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SMALL MIRACLES

The Monthly Newsletter of Chosen Children Village Foundation, Inc.



A TRIBUTE TO OUR CCV DADS



Pam Brown, an Australian Poet, once said, "***Dads are most ordinary men turned into heroes.***" We cannot find a better example of this than here at Chosen Children Village. From our founder's better half, Daddy Ron, to our driver Papa Jack, our special angels are blessed to have outstanding father figures to look after them.

Daddy Ron is the father of them all. He's been there, right alongside Mommy Lita, since the foundation started in a small apartment in Las Piñas. He has set a good example for our highly functional children, instilling in them the value of hard work and discipline. To this day, he remains a significant figure in the village, a source of strength and security.

Next is our assistant Executive Director, Adrian Mendoza. A bachelor, Adrian found himself an instant father to 70 children the moment he signed his contract. But it has never been more pronounced than during this quarantine period. According to him, the last 3 months made him see how a parent should prioritize the welfare of the

children... that sacrifice is not even a choice for parents. It is a must. Indeed, we're lucky that we have such a dedicated father in him.

And then there are our social worker, Joshua, and our residential papas. We currently have seven male caregivers who take care of our children every day. It's not an easy job but they persevere and continue to do the best they can.

We also have our maintenance & farm papas -- the ones who teach our highly functional children the skills they need to become productive members of the village. Their patience is beyond reproach.

And, of course, we have the papas from our Board of Trustees. They may not be physically at the village all the time but they make sure that there's a roof over our heads, food on the table. etc. They are the invisible hand that keeps the village running like a tight ship.

Thank you, CCV papas!

CCV WELCOMES A NEW ANGEL



It was bright and sunny Sunday when a new angel entered the CCV gates. Her name is **Kim Adele Jose** and she was born three days earlier, on June 4th, at a provincial hospital. Our social worker and residential supervisor, Papa Joshua and Mama Kathy respectively, were present at her birth and they were the ones who brought her home.

The three of them were quarantined at the clinic for two weeks before the rest of the village met the newest addition to the CCV family. Mama Kathy sent daily updates about our little bundle of joy

while they were in isolation. Like all newborns, she's asleep most of the time and has a very good appetite. We also managed to secure two new sponsors for her.

If you, a friend or a family member would like to become Kim's sponsor, please call us at **0919-999-8915** or email sponsorship@chosenchildrenfoundatio.com for details. For USA-based sponsors, please call **Ms. Suzanne Bovaird at 602-757-8107** or email her at FCCVUSA@gmail.com. All donations and sponsorship qualify for tax deductions.



Village Wishlist

Want to share your blessings?
Chosen Children Village would greatly welcome donations of the following:

- Eggs, Sugar and Cooking Oil
- Fruits and Juices, Biscuits and other snacks
- Milk (Fresh or Powdered), Enfamil Lactose-Free for Baby Kim
- Laundry Bleach and Detergent
- Dishwashing Soap/Liquid and other Cleaning Agents
- Farm tools & supplies
- XL Baby & Adult Diapers

NETSUITE GIVES CCV ACCESS TO \$25,000 WORTH OF SOFTWARE

For decades, financial management at CCV has been all about spreadsheets and paper accounting. While there is nothing wrong with that, the growing complexity of the foundation's finances and operations has precipitated the need for a more robust, agile system that can aid our leadership in their planning and decision-making activities.

Thus, we are pleased to announce that we have officially joined **Oracle NetSuite's Social Impact Program** this month. Members of our admin team will undergo online training on how to use the basic financial system in the coming weeks with **Romeo Sta. Maria**, our new finance director. We're hopeful that NetSuite will improve our accounting system for posterity.

VILLAGE UPDATES

OTG FARMS VISITS THE HACIENDA

In an effort to revitalize the farm after the Taal Volcano eruption, we have invited **Adrian Aquino** and his team at **OTG Farms** to visit and help us enhance our organic vegetable production. Our goal is to produce enough vegetables for daily consumption of the children and the stay-in staff.

