

# Message from the President

Greetings from the Philippines! As you receive this newsletter, Brittany and I will be travelling to the Philippines with volunteers Tommy and Sheila Amy. I can't wait to visit our communities, meet with our amazing staff, and spend time with my sponsored children! Of course, a trip to LCP is not complete without activities with our shelter residents. Thanks to you, LCP provides a loving home for these children who have suffered from extreme poverty, abuse or neglect. Look inside to see how your gifts to our residential shelters will be doubled this month.

Congratulations to Carmenia Benosa and all of our LCP staff as the runner-up NGO of the Year for the Philippines! This national award recognizes the hard work and dedication of our staff to make a difference in the world, but it also acknowledges that our founders' visionary HELPS model works! Please pray for our staff, members, and volunteers as they change lives by sharing the love of Jesus in the Philippines, and pray for us as we follow God's leading to share His love in other parts of the world.

Thank you to everyone who has completed our survey. If you haven't responded yet, please scan the QR code or call our office to update your information and preferences. Our Board of Directors will be giving a food package to a needy family for every 25 surveys returned, and they would love to send a lot of food packages!



I hope you and your family have a wonderful 2024! Thank you for partnering with LCW and investing in the lives of children!

May God truly bless you!  
Susan



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## 2023 NGO of the Year

**2023 was a year to remember! Little Children of the Philippines Foundation, Inc. was named the region 7 NGO of the Year by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the runner up for the National NGO of the Year! Great job LCP!**

This award would not be possible without the LCP staff. They work above and beyond the call of duty and now their dedication and hard work are recognized at a national level for the outstanding services they provide. When you give, they are the helping hands that reach out to help children in need. Rain or shine, they are the smiles that greet every situation head on and change lives every single day. We could not thank them enough for their exceptional professionalism and commitment to the mission of LCW and LCP.

Carmenia Benosa, LCP Executive Director says, "Our biggest achievement, more than any award, is contributing in a winning cause of making a difference one child at a time. Our day to day compilation of work pays off, and it is wonderful for the DSWD to award LCP's hard work among all the other NGOs in the whole Philippines! Thank you for making it possible for us."



Of course, we owe a debt of gratitude to all of you, our sponsors and donors. Your contributions truly make a difference, and you should be proud to be a part of the work of this organization. Thank you for your continued support!

## Our Greatest Needs

- GIVE TO THE SHELTERS BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 7 AND YOUR GIFT WILL BE DOUBLED
- SHARE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE PEACE AND FAITH PROGRAM
- INVITE US FOR A SHARING EVENT AT YOUR CHURCH, SOCIAL CLUB, OR HOME WITH FRIENDS
- VOLUNTEER FOR OUR UPCOMING 5K FUNDRAISER



How You Can Help



**Give online:**  
[www.littlechildren.org/donate/](http://www.littlechildren.org/donate/)



**Give by mail:**  
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Thank You!

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# Christmas 2023

Christmas at LCP is always the most special time of year. The joy that permeates the people is like no other experience. A simple can of SPAM, a candy cane, a small toy, a hat, or a plain white t-shirt evokes excitement and gratitude beyond our comprehension. These small gifts are gestures of love felt across the world.

Thank you to all who contributed items and funding to make this Christmas great! **Altogether, LCP distributed over 4000 gifts to children and their families and gave over 2000 cans of SPAM so families could have a special meal for Christmas.**

Marie Lou Abbott, VP of Sponsorship was able to spend Christmas at LCP this year for the first time in 21 years. She reflects, *"It wasn't until this Christmas at LCP, that I fully understood the value of a CAN of SPAM! On behalf of LCP families, I am deeply grateful to each one of you who helped LCW gather all the Christmas presents so each mom, father, youth, and child will have a beautiful Christmas present. Thank you for being God's hands and feet, and thank you so much for making Christmas at LCP very special every year."*



## 900 Sponsored Children!

**Let's celebrate a new milestone: 900 sponsored children!**

In 1987 when the founders began their mission with just a few young children from the streets, they could have only dreamed of the number of lives that would be changed because of their legacy. In our history, thousands of children and their families have been touched by the love of Christ through the gift of sponsorship. Right now, we have over 900 children who are sponsored from preschool through college. This represents generations of the cycle of poverty that can be broken because people like you are willing to lend a helping hand through sponsorship each month. **Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we press on toward reaching 1000+ children and their families through sponsorship!**

# Upcoming and Ongoing Fundraising Initiatives

## FEBRUARY: CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH COLLECTION



During the month of February, we are collecting over 2000 toothbrushes and toothpaste for all the children in our programs to celebrate Children's Dental Health Month. We recognize the importance of children's dental hygiene and want to be sure we are providing proper education and supplies to give these children the best opportunity possible to protect their teeth and overall dental health.

**You can help by shopping our dental hygiene registry at [littlechildren.org/dental-health/](http://littlechildren.org/dental-health/), collecting and donating dental hygiene items (tip: ask your local dentist for donations!), or contributing financially to the purchase of dental hygiene items.**

## FEBRUARY 7-MARCH 7: SHELTER MATCHING FUNDS

A generous donor has agreed to match all donations to the shelters up to \$20,000 between Feb. 7-Mar. 7. Currently, we have an above average number of children residing in our shelters. These children come from the streets or situations of abuse or severe neglect. With 74 children in our care, we are committed to providing them a safe, nurturing environment where all their needs are met and they are able to thrive. Help us turn \$20,000 into \$40,000 to meet the needs of these precious children. **Donate now to have your contribution to the shelters doubled at [littlechildren.org/donate/](http://littlechildren.org/donate/).**



## APRIL 13: HELPING HAND HUSTLE 5K AND FUN RUN



We are hosting a 5k/fun run to raise money for Urgent Needs. You can run with us at the event or gather your friends to run virtually. Run, walk, jog, or cheer from the sides. You can make a difference by participating in your own way!

**Date: April 13, 2024**

**Check-in opens: 6:30AM**

**Race begins: Fun Run – 7:30AM, 5K – 8AM, virtual results must be posted by April 12 to be included in the standings.**

**Where: Barnesville-Lamar Summer's Field or virtually**

**Fees: Fun Run – \$25, 5K – \$35, +\$5 after April 3.**

**Registration: Visit [littlechildren.org/hustle/](http://littlechildren.org/hustle/)**

## GIFT CATALOG LAUNCH

The LCW Gift Catalog gives donors the opportunity to meet specific needs like providing meals or medical care to children in need and allow donors to give in honor of a loved one for any occasion. This catalog is an update to the existing shop features on our website. Handmade items like pearls and cards are still available, but there are also gifts with meaning that directly impact children in our programs. Whether you are looking for a gift for the friend who has everything or are looking for a new way to give, the LCW Gift Catalog has something for you. **Check it out at [littlechildren.org/gift-catalog/](http://littlechildren.org/gift-catalog/)!**

