

MESSAGE FROM THE VP OF SPONSORSHIP

Mabuhay LCW Sponsors and College Donors,

I am so humbled and honored to personally thank you for all the ways you bless the life of your sponsored child/youth. Your love, financial support, and prayers for the ministry mean a lot. I thank God for you daily!

This year marks my 20 years living in the USA and 11 years working for the LCW which changed my life. However, my journey started long before I came to work with the ministry. It started over 32 years ago when Mark & Kay Nelson sponsored my sister, Marla. Without sponsorship and LCP/LCW, I do not know where I would be today. Because of you and your investment in the life of your sponsored child - like my sister, you have given us a way to escape poverty. Many of your sponsored children are first-generation college graduates and now they are contributing members of society. You, our sponsors and college donors, are reflections of God's love.

During this trying time, we are so grateful to You for your sacrificial giving to your sponsored child and to LCW Urgent Needs. Through people like you, we can continue what God has entrusted us to do – Show Love, Give Help, Bring Hope, and Change lives in Jesus' Name. Please consider a gift, today to help us meet some of our Urgent Needs. Thank you - Daghang Salamat for all you do for the children in the Philippines.

With Gratitude,

Marie Lou Patrimonio Abbott, VP of Sponsorship



Summer 2022

LCW NEWSLETTER SPECIFICALLY FOR SPONSORS



HAND IN HAND

Formerly SS Sponsorship

35 YEARS OF SPONSORSHIP

For 35 years, LCW has been sharing love, giving help, bringing hope, and changing lives through sponsorship. It is incredible to reflect on the years and the lives that have been changed because people like you gave. We are so grateful for the past 35 years!

The sponsorship program began in 1987 with just a few children receiving rice assistance for \$30 a month along with the other HELP programs. Word began to spread all over the world and people from the USA, Canada, Europe, and Asia began sponsoring children and giving to LCW.

By 1990, just 3 years since the inception of LCW, the sponsorship program had grown to 55 children. By 1995, the sponsored children more than doubled to 138, and by 1999, there were 238 sponsored children! This incredible growth continued thanks to the work of the founders, Drs. Doug & Bettie Elwood, Dean & Peggy Houk, and Luther Carroll along with faithful volunteers. Individuals and churches from all over the world answered the call for sponsorship.

In 2001, Glenna Waller and Lee Betts began the College program for sponsored children to be able to receive a college education, and by 2002, LCW was celebrating its 15th anniversary. By 2005 sponsorship numbers had reached 500 and the first college graduates were coming through the program. The Little Children of the Philippines communities were growing and more people were given a chance for a better future with the help of generous sponsors and donors!

Throughout the 2010s, programs continued to grow steadily and sponsorships reached 700 and the college program saw over 200 graduates. Now, at 35 year of service, LCW has over 850 sponsored children with sponsors from 37 US states and 13 countries on 5 continents! All-time, over 3,800 children have been sponsored. We can boast 350 college graduates, 97% of whom are working and the other 3% have chosen to become full-time parents.

LCW has always been committed to a holistic mission to reach needs of the whole person—physical, spiritual, and educational. We opted to change the name of this newsletter from SS Sponsorship, which originated from the founders playing off the naming of ships (sponsor-ship), to Hand in Hand to celebrate 35 years of sponsorship and to capture the helping hand relationship that sponsorship represents. Thank you for a wonderful 35 years, and here's to 35 more years of changing lives! You have made a difference far beyond anything we could quantify in this newsletter. Thank you!



- 1. Shelter Programs - Help us reach our \$15,000 goal by Aug 31!**
- 2. Peace & Faith Program**
- 3. Urgent Needs - Helps anywhere**

OUR GREATEST NEEDS

HOW TO HELP



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Give by mail:
P.O. Box 37
Barnesville GA 30204



Give by phone:
770-358-2771



Sponsor a child
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SPONSORSHIP = RELATIONSHIP

BEN MARIE GAÑALON & ANNA LEE SNEED



Ben Marie is a smart and strong women who just graduated with her BS in Criminology from Negros Oriental Statue University in July of 2022. However, she, like many of our sponsored children, started out as a small, thin little girl whose family was struggling to get by and provide their basic needs. They could not afford her school uniforms and supplies for her education and it was difficult just to put 3 meals on the table. Ben Marie did what she could to help her parents without complaint, but her future was uncertain at the time.

In 2007, when Ben Marie was just 7 years old, that's when things began to change. Anna Lee Sneed began sponsoring Ben Marie. She was so happy to be sponsored and she was curious about how being a sponsored child would affect her future. Even at the young age of 7, Ben Marie understood the difficulties of poverty and how sponsorship could change that.



