. Unfortunately, my father was caught in a drug raid in our compound. He was found guilty of drug use and is currently incarcerated in the Quezon City jail. His case is still pending and awaiting decision. We were left under the care of our paternal aunt who is also barely able to put food on the table for her own family. Our aunt has four other children of her own. She is now the sole breadwinner of two families as our uncle was also imprisoned for the same case as our father.

Our aunt supports us and her own family as a laundrywoman for other families where she earns P500 pesos per day after a long day of strenuous washing of clothes. Sadly, our aunt does not get laundry jobs every day. So there are days when we do not have food to eat until she gets the next laundry service request from the neighbouring community.



My cousins were all products of Cashew Tree House Learning Centre themselves. My aunt was overjoyed to know that I got accepted as one of Cashew's nursery students. I am also happy to be with Cashew. I got out of the streets and I was in school with a new set of friends. I learned my alphabets and my numbers. I also got to meet my lovely teachers and be able to sing, dance, and play. When I first entered Cashew, I did not know how to hold a pencil properly or write. I am proud to say that I can now copy notes from the board and can read a few syllables. My teachers said that I have made a great improvement so far.

My life took a turn for the better when I was also accepted into Mango Tree House. Although I miss my aunt, who has stood in as my mother, I am happy that I have my own family with Mango. I have my brother and cousins with me under Mango's care. My aunt has fewer things to worry about because Mango and our sponsors are now taking care of our food, education and most especially safety. I also have my Mango mothers who look after us and tutor us after school. I still go to Cashew Tree House Learning Centre as a kinder student. I am enjoying my life at Cashew as I love my new life here at Mango Tree House. We are currently busy practicing for our pantomime, and I cannot wait to act and dance as a very cute mouse.

What to expect when you sponsor a child

When you decide to sponsor a child you can be sure of making a huge difference to their life. As well as offering them love and giving them support, you will be helping to provide education, which is an invaluable tool to raise them out of poverty. In addition, it has a huge potential effect on 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. These can be sent to the Charity's office or by direct bank transfer. (If you do the latter, please make sure you include your child's name in the reference so we know it is a special child gift and not a general donation.)

Child updates

You should also expect to receive annual updates on your sponsored child's progress 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.

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

Frederick Douglass.

WHY I SUPPORT CHILDREN OF THE DUMP - MIKE BROADBANK

Hi, I'm Mike Broadbank and with my good wife Pam for over fifty years together have always appreciated how fortunate we are and where we can try to help others.

I first encountered poverty in Egypt, Yemen, India and Sri Lanka when my family emigrated to Australia (and then returned) in the 1950s. The conditions I saw had a profound impact on me that has never been forgotten.



We first heard of ASCT in the late 1980s through a colleague at work who had been there and could vouch for the way the organisation was run and the impact it was having on the "community " of the dump. We also have a Filipino friend who subsequently visited with her husband and children and they were all humbled by the work being done and the greetings they received from all the children.

We had no hesitation in adding our support to a charity which we knew was spending wisely and making a major impact where it was and still is needed.

Over the years we have sponsored a number of children and seen them grow from being unable to read and write to gaining educational certificates. Sponsoring a child is so rewarding; getting to know the unique character of each of them ,encouraging them and receiving their ever improving letters/cards. It's lovely getting the post and singling out their letter/cards first from the miserable bills.



In the U.K., in or out of Brexit, we are cushioned from the extreme poverty in so many other countries and it is difficult to decide where to help. We chose ASCT/ COTD because we know it works. They are accepting disadvantaged children and giving them an opportunity of moving out of abject poverty to being self sufficient. Also important to us is that alongside the practical help each child has the opportunity of meeting Jesus and we feel that this is the most precious gift they can ever receive.

Currently we sponsor three boys, Christopher, his younger brother John Chris and Jhed and with our small group of oldies at church sponsor a young girl called Claire.

We have never been to the Philippines and at our age I doubt we will, but we do know that our money is continuing to make a positive impact on young lives.

STUDENTS WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

Dian lives with his mother, father and three siblings. Their house is small, made of wooden lumber without any rooms. At his very young age, his dream is to become a policeman someday, because he wants to save good people from bad ones. Dian's mother cares for pigs in their yard. She takes care of them for 6 months and sells them in the market.

His father is a Security Guard and his salary is not enough to sustain their basic needs, that's why Dian's mother finds an extra income from the pigs in order to supply their needs.



