

Children of the Dump is incredibly lucky to have such wonderful supporters like you who find it in their hearts to care about the children in Manila. This was shown yet again with the truly excellent results of the Christmas Big Give Week which raised a total of £42,490. Thank you to each and every one of the 179 people who donated directly as well as to all those others who gave so generously in club, church collections and in our Quiz.

The Big Give is an important part of our fundraising as it provides a base level for the charity to be able to ensure education and care for the children for the whole year.

A particular thank you goes to pledgers and the Coles-Medlock Foundation who recognise the work of the charity and provided the match funding to double those donations.

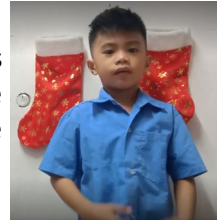


Thanks are due to others outside of the Big Give. Right now, we are particularly grateful to the Berkshire Filipino British Association (BFBA) and to Bank of America who have been so generous in their support

Funds have never been more important. As I write this, The Philippines, which has already been the worst COVID hit country in Southeast Asia, has been seeing record COVID cases and there is no early prospect of face-to-face schooling restarting. Mango Tree House recently had its first case of COVID but luckily no one got seriously ill, and the measures imposed were strong enough to stop the spread. The dedicated staff in Manila continue to go the extra mile in ensuring home schooling packs are available and that children have phone and computers to keep in contact with the teachers. Our social workers continue to be alert and ensure that offsite students remain safe. Despite a slow roll out of vaccines in Manila all our staff and the older children have now been double jabbed.

KAY MACKAY CHAIRPERSON

There are 2 exciting new initiatives to read about in this newsletter. Firstly, the success of individual video messages from the children to their sponsors in the UK now possible because of the spread of technology used for home schooling.



Secondly read the story of the water pump at Sitio Pintor, the isolated scavenger community where Children of the Dump is the only charity working there with the poorest.



This year many of us may face cost of living pressures. Read about ESSENTIALS on page 4, a flexible way for you to support all the children but without committing to an individual student and you can choose how much to contribute and when.

However you are able to support us; as a sponsor, donor or someone who tells others about the children, thank you. You really are transforming young children's lives.

Your support is never taken for granted.



Kay Mackay
Chair

"People appreciate and never forget that helping hand
especially when times are tough."

Unknown

SITIO PINTOR WATER PUMP

A Good News Story of Water from Manila

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



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 supporter 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.

'CHILDREN OF THE DUMP ESSENTIALS'

Perhaps you would like to help Children of the Dump, but feel that a student sponsorship isn't for you. Lots of our supporters prefer to give an amount every month without linking it to a specific child.

We call this approach **ESSENTIALS**.

That way the money that you give can be used in the most efficient way and even a small regular donation can benefit all the children at one time. With home schooling currently so important there is a greater need for things like printing up home school learning packs and delivering them to the children in their homes in the slums. This was something that simply hadn't been needed in the past. Your money might also go towards paying the wages of a teacher who interacts with dozens of children every week.

One advantage of ESSENTIALS is that you can decide how much is right for you to give and by giving a small amount every month, instead of a larger one-off donation you might find it easier to spread the cost over time. What's more ESSENTIALS is flexible so you can easily cancel it at any time. ESSENTIALS attracts Gift Aid so if you give £2 every week (collected as £8 every month) that is worth £10 to the Charity.



What can you achieve with £2 every week?

Another small cup of takeout coffee forgotten in an hour or help to pay for a teacher who can improve a Childs' entire life

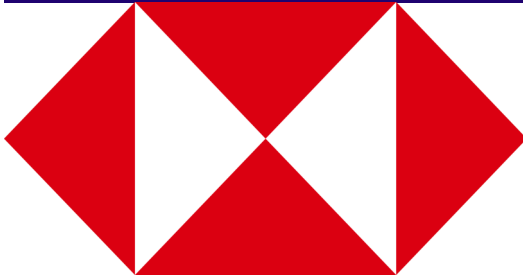


It is easy to set up either by standing order (To download the S/O form click [here](https://bit.ly/CotDStandingOrder)) <https://bit.ly/CotDStandingOrder> or by our charity *PayPal account (click [here](https://bit.ly/3FWzcsp)) or type <https://bit.ly/3FWzcsp> in your internet browser

For further details please contact John at office@childrenofthedump.org.uk or telephone 01276 942030

**You do not need to have a PayPal account, and your details are not stored by PayPal.*

HSBC CHARITY BANK ACCOUNT



HSBC

For some years the charity has used a charity bank account with HSBC. As with most banks they have recently introduced charges for cash and cheques paid over the counter or through a post office. The Charity throughout the year receives monetary gifts for sponsored students and one-off donations in cash or cheque form. The charges that HSBC have introduced will have a financial impact on donations being paid into the Charity account.

