

March 23 News Sheet

Successful Fundraising for Children of the Dump.

It is fantastic that more local fundraising is going on in the Philippines. Increasingly Filipinos are stepping up and helping the vast numbers of people still living in dire poverty especially in the slum areas where Children of the Dump operates. Their problems are great, and it remains a long term challenge that needs the cooperation of locals and people like you in the UK and elsewhere to fix for the children. Every child deserves an education and because of this they can earn their way to a better life for themselves away from the poverty of the rubbish dumps.

In the Philippines the German School in Manila ran a 24 hour swimathon as part of their 30th anniversary. Students, staff, and friends of the School all took part and the chair of our local partner in Manila, Sara McLeod also took to the water. This raised enough money to fully equip the first ever schoolroom in the isolated rubbish dump community of Sitio Pintor where Children of the Dump runs the community's first ever school. Last year, The Manila Motorcycle Club helped by repairing the only freshwater pump in the village and giving building materials. Villagers then replaced the rickety community shack where the classes were held as a typhoon stripped the thatch from the roof. The children now have a proper classroom able to withstand the elements and pre-school education is ensured. Now the challenge becomes how to extend the opportunities of education as the children get older and need schooling outside their cut-off community with its lack of easy access.



In the UK Jonathon Cooke has just run the Brighton Marathon to raise funds-. He is inspired by the changes he can see in his sponsored schoolgirl. To see Jonathon's reasons follow the link <https://bit.ly/JCBrightonMarathon>



Perhaps the most inspiring fundraising story has been about 11 year old Zac here in the UK. He heard a talk about the work of Children of the Dump and decided that he wanted to help. What's more, after talking to his grandad, he decided to push himself with a real challenge. With no previous experience of running he decided to do a 5 km run. Not once, but on 5 consecutive weekends. It hasn't been easy, and Zac had to work hard to prepare but now the picture shows him raring to go on week 3 with his dad and brother in support and he has raised a ton of money to fund education for the children. What an inspiring story!

These one off events are amazing and thank you to everyone who organises, competes, sponsors, and supports them. But education for the children is ongoing and the costs of providing this are there every day. Are you excited by the success of the charity and want to set up a fundraising activity and get friends and family involved to help the children take their opportunity of education? Contact us if you would like help setting up a fundraising activity and sponsor page, some information on the charity, or even help with entry costs for marathons. Depending on where you are, we may be able to organise someone to come and talk to your club or congregation but if that is not possible then we can share videos and materials that explain the work of the charity and why it's such a good cause to support.

Email John at office@childrenofthedump.org.uk. He will get back to you by phone or email.

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