Katherine is charming and smart, but she can be a shy little girl. When she was 2 years old, she already knew the alphabet and the ways to hold a pencil and crayon. She really likes colouring. Kath wants to be a teacher someday and to teach children in their community. The family are living in her grandparent's house, as her parents don't have enough money to rent a house. Her father is a cell phone dealer with an income of P350 a day, while her mother is a housewife taking care of them. The income is not enough for them to provide their daily needs.

Sharmine joined Mango in May 19, after her father was imprisoned for drug offences. Sharmine's mother was unable to take care of the families day to day needs including providing food for her children. Sharmine's mother sought assistance from ASCF, who took Shamie into their care. ASCF staff report that Shami is a charming girl who wants to learn. Shamie has a strong determination to finish her studies.



STUDENTS WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

Jessielyn is the older sister of Sharmine and also joined Mango in May 19

The recommendation by the ASCF Social Workers were for Jessielyn and Sharmine to be admitted into Mango. The children were deprived of their basic needs due to circumstances brought by their father's imprisonment, which caused a multifaceted problem to their family. Their mother is unable to provide them with their basic needs. In Mango Tree House they will be given the proper guidance, opportunity and support. The children can utilize their full potential to improve their lives and have a future. Based on their experiences and circumstances they are under the category of a neglected children.



Rey is one of the new students of Cashew for school year 2019-2020. His Father is an on-call helper with an average income of P300 a day. Rey's mother on the other hand stays at home to take care of him and his siblings. Sometimes, when his father doesn't have work, his mother finds another job to survive as laundry woman earning P300 a day.

They are living in a wooden house without any rooms or comfort room (toilet). Their bed is made of bamboo.

Jass is a cute little girl who loves to roam around inside the classroom. She likes the colour red. She loves eating vegetables because her mother loves to cook vegetables like pakbet (a mix of squash, lady fingers, eggplants, and string beans). Her parents can't afford to buy fish and meat. Her father is an on -call construction worker with an income of P500 a day. While her mother is a rickshaw driver earning P150 a day. Their income is not enough to support their daily needs with Jess's older two siblings also studying. The family are renting a small wooden house



WHY VOLUNTEER AND FUNDRAISE

Children of the Dump help 100's of children in the Philippines every year. By fundraising for us you can help us to continue this great work. Don't forget fundraising can be fun!

Getting started: don't be daunted, there are lots of different things you can do! Some of you may be interested in daredevil stunts or endurance runs while other may prefer to organise a coffee morning or a games night. Every penny counts. Whatever you raise will make a real difference. Don't forget to let people know where their money is going and what a great impact even a small amount of money can make.



Setting up an online sponsorship page: If you are wanting to raise money by getting sponsorship from friends and family it couldn't be easier. We have signed up to www.wonderful.org Just go to the website and set up a fundraising page, share the link and away you go. Social media can be a great way to update your supporters, let people know how your fundraising is going, why not share photographs of your training. We have had some amazing support in the past with people running marathons, sky diving and cycling from London to Paris.

Fundraising events: Sometimes people get a little tired of giving to charities so why not give them something for their money instead. There are many ideas for events; host a dinner party, organise a coffee morning, run a games night or declutter with a car boot sale. Whatever you decide to do don't forget to tell people who you are raising money for. We have literature available about the different sponsorship options. These events can be a perfect opportunity to spread the word about our great work.



Fundraising in your workplace: Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. It really is money for nothing, and you could double the amount of cash you raise with very little effort.

Why not check with your workplace.

WHY VOLUNTEER AND FUNDRAISE (CONT)

Collecting: this is challenging but fun and you can raise a lot of money in a short period of time. We have collection buckets and publicity with our charity branding available and can provide you with a letter of authorisation. You will need a collection permit if you are collecting in a public place but can collect in private properties, such as pubs, with the permission of the management.

Getting your event noticed: Any stories and photographs you get placed in your local press might help you raise more money and will be very beneficial in helping us to publicise our vital work. Let us know what you are doing so that we can share your photos on our website and social media.



BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

Could you become an Ambassador for Children of the Dump?

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals or groups to join our Ambassador scheme

Children of the Dump Ambassadors are a network of volunteers across the country, who support us by organising fundraising activities, representing Children of the Dump in their local area and helping to engage people with the work and aims of our charity.

There are lots of different ways in which you can make a difference and support Children of the Dump, from Organising a fundraising event; setting up a small fundraising group, distributing collection tins to shops, cafes, restaurants in your local community or even Volunteer at one of our forthcoming events,

We do not expect every Ambassador to do all the above; just doing one or two things will really help. Maybe you have an idea to raise funds in your area, but do not have the time to organise it, please let us know, we can help. We are here to support you all the way.

