

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all of you! Thank you for being a part of Little Children of the World! Amazingly, this summer will mark 35 years since my first trip to the Philippines, where I met and began to sponsor Mario. My family and I have enjoyed traveling on other occasions to meet our sponsored children and participate in LCP's programs.

On our staff trip this February, I visited all our preschool centers with Ronilo Cadiao, our wonderful LCP coordinator and college graduate, and Sheila Amy, volunteer (pictured right). We were treated to beautiful singing and recitations, including Bible verses, by these precious children. Sheila brought supplies for each student to create a game to keep, and I loved reading a book about God's love.

LCP's preschool program has always been one of my favorites, and we need new donors for our preschools. Would you be willing to invest in this program to prepare our youngest children to be ready for school? Would you consider sponsoring a preschool?

This summer LCP will celebrate 19 new college graduates and 59 high school graduates! Some of them, like Ronilo, have been with LCP since preschool. If your sponsored youth is graduating, you are welcome to send a card and/or a monetary gift to our office. We are so excited for these milestones and are grateful to you, our sponsors and donors, for supporting their education.

We are excited to announce that Carmenia Benosa, our LCP administrator, will be coming to the United States this fall! If you would like to host an event or invite Carmenia to visit your church, please let us know so that we can put you on her schedule. If you've never met this dynamic Christian leader, you do not want to miss this opportunity.

In closing, this will be my last letter to you. For the past several months, I have felt God calling me in another direction. While I do not doubt He called me to work with LCW, I can see now that His purpose was to use these experiences to prepare me for another role. Thank you for your prayers and support for Little Children of the World!

May God truly bless you! Susan P. Crawford



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## ROI AND RAISSA



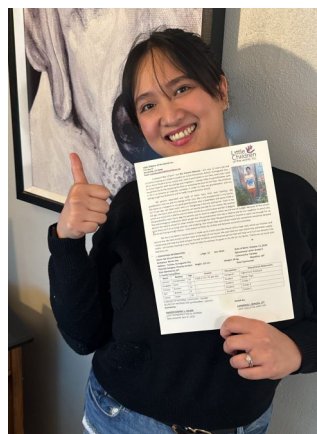
Roi is a seventh grader who dreams of being a pilot someday. His sweet smile and bright personality hide some of the pain he has experienced throughout his life. Roi is smart, and he has a bright future ahead through sponsorship and access to HELPS programs!

Roi was born in Manila but moved to Dumaguete later when his grandmother, Leonora, took in Roi and his other three siblings. Their parents split leaving the kids behind, and to this day his parents have their own families and do not support Roi or his siblings. Leonora works hard for less than \$3 per day and also is the primary caregiver for her own mother who is elderly and bedridden. She always did her best to provide for Roi and the others so they could go to school and have a better life, but it was very hard.

Roi and his siblings walk very far to school each day, rain or shine. They do it happily because they understand the importance of education in their futures. They live in a very small home with a traditional nipa roof made of leaves, and they all share a sleeping area. The rainy season is tough because sometimes the roof leaks and it becomes cold, but they are grateful because at least they have a place to stay.



Roi met a classmate who was sponsored at LCP and immediately encouraged his grandma to find out how to apply. At first, she was overwhelmed because she did not know how, but finally she made a friend in the community who was able to tell her where to go and who to talk to. Leonora applied for Roi to be sponsored, then they waited for God to provide a sponsor.



In September 2023, Roi's life was changed by his new sponsor, Raissa! Raissa was moved by Roi's case study and their similarities. She is also originally from Manila, and their birthdays are only a few days apart. Once Raissa started sponsoring, she loved receiving letters from Roi and being able to send him gifts. She feels overwhelmingly grateful to be able to share the blessings God has given her with a special kid like Roi.

After less than a year of sponsorship, Roi's life is completely different. He feels excited for the future and hopeful that his dreams may one day come true through God's help. Sponsorship is changing lives like Roi and Raissa. Sponsorship lends a helping hand to give a bright future through the HELPS model and breaking the cycle of poverty. **Watch the video of Roi and Raissa to learn how you can make a difference through sponsorship!**

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# MULTI-PROGRAM MATCHING GIFT: \$30,000



LCW programs are holistic ministering to the whole person, both physically and spiritually. We use the acronym HELPS to describe the services provided to all sponsored children and their families: H—Health and Shelter Housing, E—Education at all levels, L—Livelihood trainings and opportunities, P—Peace and Faith in Jesus, and S—Sponsorship direct monthly support. While sponsorship payments assist with each family with expenses, access to all the HELPS programs are really what makes our sponsorship program stand out among the rest.

We are always in need of supporters for HELPS programs that are critical for the success of sponsored children and their families. These programs are make sponsorship an overall impactful investment. Every sponsored child and their family can benefit well over \$35 per month through the HELPS programs. Consider giving a matching gift today or adding a monthly recurring gift for one of these programs.

