

It's been such a lovely warm summer here in the UK but a few of those days certainly reminded me of the blistering heat around the dump in Manila where families scavenge for whatever they can sell or even eat. Supporters like you really make a difference for those families who are supported by Children of the Dump, transforming children's lives through education, and helping them to step out of poverty for ever.



The best possible news from Manila. Finally, over 2 and a half years from the start of the pandemic the authorities have said that it is time to lift all restrictions on face to face schooling for children of all ages.

With the new academic year, which started in late August, children no longer have to rely on difficult online teaching. The happy pupils are back at school with the friends that they have missed. Teachers also prefer the interaction in the classroom. Learning is easier and more fun. It is a joy that our lovely new Cashew Tree School building will finally be able to buzz with 100 excited little students starting out on their school lives with the added benefit of guaranteeing a regular, nutritious lunch for each child every day, cooked in the Mango Tree House kitchen. Hungry children simply don't concentrate and learn as well as when they are properly fed. With God's help and the necessary funding, we are aiming to double the number of students in 2023.

I do want to highlight and thank again the amazing dedication of everyone in Manila who successfully adapted to the challenges of the last couple of years. Staff and teachers showed such flexibility in the new conditions. Excellent home learning packs were quickly prepared with new content for use at home. The difficulty of getting these to the pupils with limits on travel were overcome.

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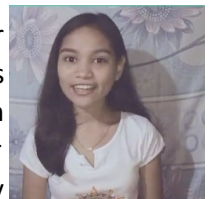
With emergency funding provided by wonderful supporters in the UK, staff were able to create a feeding programme for families who literally had no food or means of earning money. Some staff volunteered to live-in at Mango House, away from their own families, ensuring that Mango Tree House continued to operate for those children with nowhere else to go whilst meeting the quarantine conditions set by the government. Strict new cleaning and isolation regimes were introduced and kept everyone safe. Local supporters of ASCF in Manila were incredibly valuable sourcing second hand phones and tablets to enable home schooling and finding scarce cleaning supplies and rice when

deliveries were difficult, especially at the start of the pandemic.

Now, everyone is more confident about the future.

Our second piece of exciting news is that the number of Grapevine students supported is increasing to 110 with an additional social worker being employed. These students go to local schools and live at home without having to resort to scavenging around the dumps to find daily food. The new students will all need sponsors so if you know of anyone who could be interested, please do talk to them about this.

No one in Manila has ever taken the continued support of our donors and sponsors in the UK for granted. With the phones used for home learning many of the children have been thrilled to create personalised thank you videos for their sponsors. From feedback, we know that sponsors enjoy these.



There are still challenges. The cost of living increases in the UK are also present in the Philippines with prices, especially of food and fuel shooting up. As a result, we plan on taking part in the Christmas Big Give Week when, every donation made by

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supporters like you will be doubled by match-funding from another organisation. One Donation twice the Impact. This year the dates are **Tuesday 29th November (midday) to Tuesday 6th December (midday)** . We will be in contact when we know more.



Another simple way you can raise funds for Children of the Dump is by using the Give As You Live app or website to access special deals or your normal online shopping. I have been surprised that by shifting to doing my online grocery shopping from a well-known supermarket through Give as You Live – I have raised nearly £50 in the last few weeks at no cost to me. It's

really simple – you just have to remember to go to your website of choice via Give as You Live. <https://bit.ly/cotdasyoulive>

In the meantime please think and pray for success of all the children during this new school year.

Finally do please let us know what you think about the charity (office@childrenofthedump.org.uk) and particularly if you have any new ideas for fundraising or can offer more support



Kay Mackay

Chair of Children of the Dump

***“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”
Frederick Douglas***

MEET A NEW UNSPONSORED GRAPEVINE STUDENT

First name: Marry Jane
Date of Birth: 8th February 2016
Age: 6 years old
Place of Birth: Rodriguez Rizal

Mother's name: Ginalyn
Mother's employment: Housewife
Father's name: Francisco
Father's employment: Scavenger



Marry Jane's father is a scavenger who earns less than £3 per day. He is the only one in the family who works to meet their basic needs, while Marry Jane's mother Ginalyn looks after the family. They live near the dump site and built their house out of old tarpaulin and plywood. They use a battery for the solar panel to provide at least a temporary source of power. Unfortunately, they must pay a weekly fee of 70 pesos for the battery recharge fee. The family do not have access to clean water, so they must buy bottles. This costs 210 pesos per week.

