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SMALL MIRACLES

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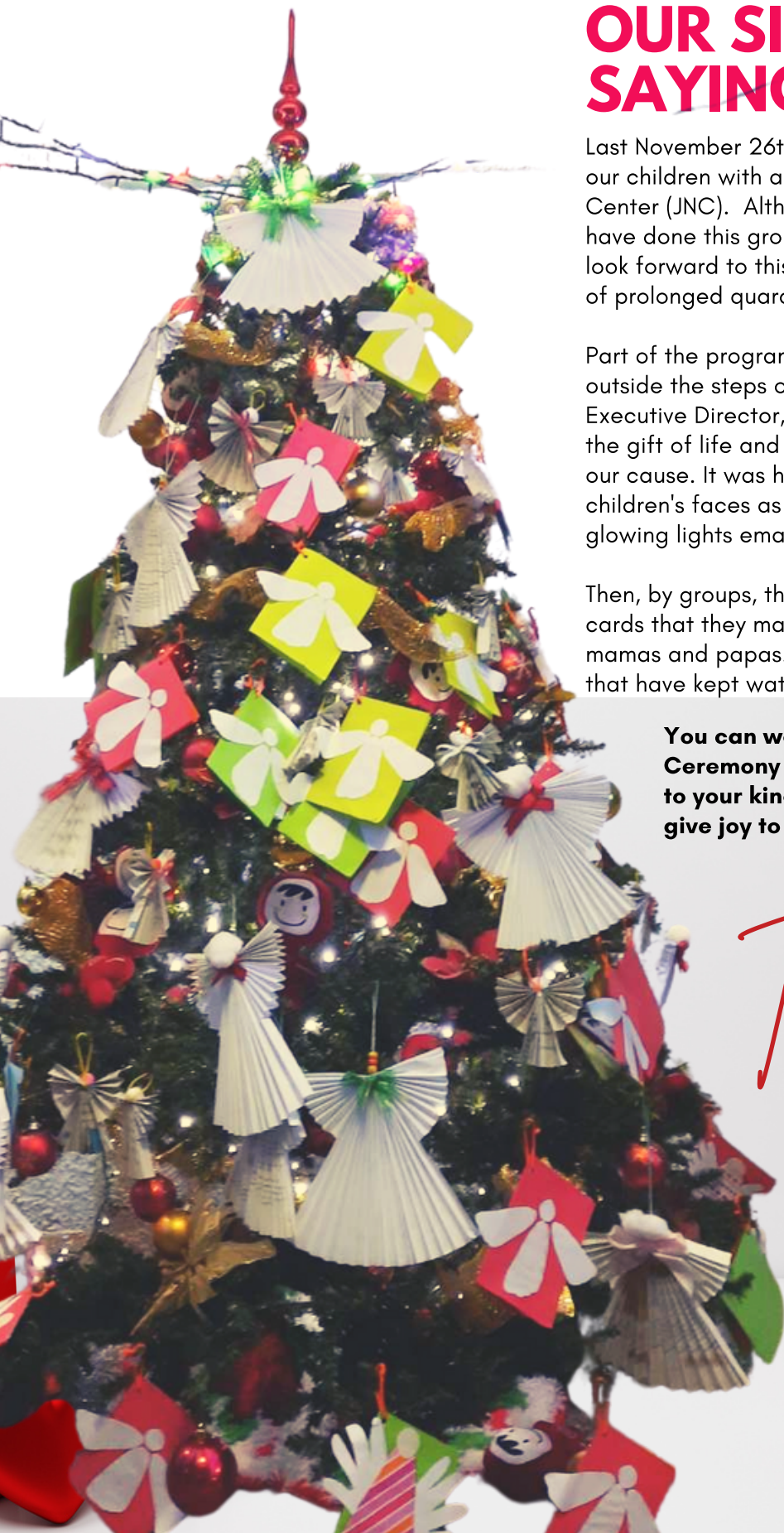
Last November 26th, we celebrated the birthday of ten of our children with a simple program at the Javier Nutrition Center (JNC). Although this is just the second time that we have done this group celebration, our children have begun to look forward to this humble festivity to break the monotony of prolonged quarantine due to COVID-19.

