



APRIL 2020 ISSUE

SMALL MIRACLES

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

With the whole country still stuck indoors in observance of the enhanced community quarantine, we had the "longest April ever" in recorded history. It's true. Life in the village is quite idyllic and we are very proud of that fact. However, we do miss the visits of our board members and volunteers as well as meeting new guests. The monotony of the quarantined life can be tedious.

Be that as it may, there's still plenty to be thankful for this month. First and foremost, **Chosen Children Village remains free of the COVID-19 virus!** We checked in on staff who were not able to join us for the lockdown and they too remain in good health. Our beloved board members and our President Mommy Lita who is currently in the US, are in fine fettle as well. We are beholden to our Creator for keeping us in His Grace.

And, of course, we have our dear sponsors and donors who continue to support our cause! You are our bright spot during this] troubling time!



LENTEN IN THE TIME OF THE COVID-19



As a Christian village, one of CCV's traditions is to observe Lent. Our friends from the nearby Rogationist College come to facilitate the masses, including Ash Wednesday and the celebratory Easter Mass. However, with the current ban on physical religious and mass gatherings, we had to do without a priest to lead us in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

This did not deter us from observing the Holy Week though. With the full cooperation of the older children, we held our Stations of the Cross inside the chapel. A few of the staff joined them as they reflected on Jesus' Way to the Cross.

Easter was a special treat this year! After the church gathering where everyone came in their Sunday Best, we had a

merry Easter Egg Hunt courtesy of our friends from the Filipino Canadian Medical Association (FCMA). They donated a large box of candies and chocolates for the festivities. Our original plan was to share this with our larger community by inviting the children, nieces, or nephews of our staff to join the hunt. Unfortunately, we were not able to do that. There's still next year though!

Before this donation, FCMA has visited us for a medical mission. It is a non-profit group of doctors with Filipino roots who are practicing in Canada. They have completed many medical missions in the Philippines and seek to increase Filipino representation in the medical field by inspiring the younger generation to pursue a career in medicine. We are blessed to be one of their beneficiaries! Find out more about FCMA at <http://fcma.ca/>

ALASKA'S MILK FEEDING PROGRAM

Alaska Milk Corporation (AMC) is one of CCV'S long time donors. The children have been recipients of their generosity as far back as 2013. This year they've chosen us as one of the beneficiaries of their Milk Feeding Program.

Milk contains most of the nutrients essential to a child's growth. However, it does not contain iron and dietary fiber. Alaska's new Fortified Milk Powder has been improved to include iron, calcium, and protein to help children grow strong and healthy. Forty-five of our children, aged between 4 to 25 years old, had been drinking this milk since April 1st.

Before the feeding program commenced, the children and the caregivers underwent a brief orientation to learn about the benefits of drinking milk and learn the proper way to prepare the milk. The participating children also had to be dewormed to ensure the optimal absorption of the milk nutrients. Our caregivers and resident nurses also took their height and weight to make sure we can measure improvements after the program, which is in 120 days.

Thank you AMC for choosing us as one of your beneficiaries!



Click the image to watch snippets of the orientation.



Kylo with his parents

Welcome to our new Child Sponsors for April 2020

- Renee DeLau
- Kylo Jaco De Jesus

“ Kylo is our youngest sponsor. He recently celebrated his birthday and in lieu of gifts, his parents asked his godparents, family and friends to donate so they can sponsor children. They were able to sponsor six children under Kylo's name.

Please forward this newsletter to family, friends and colleagues who might be interested in sponsoring a child(dren). Or you can also send this link:

<https://chosenchildrenfoundation.com/sponsorship/>

VILLAGE UPDATES

MAINTENANCE HAMMERS ON

Due to the lack of hardware supplies, maintenance work around the village has slowed down. The maintenance staff busied themselves with the clean up of Cottage 2 and the cultivation of new garden plots at the farm. They also repainted the gates and cleaned the water tank.

Repair of the roofs and the gutters will be underway as soon as we secure the necessary supplies. In the meantime, the maintenance staff will help around the farm, securing the fences and the barn.

Speaking of the farm, one of the fish tanks had a leak so we had to transfer the fish to the parallel tank. It would be unusable until we have re-enforced the walls.

CCV GETS APPROVED FOR YOUTUBE FOR NONPROFITS

With the relaunch of our website last year, we've been slowly beefing up our online presence in an effort to stay connected with our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and visitors. It has proved fruitful for us so far; the majority of our new sponsors in recent months come from our online initiatives.

