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Angels Crossing

Monthly Update From the Chosen Children Village

Bridging the Miles

Love knows no bounds, transcending distance, time zones, and geographical barriers. In a heartwarming display of affection, Daddy Ron, separated by thousands of miles from Mommy Lita because of an unfortunate circumstance, recently showcased his love for her through a heartfelt gesture on their Anniversary.

Separated by circumstance, Mommy Lita needed to leave for the United States just before 2023 ended, while Daddy Ron stayed in the Philippines. Despite the physical distance between them, their bond remains unwavering, strengthened by a love that knows no boundaries.

In a poignant gesture of affection, Daddy Ron thought about surprising Mommy on their wedding anniversary with a token of his love. He meticulously selected a bouquet of her favorite flowers with the help of CCVFI staff, had it pictured and showed it to Mommy on the day of their anniversary much to her surprise.

It was a gesture of love and appreciation for the woman who had captured his heart from across the ocean. Despite the distance, their love was palpable, bridging the gap between them and reminding them of the cherished bond they shared.

Inspired of their love, the children at the village made a flower bouquet with chocolate accent together with a box of chocolate and surprised Daddy that very same day. Daddy Ron not expecting the gesture from the children had his heart swelled with joy and affection.

The sight of the beautiful blooms reminded him that love and devotion knows no distance.

This serves as a testament to the enduring power of love and the ability to nurture and cherish relationships, no matter the situation. In a world filled with uncertainty and turmoil, love shines brightly as a beacon of hope, reminding us all that love knows no distance and that true love will always find a way to connect us. ***



Embracing Tradition

The dawn of a new lunar year brings with it a flurry of vibrant colors, rhythmic beats, and jubilant celebrations. Amidst the maze of lanterns and the aroma of festive delicacies, one spectacle stands out in particular—the mesmerizing Dragon Dance. More than just a performance, this traditional dance embodies the spirit of unity, community, and the renewal of hopes and dreams for the year ahead.

Rooted in ancient mythology and folklore, the Dragon Dance holds a special place in Chinese culture. Legend has it that the dragon, a symbol of power, strength, and good fortune, once saved a village from drought and misfortune. To honor the dragon's benevolence, the Chosen children decided to perform a dance imitating the creature's movements symbolizing prosperity, good luck, and warding off evil spirits.

For the children, participating in the Dragon Dance is more than just a performance—it's a rite of passage, a testament to their connection to the culture and their community. Through their graceful movements and synchronized steps, they pay homage to centuries-old traditions while ushering in a new chapter filled with hope and prosperity.

Beyond its cultural significance, the Dragon Dance also serves as a source of pride as the dragon winds its way through the village, onlookers cheer and applaud, marveling at the spectacle before them. In this moment, the village is united in celebration, and coming together in a shared expression of joy and optimism.

Though the celebrations may fade, the memories of the Dragon Dance and the sense of community it fosters linger on, serving as a beacon of hope and inspiration for generations to come. In villages across China and beyond, the spirit of the dragon lives on, a symbol of resilience, unity, and the enduring power of tradition. ***



Strengthening Resilience

In a proactive effort to bolster preparedness and resilience against potential disasters, the administration and staff of the Chosen Children Foundation recently participated in a comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) seminar organized by the Local Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Team. This initiative underscores the Foundation's commitment to safeguarding the well-being of its beneficiaries and personnel, as well as its dedication to community safety and resilience.

Held in collaboration with local authorities and disaster management experts, the seminar provided a vital platform for knowledge exchange, capacity building, and strategic planning in disaster risk reduction. Through interactive workshops, informative presentations, and practical exercises, participants gained valuable insights into identifying hazards, assessing risks, and implementing effective mitigation measures.

The seminar commenced with an overview of disaster risk management principles, emphasizing the importance of proactive planning, early warning systems, and coordinated response efforts. Participants delved into the various types of natural and man-made disasters that could potentially impact their community, ranging from floods and earthquakes to fires and epidemics.

One of the highlights of the seminar was the in-depth training on developing and implementing disaster preparedness plans tailored to the unique needs and vulnerabilities of the Chosen Children Foundation. Facilitated by experts in disaster management, this hands-on session empowered participants to identify critical assets, establish evacuation procedures, and designate emergency response roles and responsibilities.



Crucially, the seminar emphasized the significance of community-based approaches to disaster risk reduction, highlighting the pivotal role of grassroots organizations like the Chosen Children Foundation in promoting resilience at the local level. By fostering partnerships with local authorities and community stakeholders, the Foundation can leverage resources, expertise, and support networks to enhance disaster preparedness and response efforts.

As part of the seminar, participants also received training on first aid and emergency response techniques, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to provide immediate assistance in times of crisis. From administering basic medical care to conducting search and rescue operations, these practical skills are invaluable in mitigating the impact of disasters and saving lives.

Looking ahead, the Chosen Children Foundation is committed to implementing the insights gained from the seminar into its daily operations and emergency preparedness protocols. By integrating disaster risk reduction principles into its programs and activities, the Foundation aims to create a safer, more resilient environment for its beneficiaries, staff, and surrounding communities.

In conclusion, the Disaster Risk Reduction seminar attended by the administration and staff of the Chosen Children Foundation represents a significant step forward in strengthening resilience and mitigating disaster risks. By fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and practical skills development, the seminar has empowered participants to take proactive measures in safeguarding lives, assets, and livelihoods against the unpredictable forces of nature. As the Foundation continues its mission of serving vulnerable populations, its commitment to disaster risk reduction will remain steadfast, ensuring a brighter and more resilient future for all. ***

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