Part of the program is a quick Tree Lighting Ceremony right outside the steps of JNC. Led by Papa Adrian, our Assistant Executive Director, we gave thanks to the Almighty God for the gift of life and for bringing us guardian angels to support our cause. It was heartwarming to see the wonder in the children's faces as their dark surroundings brightened with glowing lights emanating from the tree.

Then, by groups, the children hung paper angels and angels cards that they made days before with the help of our mamas and papas. Each angel represents a donor/sponsor that have kept watch over us all these years.

You can watch a quick video of this Tree Lighting Ceremony [here](#). We hope that this simple tribute to your kindness and generosity will warm and give joy to your heart.

Thank You!



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GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS?

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BY SHINING THE LIGHT OF LOVE TO
CHILDREN WHO NEED YOUR HELP!



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Sponsorship Gift Cards come in three plans:

- **Quarterly Education Sponsorship - Php 1500**
We currently have 12 children attending The School for Chosen Children for Early Intervention, Skills Training, and Tech/Voc Programs
- **Bi-Annual Care Sponsorship - Php 2400**
- **Annual Care Sponsorship - Php 4800**

We currently care for 74 children with physical, mental and social disabilities and ever-growing needs.

If interested, please call 0919-999-8915 or email us at sponsorship@chosenchildrenfoundation.com.



VILLAGE UPDATES

CHOSEN CHILDREN SHOWCASED AT USBONG.PH'S ONLINE ART FOR AUCTION

In partnership with Best Buddies Philippines, Usbong Philippines mounted a two-day online art auction for the benefit of independent organizations as well as the Chosen Children Village. "Online Art for Auction" showcased digital and physical artworks made by Filipino artists.

Several of the Chosen Children submitted their own entries to the auction. Dave Mendoza's "Sunset" is a tribute to his friends. Paul Isaiah Lopez's "Colors" also pays homage to his friends. He says friendship is like a rainbow; it brightens your day after a storm. Both works were sold at the auction along with "Night and Day," by Yassie Rodriguez and Juan Diego Naval.

Usbong, Best Buddies, and Chosen Children Village are united in their vision of a more inclusive and progressive society. We hope that through this auction, we're able to bridge different sectors of society and unite them in a common passion that is art.

Usbong Philippines is a youth-run organization that is dedicated to creating a society where education sparks a change towards a better tomorrow. To know more about their projects and events, you can follow them on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/usbong.philippines>



#SUPTLOCAL #SMALLBUSINESS SHOUTOUT



For this month, we would like to give a shoutout to Juana Hiraya and Prima Aurora. Owned by **Ms. Zandra Ambrosio**, these Manila-based businesses will donate a portion of their profits from all sales made from November 10 to December 22, 2020.

Prima Aurora makes lovely floral arrangements with fresh and dried flowers. They also make lovely boquest. Juana Hiraya, meanwhile, sells delicious baked treats made sustainably. Follow them on Instagram to view their products: **@primaaurora.ph** and **@juanahiraya.ph**

WELCOME TO OUR
New Sponsors
NOVEMBER 2020

- Alexis Hizola
- Anya Sidamon
- Aurumdev Ventures Corporation
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MAINTENANCE MATTERS

After months of prolonged anticipation, the renovation of Cottage 2 is finally complete! The makeover took longer than necessary because of the pandemic; it was harder to source the materials that the contractors and maintenance staff needed to complete the project.

The final touches were made this month, which included the installation of vinyl flooring. CCTV cameras were also installed in strategic areas for monitoring purposes. The wheelchair-bound children have been moved to this cottage, and they seem to be enjoying their new digs.



The maintenance staff also kept busy cleaning up and fixing the farm wall after the typhoons. The pathways and exterior of the cottages also got hosed down as part of the general cleaning routine.



FRESH OFF THE FARM

Adrian Aquino and his #offthegrid team continue to impart their knowledge on organic farming with our farmhands. They taught our staff how to prepare organic pesticide made from neem leaves, alcohol (rum or gin). The pesticide will be used to kill the pests that lay their eggs around the farm, particularly in the aquaponics area.

They also demonstrated how we can use dried leaves and cut grass to fertilize our garden beds. The children can rake, collect the grass, and dump it on the garden beds, where they will decompose and enrich the soil with nitrogen. Dead leaves, on the other hand, enhance the soil's carbon content. When it rains and they decompose together, we've got organic beds that make our vegetable roots happy! [Watch a video here.](#)

For the coming month, they will be focusing on improving aquaponics functionality. The goal is to improve the quantity and quality of harvests and also get our Tilapia fingerlings to grow.



