

## January 2022 News Update

### **Big Give Final Total Raised.**

Hopefully you saw the results and thanks sent out to everyone who helped with the December Big Give when we knew that over £40,000 had been raised for the children. We are delighted to tell you that the final total including Gift Aid is an incredible £42,490 which is way above our target of £33,000 so thank you everyone once again.

### **A Good News Story of Water from Manila.**

Children of the Dump helps transform young lives in Manila through ensuring that the poorest children have access to education.

Since last year Children of the Dump has reached out to the isolated rubbish dump scavenging community of Sitio Pintor beside the San Isidro rubbish dump. This is the very first opportunity for education for the children who live here.

One of the biggest problems is the lack of a water supply. All over Manila in the barrios there is no mains water, and millions depend on bottled water being delivered. In Sitio Pintor it's more difficult because there are no roads for delivery trucks. The villagers, many of whom spend their days scavenging on the rubbish dump, have to pay for and, sometimes with their children helping, carry these heavy bottles back to their shacks at the end of their long day.



The village has a water pump, but it broke some time ago and there was no money or expertise to get it repaired. Now a kind local sponsor has stepped in. The pump has been repaired and serviced and fresh water can be pumped up to the village ready for boiling. The villagers just need to keep an eye on the quality of the water to make sure that the water table is not poisoned from leaks at the nearby rubbish dump as has happened elsewhere in the city. The danger from this was the reason that the old Payatas rubbish dump was finally shut down in 2017.

This is a great solution that improves lives and saves extra effort in the hot humid conditions in Manila. Our pictures show the old broken pump, the reconditioning work, and the new working pump.

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

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