



OCTOBER 2020 ISSUE

SMALL MIRACLES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CHOSEN CHILDREN VILLAGE



TRICK OR TREAT!

October is one of the most anticipated months here at Chosen Children Village. The children usually spend most of the month planning their costumes for the traditional Halloween Party. The staff, in turn, spends weeks organizing the festivities.

This year's tenth month was a little different though. Many of the children, including the older girls, are locked in due to COVID-19. It would be unfair to hold a party without everyone in attendance.

At the same time, our resources are stretched thin. The level of donations for the pandemic period is giving us a scare and we need to be smart about where we spend our savings.

At the last minute, it was decided that the children can at least do Trick or Treating around the village. Mama Bing, the head of our Nutrition Department, has saved biscuits, candies and other goodies specifically for this tradition so we didn't have to buy any more. The staff also pooled money out of their own pockets and bought sweets to give away.

And so it was that the Chosen Children found themselves parading around the village in their scariest best on the last day of October. They started collecting their treats at the Admin Office then moved on to the School with Teacher Lenny. Their last stop was at

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the Javier Nutrition Center where Dave and the locked-in girls distributed the goodies in their Halloween costumes. All in all a spooktacular celebration! Thank you to all of our staff for making this happen and bring joy to our children!



Paul Isaiah



Dixon



Roxanne



Dave giving Charlie treats from the Javier Nutrition Center

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

With the easing of the quarantine regulations, we are pleased to announce that we have hired two new consultants to help guide us through the "New Normal."



First, we have **Attorney Ramon Allado**, our legal consultant. He will be advising s

Next is **Ma. Clariza D. Achanzar** (picture below). As an Occupational Safety Nurse, she will be part of the Occupational Safety Committee (OSC) on a volunteer basis. Other members of the OSC include Trustee Ron Fullerton, Assistant Executive Director Adrian Mendoza, Residential Supervisor Ecaterina Cailing, and Maintenance Supervisor Ronald Mendoza. They will deliberate matters concerning the safety of the staff especially during this time of the pandemic.

We're also delighted to welcome four new caregivers to our Residential Program - **Raymart Parungao, Leah Jane Ramos. Aiza Lopez, and Tempelle Nazareno.**



Clariza



Raymart



Aiza



Tempelle



Leah

WELCOME TO OUR

New Sponsors

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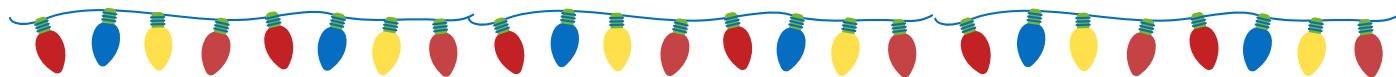


- Classy Scandinavian Living Norway
- Sammy Candol
- Joana Krisha Hirang
- German and Jennifer Aala
- Alliyana Laforreza
- Sophia Guerrero
- Dorothy Molina
- Louise Clare Gonzales
- Ludovic Gonzales
- Ayla Tosun
- Che D. Griego
- Lynn Flor Ibong
- Melisa Henarios Gonzales
- Maria Theresa Atienza
- Ramiro Valencia
- Geline Irabel Ngo Cua
- Saripaz Villar Tan
- Louise Villar Tan
- Mitcz Laurence Manuel
- Gabrielle Bovaird



- Eggs, sugar, cooking oil
- Oatmeal for toddlers
- Fruits and juices, biscuits and other snacks
- Enfamil Lactose-Free for Baby Kim & Similac
- Neosure for Baby Kevin
- Adult and baby diapers
- Vitamins
- Laundry bleach and detergent
- Deodorant and undies for older children
- Alcohol, gloves, chlorine, sanitizing products
- Laundry detergent, bleach & dishwashing products

WELCOME THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE...



CCV CHARITY WREATHS

EACH CHRISTMAS WREATH WAS HAND
MADE BY OUR GIRLS WHO ARE
CURRENTLY LOCKED IN AT COTTAGE 9



By purchasing a Charity Wreath, you will not only be taking home a **one-of-a-kind Christmas decor**, you will also be helping us raise funds for the care of 75 children with physical and mental disabilities currently residing in the village!

Each wreath was made with combination of recycled textile (*because we love Mother Earth*) and new crafting materials.

Each wreath is as unique as the child who designed it!

You can hang it on your door or give it as a meaningful gift to your family and friends!

The Charity Wreath can be purchased for Php 750 or Php 1,000 each. All proceeds will go towards our Residential Program.

MODE OF DELIVERY:

- Pickup at CCV
- Lalamove - shipping fee to be shouldered by the buyer
- Meet Up with our driver, Papa Jack, during his errands. Coordination required.
- Pre-arranged drop off points in the metro



[Buy A Charity Wreath Now](#)





VILLAGE UPDATES

CCV RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE KRISTIAN GERHARD JEBSEN FOUNDATION

The Chosen Children Village Foundation solely relies on private donations to fulfill its mission of providing a permanent home for abandoned children with physical and mental disabilities. In the past year, we have done our best to share this mission with our community on social media. Our followers have done us a great service by helping us reach new sponsors and donors.



