



SMALL MIRACLES

The monthly newsletter of the Chosen Children Village Foundation, Inc



A NEW HOME FOR TESSA

Part of our mission is to provide loving homes for the children at the village and, sometimes, that means entrusting the care of our little angels to suitable adoptive families. Such is the case for Maria Theresa Arca.

Fondly known as Tessa, the three-year old Maria Theresa was officially discharged and turned over to the care of Aurore Cogniaux and Florent Istace of Belgium last July 24, 2019. This adoption was made possible thru the Inter-Country Adoption Board.

The couple, together with their two other children, stayed in one of the guesthouses for a night to give Tessa some time to familiarize herself with her new family. Tessa slept with them and this enabled her to quickly bond with her new parents and siblings.

Everything went smoothly during the discharge conference presided by our executive director Che Naval. The mamas and papas who cared for Tessa were also present during this meeting & they were teary eyed when they finally said goodbye. Tessa will be dearly missed!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE

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REHAB REPORT FOR JULY 2019



Let's Support Crayfish Party Manila @ Sofitel Plaza

For the fourth year in a row, NordCham Philippines, is hosting Asia's Biggest Viking Party for a Cause to benefit the Chosen Children Village. Scheduled for September 14, 2019, Crayfish Party Manila promises to be another fun-filled celebration featuring Nordic delicacies and beverages

Selected youth from CCV attended the press conferences for the party,

Isabel, Pinky and Charlie, represented the foundation on July 23rd, while Michael, Niño and Dave attended the July 25th launch.

Crayfish Party Manila has raised PHP 1.4 million for the benefit of the CCV over the last four years.

For more information, please visit <https://crayfishparty.ph/>. To purchase tickets online, [click here](#).

Putt for a Cause in Peoria

We're inviting our friends in the US, specifically those in Arizona, to come and join Arrowhead Legends' first annual Charity Golf Tournament on September 20, 2019 at Westbrook Village Golf Club in Peoria.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 to benefit CCV and Homeless Engagemen Lift Partnership

(HELP). It'll be a day filled with fun, food, golf, games, prizes and camaraderie.

If you can't join in the green, you can also get involved by becoming a sponsor. As a sponsor, you will be added in the video and marketing collaterals for the event, which will be distributed in public spaces and social media.

UPCOMING CHARITY EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW...

Eating Crayfish dates back to the reign of the Swedish King Erik XIV in the 16th century. It was said that the king farmed crayfish at the moat of his castle and these were served at a feast to celebrate the end of summer in Nordic countries, which is usually in August.

This sought-after crustacean is cooked with herbs and spices and served with other Nordic delicacies and copious amount of schnapps.



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You can also make a donation to help the organizers reach their goal. For questions about this, you can email at FCCVUSA@gmail.com.



Still under construction, [The Big Barn](#) is the farm's major project of the year. Construction has begun early summer but because the rainy season has started early this year, completion has been delayed. However, we're confident that it will be finished by August since it's already 80% done.

The big barn will house the big animals once completed, including cows, sheep, goats, and future donkeys, to protect them from extreme weather conditions.

The Farm @ Chosen Children Village

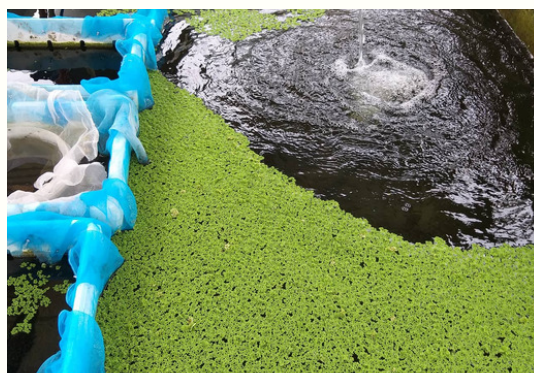
Headed by Joeseph Verano, the Farm is one of the crowning glories of Chosen Children Village. Not only does it provide an avenue for the CCV youth to learn about farm and animal husbandry, it also provides the village's kitchen with fresh produce that goes into the residents' meals.