RESIDENTIAL REPORT

November was a very busy month for the Residential Department. There were new cottage assignments for the wheelchair-bound children so the mamas and papas had to do deep cleaning of the cottages.

Meanwhile, the toddlers have started joining their older brothers and sisters at the Dining Area at Javier Nutrition Center. This was a huge change for them as they always just dined by themselves at the cottage. Now, they have to walk some distance to the dining area and be surrounded by many stimulants. Thankfully, they adjusted pretty quickly to the routine.

On a serious note, Oliver, one of the highly functional children, was rushed to the hospital later this month after complaining of severe pains in the abdominal area. It seemed at first that he was going to need surgery for appendicitis. After a few more hours of observation, the doctor ruled it out. He was discharged on Thanksgiving Day, which was another reason for celebration.



THE STORY OF OUR ANGELS

Speaking of Thanksgiving, we want to give you a little background about the angels we hung on our tree. First, we have the Paper Angels. These were made out of old books, cotton balls, beads, and ribbons. The older boys made this with the help of our mamas and papas.

Second are the Angel Cards made out of the hand- and footprints of our infants and toddlers. Our Rehab team assisted in tracing the hands and feet while the children stuck it to the cards using glue.

We would like to give a shoutout to everyone who helped make this possible, especially to Teacher Lenny for taking lead on this project.



THE OLDER GIRLS GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

After The School of Chosen Children official opened its doors for the school year last September, the older girls were not able to attend any of the classes because they are locked-in with Mama Bing. This was unfortunate because the girls do love learning together.

This month, however, they were allowed to have Performance Arts lessons with Teacher Lenny. That meant they got to sing and dance, which they also dearly love to do. We saw the results of their practice last Thanksgiving Celebration with a dance number to a Christmas Song medley. They were joined by one of the older boys, Michael Camu, in this seven-minute presentation.

Another outcome of their practice is this moving rendition of the song "Imagine," originally sung by John Lennon. Paul Isaiah took the lead vocals with his brothers and sisters providing the backup vocals. We couldn't help but be proud and teary-eyed as we listened to the children sing in their purest voice and doing their best to give justice to this iconic song.

We hope that you'll take time to watch a phone recording of this presentation as we have you - our donors and sponsors in mind - when we planned this song number. Here is the link to the YouTube video:

https://youtu.be/T_wyqqyi9Ew



REHAB RECAP: WHEELCHAIR-BOUND CHILDREN RESUMES THERAPY

Majority, if not all, of our wheelchair-bound children have immuno-compromised systems which makes them easily susceptible to diseases. This is primarily why they were locked-in at Arantza Rehabilitation Center during the quarantine - we do not want them getting exposed to children and staff who might be sick.

After seeking the advice of our medical consultant Dr. Saulog, it was decided that the wheelchair-bound children can resume their physical therapy (PT). He helped design the safety protocols, the first of which is for our therapists to wear PPE during treatment sessions. This is great news for the children as PT help improve their quality of life.



Birthday CORNER

Ten of our special angels celebrated their name days in November. They are Angelito, Charles Darwin, Flora, Justin, Neilyn, Elizabeth, Joje, Charlie, Juan Diego, and Kim.

The fun-filled party began around 4:30 with a worship song sung by Niño Donayre. It was followed quickly by song and dance presentations from the older children, including that heartwarming rendition of "Imagine."

One of our physical therapists, Mama Shaira, surprised us with a duet of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" with Niño. This was such a revelation to us all as this is the first time she sang in front of the children and the staff.

Papa Joshua, one of our social workers, also prepared a LifeBook presentation for all the celebrants. The children do like watching this trip down memory lane. You can also watch this presentation here. <https://bit.ly/cce20201life>

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!



DECEMBER CELEBRANTS

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



Charmaine
Dec 4



Naome
Dec 7



Jef-Jef
Dec 22



Neilyn
Dec 27



Dixon
Dec 28

SPONSOR A PARTY!

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

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ACTS OF KINDNESS

Thank you to these wonderful people for their generous donations in November 2020

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