One of them is the **Kristian Gerhard Jepsen Foundation (KGJF)**, a Swiss-based foundation established by the Jepsen Family which supports projects with a social value. One of their Manila volunteers, **Ms. Margie Ramirez of G2 Ocean**, reached out to us in September after seeing a post about the village from one of her friends. She was inspired by our mission and proposed our projects to KGJF with the full support of their Manila team.

With God's blessing, KGJF approved the proposal! They sent funds for our sponsorship and residential programs. A portion is also earmarked for Trust Fund Donation. Thank you to Ms. Margie for advocating us. Thank you also to Mr. **Randy Medina** of G2Ocean for being the bearer of such a wonderful news. More power to you!



NIÑO & CHARLIE ATTENDS CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The EU Delegation to the Philippines held its first virtual children's rights summit entitled "**My Space, My Rights**" last October 17th via web conference, in celebration of the 32nd anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Co-presented by the Ateneo Human Rights Center, the summit aims to engage with youth aged 14 to 18 years old in order to raise awareness on the four basic clusters of the rights of children (survival, protection, participation, and development) and provide a platform for young people to become advocates for their own rights as vital contributors to society.

Two of our young adults, Niño Donayre and Charlie Sin, attended the virtual summit under the supervision of Teacher Lenny at the school. They wrote about what they learned and their reflections in their journal.



ABOT-KAMAY.PH RAISES OVER PHP 26,000 FOR CCV

Abot-Kamay PH, a youth-led charity program that focuses on bridging the gap between people who are in need and people who have the heart to help, have submitted their final transparency report to our foundation. They have selected CCV as their flagship beneficiary and used their talent and skills to help our children.

After a series of virtual events and social media campaigns, these determined group of youngsters have raised a total of Php 26, 603. This is truly an amazing feat considering that everything was done virtually in the time of the pandemic.

Their efforts culminated with their visit on October 31st to drop off the items they have bought with the funds they raised. These included much-needed items like diapers, formula milk, snacks and fruit juices for the children. Thank you Abot-Kamay PH for being a vessel of hope!

WE GOT SCHOOL BACK!

With Teacher Lenny at the helm, The School for Chosen Children officially opened last **October 5th**. There are 12 students currently enrolled in three programs, namely Early Intervention Class, Life Skills Program, and Pre-Vocational program,

The toddlers in the Early Intervention Class learned about lines and coloring and started potty training as well. The boys in the Life Skills learned about Language/English, Mathematics, Hygiene and Journal Writing. Meanwhile, the two students in the Pre-Voc program engaged in arts and crafts. Teacher Lenny also started another program to develop the singing and dancing abilities of the children and we saw their skills during the Birthday Bash for October celebrants,

In addition to these activities, Teacher Lenny also facilitated a virtual storytelling and coloring activity hosted by the **UP IE Club**, a student organization based in the UP Diliman. Disney's Frozen was the theme of the storytelling session and the group engaged the students with their eye-catching presentation.



TYPHOON QUINTA STORMS CCV, ROOF FLIES OFF

On the last week of October, Typhoon Quinta wreaked havoc in the Philippine islands, particularly in Regions IV & V, which includes Cavite. Flooding and landslides were reported in the affected areas and, as of this writing, several areas are still without electricity due to fallen power lines.

Fortunately, CCV survived the category tropical cyclone relatively unscathed. Internet and electric power went down for a short-time. The strong winds caused much concern because we have trees in the village that could fall down and cause accidents. Thankfully, they held their ground with small branches torn off.

However, it turned out that we should have been more concerned about the roofs. A piece of it flew off the chapel and landed in one of the green houses of Old Kano Farm next door. One of their staff was standing right next to the area where it landed and it was fortunate that he was not hurt.

Our maintenance staff repaired the roof as soon as the rains let up to prevent further damage. Thank you Lord for hearing our prayers and keeping us safe from the storm.



RESIDENTIAL REPORT

The highlight for the Residential Department this month was the transfer of the locked-in children from Arantza Rehabilitation Center to Cottage 3. This cottage offers a larger space with plenty of natural lighting and ventilation that's good for the children.



One of the children who was part of the lock-in but not transferred to Cottage 3 is Princess Elizabeth. She was transferred to Cottage 4 where the infants and toddlers are housed. Our newest angel, John Kevin Tatoy, also joined her at Cottage 4 after finishing his quarantine.



The independent girls locked in with Mama Bing have started preparing materials they need to make Christmas wreaths. The wreaths were sold out last year and we're hoping for the same result this year. We will be selling the wreaths online and at the admin office.



REHABILITATION RECAP

The children undergoing physical and occupational therapy continue to make great progress this month. Please click on the image below to sneak a peek into the occupational therapy sessions of our toddlers.