Anna Lee and Ben Marie began exchanging letters sharing about themselves. Slowly they began to get to know each other by receiving each others letters, pictures, packages, and more. Ben Marie always shared about her letters about her studies, achievements, and about her family. Despite the distance between the US and the Philippines, the two created a bond.

Ben Marie was an outstanding student all through Elementary and High School. She was an active member at LCP joining the choir, praise team, sports, evangelism, and more. She was granted a college scholarship by Dwight and Lori Henderson, and continued to perform well at LCP and in school. As a criminology student, she graduated as a Advanced Cadet Officer in Army ROTC and reached the rank of Major (S7) and is now a GMA/reservist (Sgt).

Anna Lee continued sponsoring Ben Marie and growing their bond throughout her education. Now that Ben Marie has graduated, Anna Lee's time as her sponsor is coming to an end, but the relationship they share will live on forever. Ben Marie is a successful young woman and we are confident she will be successful in her working life. **Sponsorship, and the relationship that comes with it, changed both of their lives in a way that is so much greater than just \$35 per month—it gave love, help, and hope to them both!**



SHELTER MATCHING FUNDS

Our shelters house as many as 75 children at a time. These kids come from very difficult situations of abuse and/or neglect, but at LCP, they know they are loved and their needs will be met. With so many children to care for, the shelters have some of the highest budgets at LCP. We are in need of help to be able to meet all the shelter budgets this year

A generous donor has agreed to match \$15,000 toward the dorm budgets. The total campaign will raise \$30,000 towards the shelter budgets! **Your gift can be doubled between July 1 and August 31. Help us meet our \$15,000 goal to be able to receive the match for the dorms!** We have received nearly \$4,000 so far, so we are in need of at least \$11,000 before the end of August. **Please consider a gift to the Shelters, today!**



REMINDERS & UPDATES

Sponsors, we are so grateful to have you be a part of LCW and for your investment in a child's life and education. Here are a few reminders & updates for the rest of the year:



- We are still in the process of changing our systems in the office. You may notice some changes of our name on your credit card statement, different receipts, and other small adjustments. If you have any questions about anything you receive from LCW, please call our office at 770-358-2771 or email info@littlechildren.org.
- School will be starting back in person beginning in August or September! We are so excited for the kids to be able to be back in the classroom and to see their friends again. If you would like to send a monetary back to school gift for things like supplies, new uniforms, shoes, etc., please have it to our office by August 10 to be sure it is in the August wire for distribution prior to the first day of school.
- You should receive your Child Annual Progress Report in the mail by the end of September. This is a great way to see how your child is doing and what their needs are.
- Health Insurance is so helpful to sponsored families in case anyone gets sick or needs hospitalization. Health Insurance is \$104 per year per family. If you would like your sponsored child to have Health Insurance for 2023, payments are due by November 10.
- Christmas is such a special time. Many of you like to send Christmas gifts to your sponsored children and their families. Due to the delays in shipping, we have already sent our Christmas boxes. If you would like to send items in our boxes, they will not arrive by Christmas this year. If you would like to send monetary gifts for Christmas or money for Christmas gifts to be purchased in the Philippines, please submit them by November 10 to be sure they are distributed by Christmas.

Thank you so much for all you do for your sponsored child and their family!

SHARING EVENTS | 99 CHILDREN WAITING SINCE 2021 HELP US REACH NEW SPONSORS



John (Board of Directors member) and Kathy (Advisory Council Member) Paderson hosted LCW President / CEO, Glenna, and VP of Sponsorship, Marie Lou in May. The Padersons graciously opened their home to some of their friends to learn about LCW, and they also coordinated two speaking engagements at local churches, White Clay Creek Presbyterian and Elkton Presbyterian Church.



Through these events, we were able to reach 13 new sponsors! Thank you to the Padersons and the host churches for having LCW representatives come share. Thank you to the new sponsors who are beginning their journey with LCW and bringing help and hope to their sponsored children!

No gathering is too small to make a difference! We have 99 children who have been waiting for sponsorship since 2021, and there are even more who are in the 2022 batch. The need is great, and you can help. We would love to come to visit your church, Sunday school class, book club, civic group, family gathering, or any other gathering, both in person or virtual, to share about the impact of sponsorship.

Please help us find sponsors for these precious kids. We are so blessed to have such generous supporters. If each one of you helped us find just one more sponsor, we could have sponsors for all the children on the waiting list and more! **Please consider how you can help us reach more sponsors for children to give them an opportunity for education! Contact our office for more info and to schedule.**