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SMALL MIRACLES

The Official Newsletter of the Chosen Children Village Foundation, Inc.

Cottage 5 opens to welcome a new angel to the the village

Cottage 5 is designated and designed as the Infant's Cottage. It has been the dearest wish of our founder, Mommy Lita, to reopen this building. In the last year we have admitted these newborns/infants so it was time to reopen the doors.

The pandemic brought with it new blessings to the village. In the second half of 2020, we admitted four new special angels to the village, including a newborn and a six-month-old baby. These are **Kim Adelyn Jose** and **John Kevin Tatoy**, respectively. Both were housed with the toddlers at Cottage 4.

Then, early this year, we were surprised to get another referral from the social

welfare agency of Pasay. His name is **Christian M. Duroca** and he was admitted to the village last March 19th. He was quarantined before joining the other babies in Cottage 5.

All three of them are such happy babies. They are easy to smile and do not make a lot of fuss. Our staff, especially their caregivers, dote on them. We feel privileged that their care has been entrusted to us. Their presence brings joy to the whole village.

If you would like to become a sponsor to these little angels, please [click here](#) to start your sponsorship journey. If you are already a sponsor, email us at admin@chosenchildrenfoundation.com.

VILLAGE UPDATES



CCV Welcomes 2021 With A General Assembly

The New Year brings with it a change in the air and hope for better days to come. To prepare our staff for the challenges ahead, our leadership kicked off the year with a General Assembly. Staff from all the departments - Admin, Nutrition, School, Residential, Maintenance - attended the meeting and addressed issues related to working days & hours, lodging arrangements, etc. Bonuses c/o our long-time donor, Mr. Kurt Swart, were also released that day.

CCV Observes Lenten Season

Chosen Children Village has traditionally observed Lent and this year was no different. It commenced with Ash Wednesday service on February 17th facilitated by Fr. Anastacio Llantos at the CCV Chapel.



On Holy Friday, the children lead the Stations of the Cross. A few of the staff joined and supervised the children. The rites culminated with an Easter Egg Hunt organized by our hardworking teachers. Unfortunately, there was no Easter Mass this year due to the lockdown.



Chosen Children Surprises Founders With Special Dinner

Led by Dave Mendoza, the older children prepared surprise anniversary dinner for our founders, Mr. & Mrs. Fullerton. Dave prepared their favorites - seafood paella, siomai and maki. They ate it while being serenaded by Papa Joshua and Papa Vincent. The other children helped with setting up the venue and presented the couple with gifts they made.



RESIDENTIAL & NUTRITION CENTER UPDATES



VACCINATIONS CONTINUE

Health workers from the local LGU visited the village in January and March to administer regular baby vaccines to the infants and toddlers in the village.



ARTS & CRAFTS WALL UP NOW!

We are now exhibiting the artworks of the children at the CCV Arts and Crafts Wall. Guests can make a donation in exchange of an art piece. As of this writing, two artworks have been taken. One of these is Nino's painting and it was shipped to Cebu.



PINILI KITCHEN IS BACK!

Making use of surplus produce from our farm, Mama Bing and the highly functional girls prepared Spicy Kimchi and Spicy Pico De Gallo for Pinili Kitchen. These will be sold to visitors and party guests but you can also order to pickup.



READY TO PARTY!

The government's social distancing guidelines have forced us to look for other ways to accommodate guests who would like to celebrate their birthdays or hold their outreach activities at the village. We opened the picnic area last February and hosted a couple of parties there already.

Then, in March, our maintenance staff finished the party tent in front of Javier Nutrition Center. Our guests will be able to observe social distancing rules with these outdoor venues. At the same time, they would be able to breath fresh air and enjoy our beautiful surroundings.



DAVE GOES TO CULINARY SCHOOL

Dave Mendoza, one of the highly functional children, is currently enrolled at Atlas Culinary School in Dasmariñas, Cavite. He is learning how to make cakes, bread, pastries, pasta, and other dishes.

We have high hopes that with this education and training, Dave will learn how to manage our kitchen.

SCHOOL UPDATES



The School for Chosen Children has been very busy since the year started, thanks to the dedication of our 3 learning & development facilitators.



Teacher Lenny is in charge of the eight students enrolled in the Alternative Learning System (Elementary Level) and the two enrolled in Basic Literacy. Their curriculum is based on the modules provided by the Department of Education. This includes English, Math, Science, Comprehension, and Computer lessons.

Teacher Fem is keeping the 13 students enrolled in the Pre-Vocational Program occupied with learning housekeeping tasks, table setting, painting, and gardening. The goal is to train these students to help our mamas and papas in the village.

Our toddlers are learning in the very capable hands of Teacher Cha. Their lessons include colors, shapes, numbers, letters, and body parts. They also had arts activities and green works. Discipline and independence are also being taught to them through toilet training, eating a meal on their own, lining up for their turn, and socialization.

All in all, we are very happy that the school is bustling with activity!

Shoutout goes to Kim for imprinting the TSCC logo on bags and uniforms. The bags and shirt were donations.



MAINTENANCE UPDATES



PLAYGROUND REPAIR

Repair and repainting of the playground to make it safe for the children. The swing and seesaws were given particular attention because these get used a lot.



NEW FENCE & PATH

To keep the animals away from the vegetable garden and eat/trample them, new fencing and gate was erected. A new path was also built for convenience.



JNC PARTY TENT

After canvassing the cost of buying a new, customized party tent, we have decided to build our own party tent that conforms to our own design and budget.

REHABILITATION REPORT

Our two physical therapists were kept busy with the treatment sessions of the children. The functional and semi-functional children attended their treatment sessions at Arantza Rehabilitation Center, where they can use the equipment we already have.

