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SMALL MIRACLES

The Monthly Newsletter of Chosen Children Village Foundation, Inc.



CCV CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING!

A MONTH TO BE GRATEFUL

After a busy month putting the village to order and preparing for the upcoming holidays, our founders, Mommy Lita and Daddy Ron, celebrated Thanksgiving Day with the young adults and teens of the Chosen Children Village last November 28th. They were joined by the long-time employees and select members of the Board of Trustees in a hearty dinner prepared by the kitchen staff at [Javier Nutrition Center](#).

There's a lot to be thankful for this month including the repair of our water tank system, renovations to a couple of cottages, new trainees and renewal of partnerships. Read more about this in the next pages!



WATER TANK SYSTEM REPAIRED!

SAFE, CLEAN WATER FOR YEARS TO COME

The 6,000-gallon water tank system was built in 1993 with the capacity to meet the number of buildings and children within its walls.

It has been a very successful system but the past 26 years has taken its toll. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the structure has weakened and its collapse could cause an accident and potentially affect two buildings nearby.

Fortunately, one of our board members and a lifelong friend, [Ma'am Nena Ortoll](#), decided to fully fund the repair to ensure that the village never goes a day without water and remain accident-free in the foreseeable future.

Today, the bright red water tank stands high and mighty after [Golden Tool Construction](#) spent several weeks repairing its bracing, railings and base.

Thank you Ma'am Nena for such a generous donation to the village!



NORDCHAM DELIVERS AN EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT

Like Santas coming out of the chimney, members of the [Nordic Chamber of Commerce](#) (NORDCHAM) delivered an early Christmas present to the village last November 16th. They turned over a very generous donation of **Php622, 026** to our founder, Mommy Lita, during a program held at the Javier Nutrition Center.

The donation comes from the proceeds of [Crayfish Party Manila](#) held last September. This is an annual event organized by NordCham for the benefit of the Chosen Children Village. For the past five years, NordCham has raised funds from this event for the children of CCV. Our coolest thanks to our coolest friends!



COTTAGE 2 GETS AN UPLIFT (ONGOING)

As part of our commitment to providing high-quality living conditions to our children, our maintenance team is currently undertaking the renovation of [Cottage 2](#). New windows and ceilings will be installed soon to provide better ventilation in the building,

Meanwhile, the maintenance team is also repairing gutters to prevent further damage.



CCV SOLIDIFIES PARTNERSHIP WITH JVR

Jesus V. Del Rosario Foundation, Inc. (JVR) is one of the partners of Chosen Children Village and we're happy to report that this relationship has gotten stronger with two events this month.

First was the visit of the JVR team last November 6th. Together with their Japanese partners for the [Wheelchair Project](#), JVR representatives visited the village to inspect the wheelchairs that they donated. They also took a tour of the village.

Second was the participation of the Arantza Rehabilitation Team on JVR's outreach activity in Pandacan, Manila last November 9th. The team gave a short lecture on cerebral palsy, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy. They also shared some home exercises that wheelchair-bound children can do at home to improve their physical condition.



NEW OVEN COURTESY OF SHOM

Thanks to [Spouses of Heads of Mission](#) (SHOM), our kitchen staff are now back to baking and roasting at Javier Nutrition Center, just in time for our Thanksgiving Dinner.

These wonderful ladies really came to the rescue because our dear Mama Bing needs an oven to prepare food for the children and the guests who avail of our party packages.