Another possible source of new sponsors is YouTube and we are pleased to announce that our account has been recently approved for the YouTube for Non-Profits Program. What this means for us is that we can now add direct links to our website, fundraising campaigns, and merchandise on our videos. This kind of feature is usually granted to YouTube creators with millions of views and subscribers so this is a big leap for us.



(L-R) Daisy Mae, Kim & Isabel prepared the table and loot bags for the Easter Egg Hunt



Papa Teddy takes lead in transferring the Tilapia from one tank to another as well as harvesting of mature fish for the kitchen



Clean up of the water tank, which was recently repaired and repainted courtesy of our board member, Ms Rosario Ortoll



Though tedious, seedlings were planted by the older girls. These will be later transfer to the plots by the farmers.



The children had pizza which was prepared by Dave, one of the older children. Dave's Pizza is quite delicious and he is very proud of it.

ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD



Led by Kevin and Suzanne Bovaird, [Friends of Chosen Children Village, Inc. \(FCCV\)](#) is a Non-Profit 501(c)3 Organization based in Peoria, Arizona. They are one of our staunchest supporters and they never fail to send surprise Balikbayan boxes filled with costumes, clothes, books, and all kinds of goodies to our children each year.

For this year, they sent us baseball uniforms and sporting equipment to the delight of our older children. They were very excited to try on the shirts and play in the field. The boys sure had a lot of

fun as they're very interested in sports. With the annual sports fest and Founder's week coming up soon, let's see if we can gather enough people to play this beloved American sport.

If you are in the USA or have family and friends there who would like to donate or sponsor one of our children, please call Ms Suzanne at [602-757-8107](tel:602-757-8107) or email her at FCCVUSA@gmail.com. All donations and sponsorship qualify for tax deductions.



Village Wishlist

Want to share your blessings? Chosen Children Village would greatly welcome donations of the following:

Food Items: Rice, Eggs, Sugar, Oatmeal (quick-cooking), Meat, Dried Fish, Fruits, Juices, Milk (fresh, condensed, powdered), Cooking Oil

Non-Food Items: Medical gloves and Masks, Alcohols, Laundry and Washing Detergents

Medicines: Vitamin C, Multivitamins, Cough & Cold Medicines, Fever Suppressors, Pain Relievers and Anti Histamines for children, Melatonin Supplement (Sleepasil)



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Donations

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We'd like to thank the following for their donations. Given the unsettling nature of the time we find ourselves in, their generosity is very much appreciated. This just shows that the #Bayanihan spirit is still alive and well.



SANTIS DELICATESSEN

For a few years now, Santis' has been donating pasta to the village. The pasta came in handy as we had several birthday celebrations this April and we usually have Mama Bing's delicious spaghetti!



SAMAHAN NG NAGKAKAISANG PAMILYA NG PANTAWID

Through one of our staff, SNPP donated 100 packs of marinated chicken. Our children and staff enjoyed their crisp and juicy fried chickens!



EILEEN JANE PALAMOS

Miss Palamos is one of the recent additions to our child sponsors list. She is currently sponsoring Silver and when she heard that we are running out of stocks, she sent us diapers and milk for Silver.

OLD KANO FARMS DONATES FRESH PRODUCE TO CCV

Kilometer 49 is not just home to CCV, it's also home to [Old Kano Farms](#), a producer of healthy, organic vegetables. They very generously donated fresh greens for table and surplus greens for the farm animals.

Old Kano Farms supplies to restaurants and cafes from Cavite to Manila. Visit their Instagram account for more info. www.instagram.com/oldkanofarms/



LOCAL DSWD SENDS FOOD PACKS

Under the Social Amelioration Program, persons with disabilities (PWD) qualify for assistance during this period of enhanced community quarantine. Around 40% of the children in our care are registered as PWDs, yet we have not received any communication/assistance from the Dept. of Social Work & Development since the lockdown.

Our Assistant Executive Director Adrian Mendoza made a polite inquiry on behalf of our children and it proved to be a worthwhile effort. They sent 19 food packs our way and you can see Papa Teddy (left) carting it off to Javier Nutrition Center.

Birthday CORNER



(L-R) Pinky, Michael, MJ and Joenabie

May Jean Morga, or MJ as we fondly call her, celebrated her 20th birthday last April 25th. Mama Bing prepared a simple feast to mark this momentous occasion. Her brother and sisters didn't forget and prepared hand-made gifts.

Other April celebrants are Jomarie, Niño, Joenabie, Rhea, Jay-M, and Michelle.

Would you like to know your sponsored child's birthday? Email us at sponsorship@chosenchildrenfoundation.com.

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