Adrian's team will also be training ours in natural fertilizer production, vermiculture, and aquaponics. We're also seeking their help in restarting our mushroom house. We are hoping that with their help, we can eventually produce surplus vegetables that can be sold and make the farm a self-sustaining endeavor.

OTG Farms started its operations in Puerto Princesa in 2016 before expanding to Indang, Cavite a year after. To find out more about them, [click here](#).

NEW MEDICAL CONSULTANT HIRED

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Eliseo Banaynal, Jr.** has joined the CCV family as a medical consultant. Dr. Bing, as he is fondly called, comes highly recommended by our Board of Trustees. He is currently practicing acupuncture and nutrition at Health First Clinic in Alabang. Prior to that, he has served as the medical and executive director of United Laboratories and remains as one of their consultants today.

One of his first requests as our medical consultant is to meet with the supervisors of the residential department and the members of the Arantza Rehabilitation team. The agenda was to discuss the current situation of the children and get a general overview of their medical needs. The meeting was done virtually via Zoom.



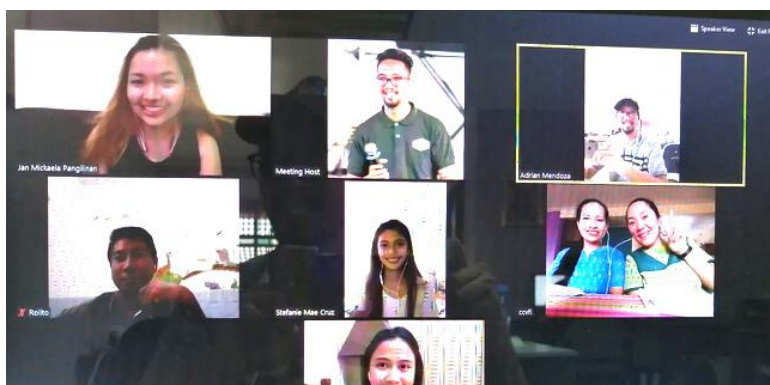
Daisy mae preparing pudding out of Grardenia bread



Evelyn guiding one of her cottage mates while on a stroll.



MJ & Kim presenting their flower arrangements for the chapel.



The team's first Zoom meeting with Dr. Bing.



Our girls joined the toddlers for a little fresh air at the farm,

DAVE'S FIRST COOKING VIDEO

The Chosen Children Village is very proud to present to you our very first cooking tutorial video featuring Dave Mendoza. The first of many, Dave shows us how to cook **Eggplant Sisig** in this video.

Dave used eggplants, kalamansi and green chilies harvested from our very own farm. Dave also used mayonnaise donated by Fr. Arnold Eramiz of Sta Rosa De Lima Parish Church last month.

We were blessed with an abundant supply of eggplants and chilies in June, which enabled us to barter/sell this within the local neighborhood.

Dave is one of the children who grew up in the village. He learned how to cook under the tutelage of Mama Bing, our beloved Nutrition Director. Together with Kimberley Paredes, he is now in charge of cooking the food for the other high functioning children of Cottages 9 & 10. Let's support Dave's vlogging by sharing his video!



Bartering /selling our excess eggplant harvest.



Our guards welcomed this break from their routine.



Gracias!

Welcome to our new Child Sponsors for May-June 2020

- Aibby Del Corro
- Ulysses Lomibao
- Gloria Briones
- Daniel A. Hampton
- Creative Light Consulting
- Jezrhell & April Cruda
- Genaro Gamo

Please forward this newsletter to family, friends and colleagues who might be interested in sponsoring a child(dren). Or you can also send this link:

<https://chosenchildrenfoundation.com/sponsorship/>

DONATIONS

CO FAMILY ANSWERS CALL FOR DIAPERS

Diapers are a staple in the village. We use around 6,000 pieces for newborns, toddlers, and wheelchair-bound children in a month. This is the reason why it's always on our wish list and we're fortunate that guests often include this in their gifts.

