



SMALL MIRACLES

The Official Newsletter of the Chosen Children Village



PARTIAL LOCK-IN COMMENCES

After four and a half months of total lockdown, the Chosen Children Village finally moved into a partial lockdown last August 3rd. This came as good news to our employees who were longing to go home and see their families.

Many of the children, however, still needed to be locked in. Foremost among them are the wheelchair-bound children who have weak immune systems. They, along with the caregivers who volunteered to remain in further isolation with them, are housed at the Arantza Rehabilitation Center. All their food and needs are being delivered to them by assigned individuals.

The rest of the village follows a Transition Blueprint to ensure that the village remains free of COVID-19. Included in this blueprint are strict rules for disinfecting when entering the village, rapid testing for employees, wearing of protective gear when dealing with the children, and use of designated pathways for those who have ventured outside.

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We have received a few inquiries from our followers in social media whether the village is now accepting visitors who want to see the children. Unfortunately, this is still not possible. We can only accept guests up to the admin office.



Members of Perdon Y Abraza Masonic Lodge No. 441 did a donation drive to celebrate their charter day. They dropped off their donations on August 20th.



One of our child sponsors, Ms. Jofaye Abalon, saw our previous call for diapers and brought boxes of baby and adult diapers for our children on August 1st.

A few groups did visit to drop their donations off. We cannot express how grateful we are for their kindness and generosity. Our operational resources are running on empty and the gifts they brought replenished our supplies.

If you are interested in helping us restock our pantry, please refer to the wishlist below for a list of items requested by our Nutrition team. Thank you in advance for those who will share their blessings with our special angels!

VILLAGE WISHLIST

- Eggs, sugar and cooking oil
- Oatmeal for toddlers
- Fruits and juices, biscuits and other snacks
- Milk (fresh or powdered), Enfamil Lactose-Free for Baby Kim
- Vitamins for children and staff to boost immune system
- Laundry bleach and detergent
- Deodorant and undies for older children
- Alcohol, gloves, chlorine, sanitizing products
- Laundry detergent and bleach
- Dishwashing products

*Welcome to
our newest
sponsors*

JULY-AUGUST 2020



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VILLAGE UPDATES



GIRLS GET BUSY

One of the changes implemented this month is the partial lock-in of the independent girls. Unlike the independent boys who are free to roam the village and do their tasks, the girls are confined to the area of Cottages 9 & 10, where they will be assisting Mama Bing in the kitchen and Mama Fely in the laundry area.

MJ, Kim, and Daisy Mae are in charge of bringing the food to the hyperactive boys and the wheelchair-bound children. Joje, Joenabie, and Jenny are now working in the kitchen, peeling and cutting vegetables and washing the dishes. Naome Joy and Pinky helps with the laundry.

The girls miss being able to walk the grounds but understand that it is for everyone's safety that they are locked in.



COTTAGE REPAIRS CONTINUE

Our maintenance staff were busy as bees this past month. They finished the repair of the canopy at Cottage 10 and proceeded with the renovation of Cottage 2, which used to be the home of our Hyperactive Girls. This project will continue to occupy their time in the next couple of months.

They also moved the main electric line for the street lights, repaired the rabbit houses, and fixed rusting fixtures of the water pump.

FRESH FROM THE FARM

The farm remains a vital source of fresh produce in the village. For this month, the kitchen table teemed with eggplant, pechay, okra, Baguio beans, string beans, and corn harvested from the vegetable garden. The children also enjoyed eating freshly-picked avocado and dragonfruit.

All the animals are growing nicely as they have fresh grass to feed on. The older, independent boys were put in charge of them. Michael is in charge of the pigs and the compost pit. He is assisted by Paul in these tasks.

Meanwhile, Niño takes care of the chickens. He is in charge of feeding them, cleaning the coop and harvesting eggs for the kitchen.



REHAB RESUMES OPERATIONS

After a brief hiatus due to the quarantine, our physical therapists and occupational therapist returned to an excited group of patients.

Mama Mikee resumed OT sessions with the toddlers, namely Theresa, Silver, JM, Athena, Diego, Yassie, PJ, and Jason. Our physical therapists, Papa Rolly and Mama Shaira, divided their hours between Oliver, Charlie, Paul, Arturo, Jeric, Silver, Theresa, and Jason. It was noted that Oliver and Charlie regressed during the time they did not receive therapy, resulting in stiffness and postural deviation.

In the coming month, our therapists will explore telehealth options so that the immuno-compromised, wheelchair-bound children can still receive physical therapy whilst in lockdown.



ASD LEARNING MATERIALS DONATED TO CCV

One of the materials that our occupational therapist used during the sessions with our toddlers were donated by Ms. Rona Garcia Himalla of ASD Learning Materials. She originally designed these materials to support the learning of her son, Zyler (photographed left), who was diagnosed with autism.