The family are finding it more and more difficult to meet their daily needs but as parents they are doing everything possible to help their children complete their studies and achieve their life goals. They understand how difficult it is to live and find a stable job when you do not have a good education. Her parents don't want her to go through a life of poverty like theirs.

Marry Jane is a sweet and shy young lady. She aspires to be a teacher one day. She enjoys fried chicken, vegetables, and her all-time favourite, sweet chocolate rice porridge. She enjoys playing with dolls that her father has found in the trash at the dump.

Marry Jane recently completed her Cashew Tree Early Years with awards as Most Behaved, Brilliant Behaviour, and Best in Reading and With Honours.

To sponsor Marry Jane or students like her, please contact John on 01276 942030, email office@childrenofthedump.org.uk or see who is featured on our website right now at <https://bit.ly/CotDSponsorship>

MEET A CASHEW STUDENT

Name Reshell

Age: 6 y/o

Place of Birth: Sitio Pintor Brgy. San Isidro,



Reshell is a shy young lady who aspires to be a teacher one day. She is not picky about food because her parents taught her and her siblings to be grateful for what they had, especially in difficult circumstances. She enjoys playing with improvised dumpsite toys. She helped her younger brother with homework and activities during her first year at Cashew School because they are in the same class. They seized the opportunity. Whilst her mother is busy caring for the youngest brother,.

Reshell comes from a large family. Her father, Iriel, is a hardworking scavenger who earns 300 pesos per day. She also has a loving and caring mother, Celsa who looks after them tirelessly. She wants to work to help her husband, but the children are too young to leave. There are no relatives who can look after the children if both of them work.

They live in a small house near the dump perched on the ledge of a ravine. To get to their house, you must cross the muddy and dangerous ravine's edge. It's made of reclaimed wood. They also use an old tyre as a weight on the roof in the event of a strong wind. The floor in their home is not concrete. When it gets wet, it becomes muddier, and your feet sink when you step on it. There is no source of electricity or clean water in the area. They rely on a rechargeable battery for a temporary source of electricity. Charging the battery costs 70 pesos per week. They rely on the purified water delivered daily to ensure they have access to clean water, which costs 25 pesos per container. It is difficult because they must carry the heavy container up to their house. Her parents are unable to avoid borrowing money for food because earnings on the rubbish dump are irregular is the only way for them to eat.

Even though they are in a difficult situation and cannot afford the life they desire, they are happy that they are at least safe because that is the most important thing to them.

MANGO STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

With the pandemic now more than two years old, the mood at Mango Tree House has shifted from gloom to elation. On August 22, 2022, Filipino students will return to traditional classroom settings after nearly three years of online learning.

While anticipation grows for the resumption of in-person lessons, there is also undeniable apprehension due to the continued presence of the Covid-19 virus and its associated high caseload.

We want the first day of school to be exciting and safe for the Mango students, their new classmates, and the Mango teachers and staff.



Each and every Mango child in our care who is five years old or older has received a full course of Covid-19 vaccinations. All children over the age of 12 have already been given their booster shots. In addition to their three healthy meals per day, they supplement this with at least 500 milligrams of Vitamin C with zinc.



The students will continue to take precautions against the virus including regular hand washing with soap and water or disinfecting with 70% alcohol. We stress the importance of always wearing masks correctly, but especially in crowded areas like classrooms. Because we don't know how the Department of Education intends to guarantee adequate ventilation and social distancing in classrooms, we'd like to

err on the side of caution and have everyone wear masks and keep their distance from one and another.

