

December 22 News Sheet

The BigGive 2022: A huge success!

During The BigGive, which happened during the first week in December, the charity set an ambitious target of raising over £28,000. During this time every donation is doubled through match funding. We are still counting up everything that has come in but once Gift Aid is taken into account over £34,000 was raised to support the children in Manila. Thanks to the Charity Pledgers who contributed to the matching funds by providing funding and Coles-Medlock Foundation who provided Champions match funding.

The importance of The BigGive is that it ensures stability for the children's schooling for the remainder of the school year.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated directly and indirectly and everyone who donated after coming online to the monthly quiz hosted by Mark; especially all the new faces who came along.

Children's Christmas Messages

Christmas cards from sponsors are important and more than 80 have just been forwarded to the children. All of these are treasured, and many will be put on school locker doors or on the walls at home. We know that some of the children keep all their cards for many years.



Many child sponsors were again delighted to receive a short video from their sponsored child to say Happy Christmas this month. The children love making these (at school or on borrowed or family phones) and sponsors get to see the children, always happy and joyful, either at school or in their homes with a unique message. Just occasionally you might also hear a chicken in the backyard or a prompt from a teacher or proud parent to remind them what to say! Over time sponsors will be able to see their children bloom as they grow up.

This year, our first sponsors took up the opportunity to send their own video replies. These can be sent direct to Manila by the UK office where ASCF staff can show them to the children. Email the video to John at office@childrenofthedump.com making sure that you include your name and the child.

Maybe you would like to start being a part of this exciting link across the world, visit our website and see the 2 featured children currently without sponsors. <https://bit.ly/cotdsponsor>

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