However, with the village on lock down due to COVID-19, we have used up all our stocks. It is nothing short of a miracle then that **Cristina Co and family** answered our call when we came knocking on their door. They sent us 190 bags of adult and child diapers to replenish our supply. Our most heartfelt gratitude goes to Ms. Cristina and family!



FEEDSTARVINGCHILDREN.ORG SENDS RICE TO CCV

In the last week of May, we received an unexpected email from **Justin of Feed The Starving Children Organization**, expressing their intent to send rice to the village. Phoebe, his assistant, found CCV online and included us in the list of 25 Philippine orphanages to help.

Less than two weeks later, 50 sacks of rice amounting to 2,500 kilograms arrived by truck. It was a surprise because we didn't expect to receive it so soon. Indeed, angels are found in the most unexpected places and we are blessed to be the recipient of Justin's generosity. More power to you and [FeedStarvingChildren.org](https://www.feedstarvingchildren.org).



MEDICINE CABINET GETS A BOOST FROM MILLIE MANAHAN

With 69 children of varying medical needs in our care, we are in constant need of over-the-counter medicines for a myriad of ailments like headache, toothache, cough, colds, and allergies. As such, we are very much obliged to **Ms. Millie Manahan** for sending us several boxes of paracetamol, ibuprofen, rabeprazole, and cetirizine. She also included packets and bottles of ascorbic acid, which we're using to boost the immune system of our children. Many thanks and more power to Ms. Millie!



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DETERGENT DONATIONS IN JUNE

One of things that we pride ourselves in is that our children are always dressed in clean, presentable clothes whether we have visitors or not. This would not be possible without our hardworking laundresses and our donors. Just this month, we received 10 buckets of Ariel detergent from **Ma. Victoria Legarda** and two buckets from **Ms. Winky De La Cruz**. The latter also sent us two gallons of 70% alcohol, which is very much in demand nowadays. Thank you, Ms Victoria & Ms Winky! And thank you to Ms Rosemarie for delivering their donations to us!



MISSIONARIES RETURN TO CCV

As part of Grace Arena Missionary Chapell Anglican Communion's Outreach Mission for this year, **Rev, Luke Chinedu N. Okeke** and a few members of his congregation visited the village in early June. They brought with them gifts of rice, biscuits and noodles. They were keen to see the children but they weren't allowed to do so in compliance with our lockdown policy.

Rev. Luke and his parishioners have been visiting the village since 2018. Their church is based in Imus, Cavite.



OTTLA TAUS

Upon learning of our need for diapers, Mrs Ottla Taus, or Ma'am Otts as she is fondly called by us, dropped off boxes of adult and baby diapers at the admin office. Ma'am Otts is a long-time member of our Board of Trustees and has been elected Treasurer early this year.



MARIE CONCEPCION

To the delight of our children, Ms. Marie Concepcion donated two big boxes of Pancake Mix and a dozen boxes of Selecta Moo. Soft, fluffy pancakes paired with delicious chocolate milk make for a perfect breakfast or merienda set that our little ones simply love.



FR. ARNOLD ERAMIZ

The benevolent Father Arnold Eramiz of Santa Rosa de Lima Parish Church sent us 10 boxes of Ken's Mayonnaise to the delight of Dave and Kim, the children in charge of preparing the food for Cottages 9 & 10. They use this to make sandwich spreads.

Quick Mentions

We would also like to thank **Ms. Lourdes Villaluna** and **Mod Macahilig** for donating 30 sports shirts as well as **Ms. Cristina Jaring** for donating grocery items, including dried fish, coffee and pasta noodles. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Birthday CORNER

Two of our beloved toddlers, **Athena Sivellino** and **Jay-M Estenor Heredia**, celebrated their second birthdays this month. Our staff prepared a joint party for these young ones with their fellow toddlers in attendance. They feasted on spaghetti and cake.

Would you like to know your sponsored child's birthday? Email us at sponsorship@chosenchildrenfoundation.com.



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