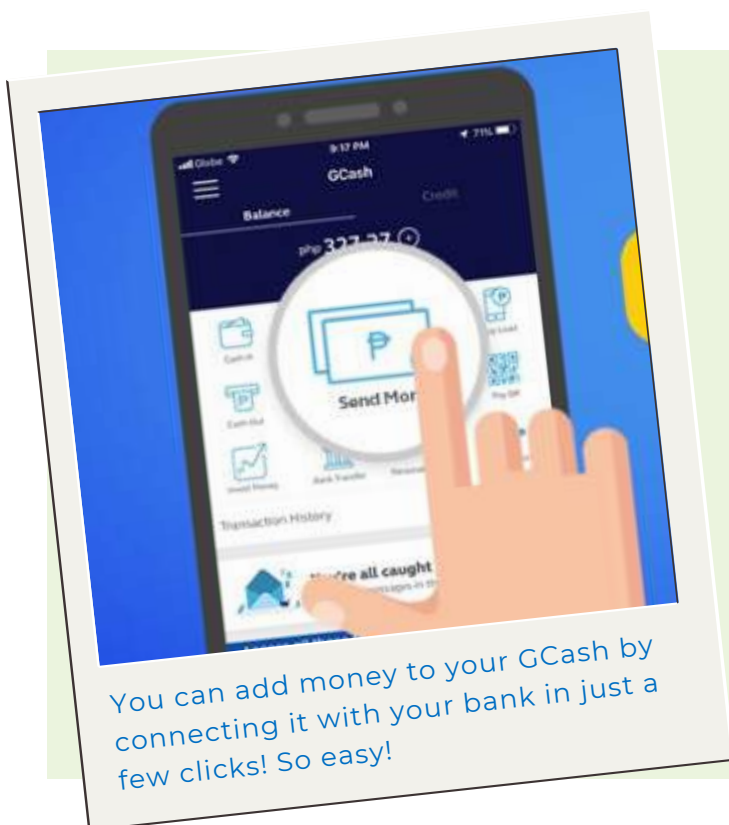


CCV CHILDREN ATTEND BSM HAWKES NIGHT

Every year, the [British School Manila](#) (BSM) invites children at the village to attend their annual [Guy Fawkes Night](#) for a few hours of fun and camaraderie. This is a special occasion for our children and they always look forward to taking that bus ride to the city and meeting new friends.

And this year was as spectacular as ever! Our boys and girls had a wonderful time doing simple scientific experiments with the Year 11 students of BSM. All supervised by their teachers, of course! They also enjoyed the customary fireworks display - a stunning visual extravaganza that delighted children and adults alike.

Thank you to BSM PTA for providing the tickets for our children and staff to attend this magical evening. We hope to see you again next year!



You can add money to your [GCash](#) by connecting it with your bank in just a few clicks! So easy!

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN NOW CONVENIENTLY SEND YOUR DONATIONS THRU THE GCASH APP?

Just download the GCash app to your mobile phone (*if you still don't have it*) and use the **SEND MONEY** feature to send your one-time or recurring donation to our BPI Family Savings bank account.

PRO TIP: Add our account details to your list of accounts so it will be easier to send your donations in the future!

REHAB UPDATE

REHAB TEAM UNLEASHES CREATIVITY AT THE SCHOOL FOR CHOSEN CHILDREN

Led by our occupational therapist Mama Mickaela, the young adults and teens engaged in several prevocational activities that showed off their creativity and artistic inclinations.

The girls, along with Jaja and Paul (sometimes the only thorn among the roses), spent countless hours making Christmas-themed wreaths, crepe paper flowers, and stencilled artworks at [The School for Chosen Children](#).

The purpose of these activities was to develop their fine motor skills and enhance their work behavior and social participation.

Their creations are now on sale at the Javier Nutrition Center. Wreaths are sold for Php 500 each and many have been bought by visitors already. However, there's still a lot of items left so if you want an [extra special, handmade Christmas decor for your home](#), please reach out to us so we can send you pictures of available wreaths and signage. Just reply to this email and ask for photos so we can send them to you.

WATCH:
CHILDREN
MAKING
CHRISTMAS
WREATHS



PARTIES FOR A CAUSE

Many thanks to the following individuals for celebrating their birthdays with our children! We wish you many more years to come!



Party of Ms Judith



Party of Mr Dexter

We're grateful to the following groups / organizations for taking time out of their busy schedules to spend time with the children at the village and share their blessing as well.

DONATIONS & OUTREACH



Cebuana Lhuillier



Sondragon Foundation, Inc.



Byaheros Riding Club



Steeltech



Christina & Co



Liberty & Friends

TRAINEES

We hosted nine Psychology students from Cavite State University Dasma for their on-the-job training this month. Each spent a total of 120 training hours in the village, helping in the different cottages and departments/



GALLERY

Photos from our Halloween Party! The kids just love dressing up in their scariest attire and spooking each other!

Even the wheelchair-bound children like Jaja join the festivities and put on a costume.



Be kind. Donate in kind!

Share your blessings by donating these grocery items instead of cash.

- Rice
- Milk formula for the babies & toddlers (S26 & Promil)
- Multivitamins for babies, children & adults
- Adult diapers (sizes M & L)
- Laundry & dishwashing detergents
- Cleaning & disinfecting agents (Pledge, alcohol, Domex, Lysol, Zonrox)

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