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

FUNDRAISING CLARISSA DYSON

My name is Clarissa Dyson, Chairman of the Berkshire Filipino- British Association (BFBA). A non profit voluntary association whose aim is to integrate the Filipino community their families and friends through cultural, social and charitable events.

At our last Charity Ball we decided to support our favourite Charity: ASCT - Children of the Dump. We always supported ASCT if we are not fundraising for BFBA.

BFBA started supporting ASCT when I started work for NatWest in 1995 .The Chairman then of NatWest was supporting the Charity and at that time I was looking for a worthy Filipino Charity to support. I told myself “ if it is good enough for the Chairman of NatWest , it is good enough for me!”

This year we held a Spring Ball on the 9th March. Over 110 guests attended in Crowne Plaza with raffle draw and auction prizes for everyone to bid. As every year, our loyal supporters got to enjoy a 3 course meal, and afterwards we held the auction and raffle draw, followed by dancing till 1:00am.

The evening raised £2310 plus my employer Barclays Bank matched up to £1000 which brought the total fund raised to £3 310. We are so grateful to companies like NatWest and now my present employer Barclays, who give back to community through supporting their employees fundraising . Thank you Barclays!



Thank you also to Forever and a Day Events Of Reading, who very kindly let us use their amazing floral background and did all of the table centrepiece for cost price and nothing for labour. The romantic ambiance certainly made our Spring Ball event extra special. Thank you Imogen Chamberlain!

I have full admiration to the Leaders and volunteers of Children of the Dump, you are making a difference to our young children of the future in the Philippines who would otherwise have no future for themselves. Being a mother and a grandmother of two. I know how it feels to be able to want to give the best for your children. The families living in the Dumpsites have no choice . With the charity's continued financial support, one by one these poor families will be able to lift themselves out of poverty.

BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISERS ON FACEBOOK

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Make your birthday even more meaningful with a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser

The charity has done really well over the last year with new friends of Children of the Dump from as far away as Scandinavia, Germany and even Japan creating Birthday Fundraisers on Facebook and raising over £1000 for our Charity.

If you have not seen this already, then it is a way of getting friends to give to a charity instead of buying you a birthday present and because its online you don't need to get embarrassed by asking directly for donations

About 2 weeks before your birthday (if you have put it on your profile) Facebook often sends out a message asking if you would like to create a fundraiser for a charity. but even if you miss that just go to your Facebook home page and you will see a button for Fundraisers in the left hand column. It is really easy to set one up (remember to search for and choose Children of the Dump). Facebook takes nothing from the donations and Gift Aid applies as well, what's more, sometimes (not always), Facebook themselves chip in with an amount to get donations started.



Its a great way to support Children of the Dump and to introduce the charity to friends and family at the same time.

Please make a note of it and think about setting up a Fundraiser when your birthday next rolls around.

Not a Facebook follower, why not set up a birthday fundraiser through Wonderful.org and email your friends with the details.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



theBigGive.org.uk



Last year we participated in the Big Give Christmas Challenge for the first time and it proved to be a really important part of fundraising because you all responded so positively to allow Cashew Tree School to take in more children. The new building for Cashew Tree school is progressing well and we need your help to **DOUBLE** the number of children we can admit next year. By donating online during the giving week, you can support another child to get the best start in their education.

For 2019; we have submitted an application to be part of the process again. If we are selected; then all donations up to £10,000 will be **DOUBLED** from the Big Give matching pot making our total target £20,000.

Please think about Children of the Dump for your Christmas Giving – you will be able to give online to the Big Give Christmas Challenge during the week 3rd December – 10th December and support a child get to school

Big Give Christmas Challenge
Put the date in your diary – 3rd to 10th December 2019

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 - 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).

BT MyDonate has closed. As an alternative Children of the Dump is now registered with ***Wonderful***, an online platform and receive 100% of the money raised by our donators and fundraisers. The money goes directly to our Charity. *Wonderful* is a fee-free service.

It is simple to donate, just go to <https://wonderful.org> and type in the donation search box 'Asian Students Christian Trust' and select the amount you wish to donate; alternatively to fundraise for us select Create A Fundraising Page and fill in the boxes. It's quick and simple.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING

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 fundraising initiatives and all future events can be found on the Children of the Dump website www.childrenofthedump.org.uk or by contacting John on 01276 942030



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