To make your valuable donations go further we would kindly ask that if at all possible you use online banking for direct payments, where no charges are incurred. We appreciate that not everyone has access to online banking and would still encourage where this is the case to continue with cheques or cash.

Our bank details are shown below and would ask that if making an online bank transfer that a *reference is completed so that we can identify what the donation is for (Example - for a child birthday gift, the reference would be Gift-Birthday or for One-off donations the reference would be General Funds)

Account Name Asian Students Christian Trust

Bank Sort Code 40-43-36

Account Number 01146629

Reference (*As above)

We also have a charity **PayPal account where you can use a debit or credit card and enter instructions on how your donation is assigned.

<https://bit.ly/PayPalCotD>

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Please contact John in the CotD office for further details.

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AN OUTPOURING OF CHEERY GREETINGS FROM MANILA!

Because currently home schooling is mandatory it depends on shared old phones, tablets and laptops (borrowed from friends, neighbours or school) The children are using this technology to communicate with their sponsors by video for the first time. It is really exciting because it links up the Grapevine students who do not often come to Mango Tree House, but live at home with their families and are educated at a number of different schools.

We asked the children if they would like to record short Happy Christmas video messages for their sponsors and thought that a couple might reply. What a response! Within days, 100 video messages were sent in, often showing such creative flair and top production values from the students cramped homes in the barrios. The messages were joyful, inspiring, and showed how much the children value their sponsored education. It is so obvious that the children love knowing that someone far away cares so much about them even if it's unlikely that they will ever meet. The pictures are stills from a couple of these.



Each video was sent out to sponsors who could see a happy child, full of energy on a screen at home. One wrote back 'This video made it all so worthwhile. It brought to life how giving a child education changes everything. We were quite emotional after we saw the message. Thank you so much for this.'



Some sponsors responded with their own videos to go to the students back in Manila. Of course, the children loved that!

This is something new that the Charity will encourage. It's easy and by sending a video message instead of a letter saves weeks. Of course, letters & cards are still very welcome. The children treasure and keep these for years.

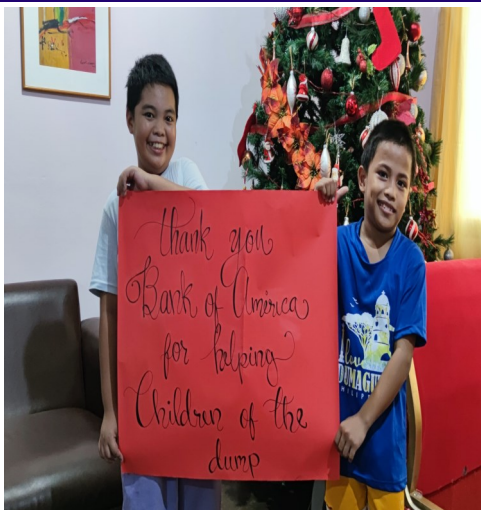
We need to check everything sent (in both directions) are suitable, so please send your videos to office@childrenofthedump.org.uk to forward on.

'BANK OF AMERICA HAS GIVEN CHILDREN OF THE DUMP \$1,000'

Bank of America has strong partnerships with non-profit organizations across the UK, they also encourage their employees to make a difference by offering robust employee giving & volunteering programmes, including the opportunity to direct funds to organizations they support.

One of Bank of America's employees, Benet Fryer, has been recognised for her outstanding work in the community which includes being a Trustee and volunteer for our charity and as a result awarded \$1,000 to her for a charity which she has kindly directed to Children of the Dump.

Well done Benet and Thank You Bank of America.



THANK YOU FROM A CASHEW STUDENT'S MOTHER



I am Veroncica, a mother who wholeheartedly thanks ASCF-Cashew. As a mother, I dream of a good education for my children. We are lucky that Cashew school accepted my son Vince, who is currently in nursery.

With the help of the school and the dedicated teachers, my son learned fast. The school is a big help to my family because my son goes to a good quality school.

I am thankful to the sponsors who support ASCF-Cashew. Because of them my son enjoys school and all its does for free.

Thank you very much!

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow." –
Anthony J. D'Angelo

'THANKS'

As we look back over 2021, we find ourselves wondering -
Did we remember to thank you enough for all you have done for our charity?
For all the times you were by our sides to help and support the children and to celebrate their successes.

There is an endless number of people who have contributed in so many ways, sponsors, donators, Grant Giving, Churches, legacies and so many more individual acts of generosity that has made our work in the Philippines successful, for this; we give our heartfelt thanks.



*"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present
and not giving it."*

William Arthur Ward

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