The farm has several major features, including:

- [Aquaponics](#) where we grow lettuce, basil, and kangkong (*water spinach*). This is also where we farm Tilapia
- [Small Barn](#) where we organically raise native pigs. Our youth is responsible for taking care of this area and they are very conscientious about feeding and cleaning the pens, making it one of the best-smelling corrals you'll ever see,
- [Pineapple Plantation](#) which provides sweet fruits for the table and organically grown food for our cows!



Eggs from the chickens at the farm





Yes, we can dance! Danilo & Daniela teaches movement

It was a fine day when Mr. Danilo Espada and Mrs. Daniela Casagrande of Italy visited the village last July 27, 2019.

An impromptu dance workshop, the dynamic started with a lecture about movement and the therapeutic effects that "dancing to the beat" has on the body. The physical therapy was intent on listening as they can certainly use the knowledge to devise fun programs for our energetic teens and adults.

It was followed by a graceful performance for the rest of the village at the Nutrition Center. The teens enjoyed this welcome break from their routines and were excited to try some of the moves they just watched!

Crazie mille to Danilo & Daniela!



Shout out to SHOM

We'd like to give a shout out to the Spouses of the Heads of Mission (SHOM) for their very generous donation!

The donation, awarded to CCV last year, was used to purchase mattresses last March and a refrigerator this month. The refrigerator will be placed for the dormitories in the Arantza building. The new mattresses will be used in the dormitories for the immersion and training programs.

CCV is only one of the many non profit organizations and charities that SHOM supports all over the world. Their continued benevolence is a source of comfort and hope for everyone in the village. A thousand thanks to the people behind SHOM! ❤️



Rehab Report for July 2019

The Arantza Rehab Department caters to the mobile and wheelchair-bound children's need for joint mobility and flexibility by providing them exercises to maintain, if not to improve joint play. The treatment approach varies from patient to patient as it needs to address their specific needs, e.g. improvement of posture, breathing and social interaction. These will help them experience comfort amidst of their condition.

Meanwhile, we have hired an occupational therapist - Jan Mickaela Q. Pangilinan, OTRP - to help the children improve their cognitive, physical, sensory, and motor skills. She will also address psychological, social, and environmental factors to enhance the self-esteem and sense of accomplishment of her patients. With her help, we aim to make the children independent in their daily lives.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE DETAILED PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE REHAB DEPARTMENT](#)

VIDEO: CHARLIE'S DANCE THERAPY

VIDEO: PRINCESS' PHYSICAL THERAPY



Welcome back, Ryan!

On May 8, 2003, the gates of the Chosen Children Village welcomed a smiling boy to its fold. His name was Ryan and he was diagnosed with a fatal congenital heart disease.

Soon after, Ryan was flown to the United States as part of a medical mission by ACC-USA. He underwent surgery and by September 23rd of the same year, he returned to the village. He was adopted a year after by a family from Michigan.

Now, Ryan is a second-year political science student and he has returned to his Motherland to meet his biological mother and siblings. He also paid the village a visit on July 14th to reconnect with his old friends and learn more about his adoption. What Ryan didn't count on was the surprise birthday party that we prepared for him. The look of pure joy on his face was priceless!

IMMERSIONS & VISITS

We hosted 69 people as part of our Immersion Program for the month of July. It included 60 students from Saint John Academy. We also had visitors from Tubuan Adventist Ministries Department.

ON-THE-JOB TRAINEES

Two batches of Psychology students from Emilio Aguinaldo University - Dasmariñas trained at the village for the month.. They rotated between the cottages, helping with the feeding, daily care and therapy sessions.

PARTIES WITH A CAUSE

The Javier Nutrition Center hosted three parties for the month, including a party for the Rotary Metro District. Guests often bring in-kind donations for the village during these events.



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We're going social!

To spread awareness about the village and what we do, we're levelling up our social media game! Please take a moment to follow us (*and maybe say Hi!*) on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel for our weekly videos updates,



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Be a hero! Donate!

Here's a list of items that we need constantly.

- Milk formula:
- S-26 for 0 to 6 months
- Promil for 6 to 12 months
- Promil Kid for 1 to 3 years
- Multivitamins for babies, children & adults
- Adult diapers (sizes M & L)
- Cleaning agents / materials (Pledge, mop, soft broom)
- Detergent powder
- Dishwashing liquid
- Disinfecting agents (alcohol, Domex, Lysol, Zonrox)
- Liquid hand soap
- Umbrellas

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