In addition to making sure they're healthy, students are busy signing up for classes, getting their hair cut to comply with school regulations, trying on their uniforms, and making any necessary repairs or alterations before the first day

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of school. New uniforms were purchased for those who had significantly outgrown their old ones due to height or weight gains.



They are also keeping themselves busy by covering their books and notebooks in plastic. In Mango, the older students always go above and beyond to assist the younger ones in wrapping their books and notebooks and labelling supplies.

Donated backpacks and a few other school items from the previous two years will come in handy this time around. Mango could have saved money on these necessities, but they've skyrocketed in price along with everything else associated with going back to school. And yet, we make do with what we have and cut corners wherever we can.

We are relieved that classes can resume. As a result, we will be levelling the playing field between the disadvantaged and the favoured few. If without reliable options for distance education, more students will drop out of school. The reopening of schools will help equalize the playing field and ensure the most vulnerable children have a brighter future.

Alpha Mae Emata

Communications Officer ASCF

AND A SUCCESS STORY!

STEPHEN IS A BIG SUCCESS

Stephen has lived in Mango Tree House for some years where he has been nurtured with loving support from the staff, teachers, and his sponsor as he had nowhere else to go. His parents were not able to help him. He persevered and worked hard and is about to reap the fruits of his labour.



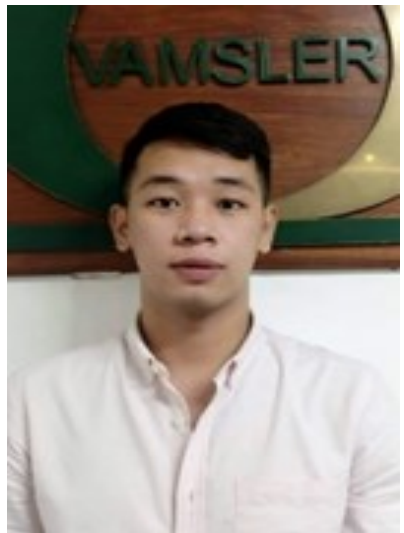
Now, after so much hard study Stephen will shortly graduate with a BSc in Accountancy. A month before his graduation Stephen was offered a part-time job at a pharmaceutical company as Field Auditor. He did well and now has the chance for a full-time career after graduation.

Everyone is so proud of his achievements and excited for what the future holds for him. He will be fully supported and advised by the team at Mango to make sure that he is fully ready and supported as his life begins its transition away from Mango. He is so excited about what the future holds.

You can watch him tell his story at: Children of the Dump Manila Charity Video - YouTube or type -

<https://bit.ly/WatchStephen>
in your internet browser.

This is the latest success that supporters like you have made transforming a young child with few prospects into an optimistic young man with everything to go for.



Fundraising for COTD

If YOU have a birthday coming up.....

Please consider donating your birthday to Children of the Dump with a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser. It is a great way to celebrate a birthday and do good at the same time. It is such an easy way to introduce friends and family to the charity who are on Facebook without any embarrassment from you asking for donations directly. Simply go to this link or scan the QR code and share to your Facebook page. Your friends, wherever they are, can contribute with a credit card (anonymously or not)



<https://www.facebook.com/fund/childrenofthedumpmanila/>

If YOU KNOW SOMEONE ELSE with a birthday coming up....

Please remember that you can send a birthday (or other occasion) card or e-card sent directly to a friend or family member and make a donation (which can be anonymous if you like) to Children of the Dump. A popular option is to upload a favourite photo and convert that into a greeting card for no extra cost. You can book the posting date up to a year in advance as well so no need to forget someone's birthday ever again. What a great way to commemorate an occasion!

<https://makingadifference.cards/supporting/childrenofthedump>

Scan the QR Code to be taken to the card site or go online by clicking on the link above for Making a Difference cards for Children of the Dump.

help support children of the dump (ascf) all year round on making a difference cards



Send out the perfect feel good, do good Birthday Card !

Make someone smile with a personalised card that supports a good cause. Available at the online charity card shop

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£2.50
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e-cards
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people



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Fundraising for COTD

Amazon Smile...