Our therapy team also conducted a seminar entitled "**When Puberty Hits You.**" Led by our occupational therapist Mama Mikee, the seminar discussed the physical, mental and behavioral changes that each child goes through when they hit puberty. The staff also attended so that they can learn the best ways to help the children cope with these changes.

We are grateful to everyone who joined the seminar as this is another milestone event for the Rehab Team. This was also a great reminder for us that despite their disabilities, our children do go through puberty and they need our guidance to understand and deal with what's happening to them.



HEALTH HEADLINE

One of our wheelchair-bound, **Hannah Taguba**, was placed in isolation due to her persistent cough. Our resident physician, Dr. Saulog, diagnosed her with aspiration pneumonia and required her to be quarantined on her own. This is to prevent the other children from getting sick as well.

After finishing her round of antibiotics, Dr. Saulog further recommended that Hanna receive physical therapy to help with her dysphagia, sialorrhea, and poor oromotor function. He released guidelines for the PT to follow, which includes the wearing of PPE.

ACTS OF KINDNESS



Kiwanis Club of Silang



Feeding Metro Manila



Black Brick



Dr. Binky & Dr. Rodriguez



Jean of Cummins Philippines



Lions Club District 301-D2



Irene Henson Dizon



Rey Lucien Lazaro



Joanna Sapinoso



USAHA Group



Jam & Family



Cynthia Rodriguez



Benito F. Keh

Donations

Thank you to these wonderful people for dropping by with their donations in October 2020

- Jam & Family
- Lyn Mayoraglo for Feeding Metro Manila
- Mitcz Laurence Jose
- Cavite Electronics Engineering Student Chapter,
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- Usaha Group
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- Jean of Cummins Philippines
- Mary De Leon Rufino
- Kiwanis Club of Silang
- Rosemarie Villa-Real
- Mr and Mrs Colombo
- Rey Lucien Lazaro

Birthday CORNER

We would like to give our sincerest thanks to the **Ibanez Family** for generously sponsoring our second Virtual Birthday Bash last October 30th. They sponsored the party in the name of their son Enzo, who was also celebrating his birthday this month.

The fun-filled party began around 2:30 with a prayer led by our toddlers. It was followed by a series of song and dance numbers from the children and the presentation of lifebook for each of our October celebrants, namely Ivan, Miguel, Maggie, John Eudes, Jenny and Silver. The children got very nostalgic as they watched the lifebook of their brothers and sisters.

We also had a couple of party games - the "Pabitin" for the toddlers and the Newspaper Dance for the older children. Michael and Dixon got into a friendly dance battle after their game to the delight of everyone in attendance.

This milestone in the life of our special angels would not be possible without the benefaction of our sponsors and donors who have helped us with the care of our children over the years. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

You can watch the full birthday bash, which was broadcasted LIVE on our Facebook account [here](#).



FRESH OFF THE FARM!

With the help of our consultants, the Aquaponics Greenhouse is back into action. Our staff has also started with the organic farming techniques they learned from our consultants, which include Triangular transplanting method, double digging /aeration, and creation of natural fertilizers.

Despite the rains, the staff managed to harvest kangkong (*water spinach*), bananas, eggplants, papaya, carrots, and okra. They also planted the lemongrass and citronella cuttings brought by our farm consultants.

Serendipitously, our consultants discovered a neem tree and two curry trees inside the farm compound. These trees have nutritional and medicinal uses.



NOVEMBER CELEBRANTS

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



Angelito
Nov 1



Charles D.
Nov 1



Justin
Nov 4



Neilyn
Nov 5



Elizabeth
Nov 5



Joje
Nov 18



Charlie
Nov 22



Juan Diego
Nov 25

SPONSOR A PARTY!

If you'd like to sponsor the party for our November celebrants and put a smile into the faces of our special angels, please email us for details at admin@chosenchildrenfoundation.com



[SEND A GIFT](#)

Please spread the word

Chosen Children Village currently cares for 75 children with physical and mental disabilities. We are always looking for individuals and organizations to help us fulfill our mission of providing a permanent, loving home for these abandoned and surrendered children.

You would be doing us a great service if you will share our website and/or brochure with your family, friends, and colleagues. By doing so, you will be helping us reach potential sponsors and donors. Thank you!

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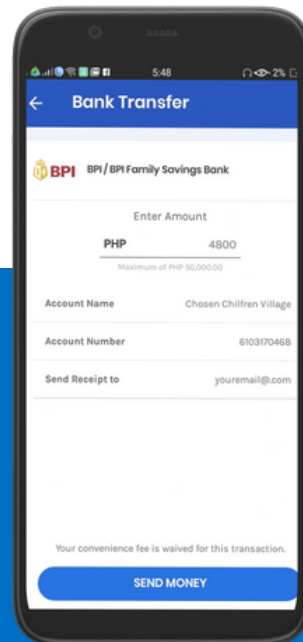


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TIME THAN NOW....**

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