For the wheelchair-bound, our therapists had to visit them in their cottages and treat them there.

Our physical and occupational therapists also facilitated case conferences to discuss the medical and health status of the children.



World Autism Awareness Day!

Our rehabilitation department spearheaded the observance of the **World Autism Awareness Day** on March 23rd. The older children and staff wore mismatched socks in honor of our angels who have autism.

They marked the event with a small program that included the making of Graham Balls decorated with colorful sprinkles, representing the different spectrums of autism. These graham balls were distributed to the cottage afterwards, during which socks were checked. Anyone not wearing mismatched socks were fined Php 20-50.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SPONSORS THIS MARCH 2021

- Joanne Aguilar
- Gretchen Recto
- Pamela Roco
- Hacee Livh Pabiona
- Shalom Sanchez
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- Stephanie Acosta
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Thank you to our generous donors for March 2021

- Marilou Reforma
- Joy Ledesma Lagdameo
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- Dr. Rodriguez
- Rosemarie Villaa-Real
- Japanese Embassy Ladies Club
- Tri-S Eagle Express Inc and Rotary Club of Pasay West
- Ronnel Rocabo
- Jo Santos
- Romy Lopez (CLSU 78A Beta Sigma Fraternity)
- Father Luke
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- Queenie L. Laurel
- Theodore Pinnock
- The Fraternal Order of Eagles
- Princess Adriano
- Stephanie Costa
- Maricar Maralit Mercado
- Annabelle Veloso

Wanted! Donation Drop-Off Partners

Thanks to the power of social media, we are blessed to be able to reach potential donors from Metro Manila and nearby provinces. However, we miss several opportunities because we are not always able to pick up the items promptly.

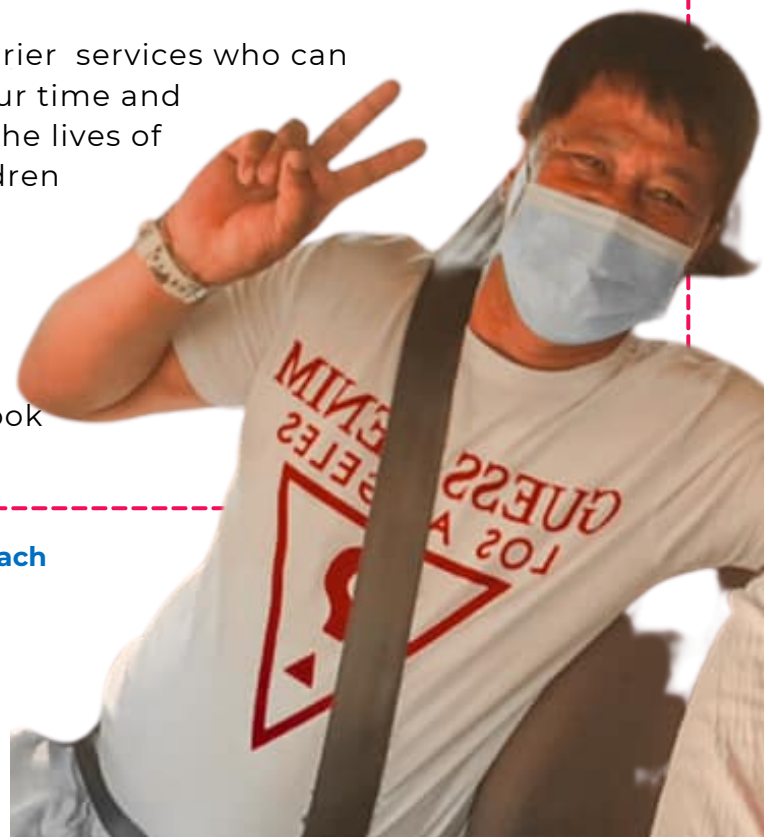
To address this, we are seeking to connect with **offices, cafes, restaurants, and other business establishments** that can become a drop-off point for our donors. Our ever cheerful driver, Papa Jack, will then pick up the items based on a pre-arranged schedule.

We are also looking for Grab drivers and courier services who can be our delivery partners. By volunteering your time and services, you will be making a difference in the lives of 75 mentally- and physically-challenged children currently residing in the village.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming our partner, please email us at admin@chosenchildrenfoundation.com. You may also call us at 0919-999-8915 and look for our Executive Director Adrian Mendoza.

For donation inquiries, monetary or in-kind, please reach us through the following:

- ✉ admin@chosenchildrenfoundation.com
- ☎ 0919-999-8915 (Mobile)
- (046) 413-5503 (Cavite) / (02) 8401-1189 (Manila)



Village Wishlist

You may visit the village any day, from 8AM to 5PM, to drop off your donations. We can also pick it up via LBC Tagaytay Serin Branch.

- Oatmeal
- Fresh Milk
- Peanut Butter
- Sugar
- Pasta Sauce & Noodles
- Canned Goods
- Margarine
- Condensed Milk
- Flour
- Evaporated Milk
- Mayonnaise
- Cereals
- Cookies and Biscuits
- Noodles (Bihon, Sotanghon)
- Vegetables
- Fresh Meat
- Vinegar
- Soy Sauce
- Eggs
- Monggo
- Similac Gain Milk Supplement (Two 6-12 months)
- BearBrand Fortified Milk Powder
- Laundry Soap
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Cologne
- All Purpose Cleaners
- Zonrox
- Mop & Bucket
- Robitussin
- Ambroxol 30mg Tablet
- NasatapAp Syrup & Tablets
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Salbutamol Ventolin Nebules
- Monobasic Sodium Phosphate (Fleet Enema)



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