Shopping online at Christmas, 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: [You shop. Amazon gives.](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) (Choose ASCT as the registered charity name of Children of the Dump)

Calling Sainsbury.com shoppers.....

If you buy online groceries at Sainsbury then you can raise funds for Children of the Dump for free if you sign up with our partner Give As You Live. Then when you go shopping go back to Give As You Live, select Sainsbury and get redirected to the normal Sainsbury online site and shop and checkout as normal. Every shop raises money for children of the Dump.

If you shop at other supermarkets (ASDA, Morrisons, Iceland, Ocado as well as Sainsbury) you can buy yourself e-gift cards (or, for a handling charge, a physical gift card) and use these either online or in-store for your purchases like cash or credit card. Pay at check out in total or part payment. Simple! You have also raised free money for Children of the Dump. There are also cards for many other stores such as Café Nero, Costa Coffee and Deliveroo



Thank you to our existing pioneering shoppers who have raised over £600 to date, but we need more supporters to join in.

Go to this web link to start the simple sign up <https://bit.ly/cotdasyoulive>

For details on any of the fundraising above please contact John on - 01276-942030 or email him at office@childrenofthedump.org.uk

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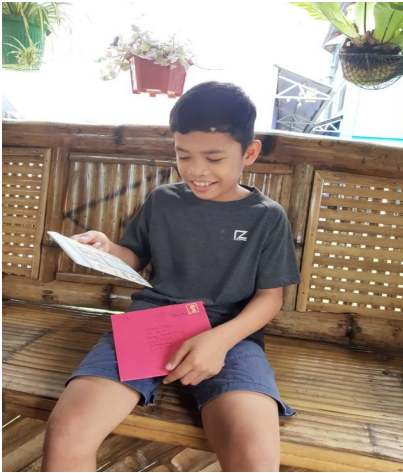


A huge big thank you from the children in Manila to everyone who has donated this year and especially those ongoing sponsors of children and regular givers. During this difficult and uncertain time, we have been blessed to receive extraordinary donations from our sponsors, supporters, churches and trusts which were a lifeline to our students, and their families.

CHRISTMAS POST TO THE PHILIPPINES

Christmas Post

IF YOU SPONSOR a child in the Philippines....



Many sponsors like to send Christmas cards to their children. Please post them (c/o Children of the Dump) to arrive at High Cross Church by **1st of December** for a bulk delivery to Manila.

We can't send gifts to the Philippines due to the cost and import restrictions, but you could send £10 and we can transfer the money to Manila.

Depending on the age of the child they can then choose their own present and you can be sure that they have something that they love.

You can post a cheque or transfer money to our bank. Details at the end of the newsletter.

Remember to write your students name and 'Xmas' in the Bank reference or on the back of the cheque.

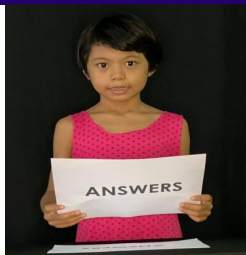
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Account Number **01146629**

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MONTHLY ONLINE QUIZ IS BACK—OCTOBER THE 6TH



Our slick and entertaining Quizmaster Mark is back hosting an informal fun online quiz every FIRST THURSDAY of the month welcoming teams of up to 6 for about 90 minutes. Sign on at 7.15pm.

Team chatrooms remain open afterwards so you can chat with your own (or other teams).

We hope to see old friends but would love new teams too. It's a great way to catch up with folk a long way away. You don't have to come every time

In advance, it helps to set up if all players know their team's name and if that name is sent to office@childrenofthedump.org.uk. We can send the Zoom link for the Quiz

A minimum donation of £3 per person through Paypal link <https://bit.ly/CotDQuiz>

The link for the next quiz is here <https://bit.ly/CotDZoomQuiz>

Meeting ID: 853 5616 0693 Password: 752288

Some people simply can't stand quizzes. If that is you, we understand, but would you please add a few pounds for the children anyway?

Hope to see you there!

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