Zyler loved the colorful worksheets better than the school-issued ones. This gave Ms. Rona the idea that to sell these at affordable prices to other parents. The challenge was to make them durable to withstand repeated use and when she finally solved that challenge, a home business was born.

Aside from the learning materials, Zyler and his mom also donated to our Milk Drive for the toddlers. We are thankful that social media has connected with such a selfless family.



NEW SOCIAL WORKER HIRED

Jo-Anne Brimon, RSW, joins Chosen Children Village as one of its resident social workers. She will be in charge of our adoption cases, acting as liaison between us, DSWD, the Inter-Country Adoption Board and the adoptive parents.

Jo-Anne previously worked with children victims of sexual exploitation at The Salvation Army and Love146.



ACTS OF KINDNESS



MAPANAO FAMILY HELPS RAISE FUNDS FOR CCV IN GENEVA

Mr. & Mrs. Donnie & Maribel Mapanao, their children Abigayle & Alvin, Justin, Isabelle, and their grandson Aiden hosted a photography exhibition at their coffee shop, Viverra Coffee in Geneva, Switzerland. Entitled Vernissage, the exhibition featured the works of Bryan Rigg, one of our beloved Trustees.

Buyers donated in exchange for the framed copies of the photographs. One of the popular prints is called "Water Lillies," which you can see in the photo (right). Also in the photo is Ambassador Evan Garcia, who attended the launch.

A special thanks also goes out to Ms. Luz Caguio for making this exhibition possible. To meet the generous souls who bought prints, [click here](#).



ABOT-KAMAY.PH SELECTS CCV AS BENEFICIARY FOR 2020

Abot-Kamay, a youth-led charity organization, has selected Chosen Children Village as one of the beneficiaries of its 20/20 Vision Project. This project aims to raise funds for children who need basic supplies like food and water.

Aside from their social media campaigns, Abot-Kamay hosted a virtual variety show featuring their members and social media influencers. They asked viewers to show they care by asking them to donate as little as Php 20 to the cause. They have raised Php 5,100 for our special angels as of August 28th.

In an age where apathy is rampant, these teenagers are showing us that an act of kindness, no matter how small, is never wasted. That together, small acts of kindness, can make a difference. [Learn more](#)



AYLA'S MOON STARTS VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING AT CCV

Volunteers are a mainstay in our organization. Unfortunately, we've had to do without our precious volunteers for more than five months. Thus, we were very excited to receive a message from Mrs. Zaza Tosun about her daughter Ayla's intent to do virtual storytelling for our children.

Ayla is only 16 years old but she's an active volunteer storyteller for a nursery school in Dubai. Due to COVID-19 and the closure of schools, she was confined to doing videos for the kids at the nursery.

To date, Ayla has had four storytelling sessions with our students. She and her mom also sent books that she can read virtually to the toddlers. We truly appreciate Ayla for sharing her time and talent with our children. [Visit Ayla's YouTube Channel](#).

Birthday CORNER

Two of our beloved toddlers, **Yassie Samilo Rodriguez** and **Maria Theresa Cabrana**, celebrated their birthdays this month. Our staff prepared a party for these young ones with their fellow toddlers in attendance. They feasted on spaghetti and cake.

HOST A VIRTUAL PARTY FOR YOUR SPONSORED CHILD!

The pandemic has taken a huge toll on donations and our finances. As part of our efforts to raise funds for the village, we will be streaming the Birthday Parties of selected children so that their sponsors can join the celebration virtually.

In lieu of presents, we will be asking for people to host a watch party and invite their friends to send gifts via an online donation platform or fund transfer. We are hoping that this campaign can help us keep afloat during these strange times.

For September, we will be hosting a party for **Michael Camu**, who will be turning 26 on September 27th.

He is one of the independent and most responsible children in the village. He does his chores diligently and to the best of his abilities. Even if it is his rest day, he will do them. This is how hardworking this young man is.

If you would like to be part of his birthday celebration or make an early gift to Michael, please contact admin@chosenchildrenfoundation.com. You may also call us at 0919-999-8915.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRANTS

Here's a list of the other children celebrating their birthdays this September. If one of them is your sponsored child and you would like to send a gift, just let us know!



Paeng
September 8



Arthur
September 11



Henric
September 15



Virgilio
September 16



**CLICK HERE TO MAKE
A VIRTUAL GIFT TO
THESE ANGELS!**



Donations

Thank you to these wonderful people for dropping by with their donations for July - August 2020.

- Anne Mercado
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got shoes?

Our boys Miguel, Arthur, and Jeric have worn out theirs. Pre-loved shoes accepted. Sizes needed 8-9.



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