Multiple donors have given generously to support 3 key HELPS programs for a matching gifts campaign: the 5 residential shelter **H**ouses, **E**ducational programs like Preschool, and the **P**eace & Faith program. You can double your contribution and make double the difference right now, and we need your help! **Gifts to each program up to \$10,000 per program, \$30,000 total, will be matched until July 31. Please enjoy the stories in this issue that highlight each of the programs being supported in the match!**

# RONILO GIVES BACK TO LCP PRESCHOOLS



Ronilo's journey with LCP started when he was in Preschool at just 4 years old. Our preschools teach the basics of reading, writing, English, and math as well as biblical principles. He continued attending LCP after preschool and was sponsored all throughout his education. After graduating from high school, he was granted a college scholarship to pursue university. In 2022, Ronilo graduated with his bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management from NORSU and fully completed the LCP program as an outstanding scholar. After graduation, he began working at a local hotel. While he enjoyed his work, he felt the Lord calling him back to LCP to give back and pay it forward to the organization that changed his life.

In 2023, Ronilo was hired as the Preschool, School on Wheels, and Library Coordinator. Now, he spends his days enriching the lives of the over 100 preschoolers in the same situation he was in just a few years ago to grant them a strong educational foundation through a Christian lens. He has assisted in reinstating the School on Wheels Program for out-of-school youth currently serving 12 students that was paused during the pandemic, and he has also helped revamp the library and computer lab to promote early literacy and access to the internet for assignments. We are so proud of Ronilo for being a sponsorship success, and for how he is playing a part in changing lives of children like he once was. Thank you to all who support the educational programs like preschool.

**All gifts up to \$10,000 to education programs until the end of July will be matched by a generous donor!**

# END OF SCHOOL YEAR REMINDERS

Congrats to all the graduates and students successfully completing another year of school. We cannot believe another school year is almost in the books! As the 2023-2024 school year comes to a close, we know many of you like to celebrate your student or graduate with a special gift.

**All gifts for school supplies for next school year and graduation gifts must be submitted by June 10 in order to arrive for graduation celebrations and distribution before the new school year starts. Thank you for supporting your student's educational aspirations!**

**Education is the only real way to break the cycle of poverty!**

Announcement: The Philippine educational system is shifting back to a July-March school year to avoid children and teachers being in school during the extreme heat of the Filipino summers in April and May. This transition will occur over the next two years with the school year starting progressively earlier to allow for minimal lost educational time or an excessively long break.



# EASTER 2024: PEACE AND FAITH IN JESUS



Easter at LCP brings everyone together to celebrate the risen savior! This year, over 3000 people spilled out of the open-air chapel for a 5am sunrise service coming from near and far for worship. This is a beautiful picture of the body of Christ and the Peace and Faith Program in action.

The Peace and Faith Program is committed to sharing the gospel of Christ to children and their families. So many lives have been changed eternally through salvation and spiritual enrichment. With rising transportation costs, we have increased our budgets to

provide funds to reduce the amount needed for sponsored children and their parents to come to church and Bible studies each week. We also provide Bibles in the local language and in English. Poverty should not prevent a child or their family from being able to engage with other believers in communal worship or with the Word in a language that they understand.

In addition, the Peace and Faith Program regularly does outreach to the community through evangelism, advocacy, and encouragement. Every program from feeding malnourished children, to educational initiatives, treatment in the health clinic, and more are done through a Christian lens and informed by the ideals of the Peace and Faith Program. It is our largest and most foundational program.



**The Peace and Faith Program is in need of support in order to provide these services and continue meeting the spiritual needs of everyone at LCP. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Peace and Faith Program through prayers and financial partnership. All gifts up to \$10,000 to Peace & Faith between now and the end of July will be matched by a generous donor!**

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

**MATTHEW 28:19-20**

# SHELTER FOR ELNA MAE



Elna Mae is 22 years old and is currently finishing up her second year in college at Negros Oriental State University studying IT and computer technology. She was admitted to the LCP Residential Shelter in June of 2010 and has grown up with us since then. She was referred to the shelter by the LCP School on Wheels Program since she was not in school. She was 9 years old at that time but had never started school. Elna's mother died due to illness when she was 2 years old, and just one week later, her father left her. Her very elderly grandmother tried to care for her, but they were living in a dilapidated, small shack in the squatter area. Life was so hard.

Once she came to the shelter she had a safe place to stay where all her needs were met. Shortly after, she became sponsored through the LCP sponsorship program. She said, living in the shelter is an opportunity for her to have a bright future. She is very responsible in

many ways and values her opportunity for education and a better life. She is trustworthy and has shown good leadership skills. She works hard on her education, is very smart, and gets good grades. Her life would never be the same again and since she received a helping hand, she is now equipped to be able to help others in the future.

**Currently, we have 73 children residing in the 5 shelters at LCP. So many have stories like Elna where they have nowhere to go and have no hope, but with opportunity and assistance, these children can thrive! All gifts up to \$10,000 to the shelters between now and the end of July will be matched by a generous donor!**