MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is amazing that LCW has been changing the lives of thousands of children, young people, and families for 35 years! God is so good. He takes the little we have and our desire to make a difference and makes it a wonderful success. This would also not be possible without YOU!!! Your gifts are God's handprints in the Philippines.

Just think, LCW started with 10 little boys and now ministers to over 6,000 people through sponsorship and all the LCP programs. Your gifts touch lives every day though HELPS programs. So many families have been able to pull out of the grips of poverty because you cared and gave to make their world a better place. You make their lives better and brighter, giving help and hope for the future. Thank you for all you do!

Please give today to help us continue the mission God has given us. The world may be different tomorrow because YOU were important in the life of a child, today. May God bless each of you and surround you with His love and care.

With Gratitude and Blessings, Glenna Waller

Reminder: We will be implementing our new system in June. You will notice differences in the appearance of receipts, the giving portal on our website, and several other things. Please bear with us as we make this adjustment and are able to provide better service for you and our members in the Philippines. If you have questions, contact us. Thank you!



Our Greatest Needs:

- Help us reach our Endowment Matching Funds goal of \$10,000 by June 30
- Peace & Faith Program
- Wee Women & Consuelo Home Shelters

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ALIYAH'S LIGHTBULB MOMENT

According to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal Report (SDG 7) on Energy, there are 4.7 million Filipinos who lack access to electricity in the Philippines. Many children who are sponsored in our program fall into this category. They read, study, and live their lives by the light of the sun and candles, flashlights, or small gas lanterns at night. A single lightbulb can make all the difference!

Aliyah (pictured top right) is in 11th grade, and she has been sponsored since she was in preschool by Steve and Susan Penrod. Her life has truly been changed thanks to sponsors, and she hopes to pursue a degree in college in the future!

Her family, like many sponsored families, lives in a very simple home, and they survive on just a few dollars a day. Thankfully sponsorship has helped her and her family meet their basic needs and their additional special gift supplied for their family to have electricity in their home. A single lightbulb and an outlet make a huge difference in their lives. Aliyah is able to do her homework at night which has been especially helpful during Covid due to all school being at-home learning. And, they never have to worry about the dangers of using a gas lantern again.

Something so simple can make a huge impact in a child's life. Thank you to all the sponsors and donors who make a difference in lives like Aliyah and her family. Sponsorship is a hand up to a brighter future, and in this case, Aliyah's life is literally brighter with their lightbulb and electricity!



WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN A SHELTER FOR KIDS

The shelters at LCP are bustling and full of life. The children there will melt your heart with their sweet spirits and bring you to tears with their stories of severe neglect, horrific abuse, and even living alone on the streets. Hope Village at LCP becomes their home. Some are with us for years, others just for a few days, but ultimately, they are loved, cared for, taught about Jesus, and all their needs are met when they are at LCP.

Our 5 shelters include: Robert Hanson Home for Boys housing boys ages 5-12, Consuelo Home for Boys housing boys ages 13-17, Wee Women Home for Girls housing girls ages 5-17, and two Independent

Living Homes housing students coming from the shelter ages 18 through the end of their education.

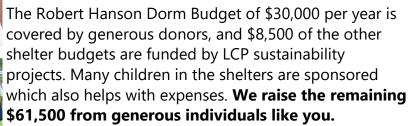
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The shelters house 70+ children with an average of 65 children at any given time. The children are referred by members of the community or the Department of Social Welfare (DSWD) of the various municipalities Negros Oriental. We have children from all over the island referred to our shelters, not just in Dumaguete.



The budget to keep these shelters running is around \$100,000 per year - one of our largest LCP budgets! These children are in our 24/7 care and we do everything we can to make Hope Village a great place to live.





We believe God has brought these children to LCP for a purpose, and we work hard on their behalf to make the shelter program possible! Roughly \$5200 per month or \$170 per day can cover the budgets for the Consuelo, Wee Women, and both Independent Dorms. All these shelters are still in need of funding.



No gift is too small to make an impact. These funds feed, clothe, educate, and more for the residents. They also pay for all the Housemothers, Social Workers, Maintenance Staff, Security Guards, and other staff who work so hard to give these children a life at Hope Village.



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a regular donor to the Shelter Program? Or, will you consider supporting a day, a week, or even a month of the Shelter budgets?

Help us continue serving the least of these who have been orphaned, abandoned, and abused with a loving and supportive home. Thank you in advance for helping us serve these children!

PEACE & FAITH PROGRAM BACK TO CAPACITY

The Peace and Faith Program is our largest and most foundational program. Sunday school, weekly worship, Bible studies and more have been affected by the Pandemic. Due to limitations to the number of people able to gather and significantly increased transportation costs for our members, the Peace and Faith Program has not been able to function at full capacity. The LCP staff has done a great job of operating within the constraints to ensure Christian Education continued.

We are hopeful that all members will be able to gather again for Sunday Worship services by the end of the year! It will be great to again see the open-air chapel full of 2000+ people each week. Currently, they come meet in smaller groups on a schedule according to their community at LCP to allow for more social distancing.

In the mean time, all Sunday School has been able to resume and Bible studies are ongoing on a regular schedule each week in all 14 communities. The Peace and Faith Program also plans smaller events for youth, families, and parents that enrich their spiritual walk.

In addition to gathering in Jesus' name, we believe it is important that each family have at least one Bible in their home. Recently, over 100 Bibles were distributed to members of the communities to help us reach more people with the Word.

We are excited to see the Peace and Faith Program back at full capacity, soon. This program is always in need of funding so everyone who is involved with LCP will know about Jesus. Please consider a gift to the Peace and Faith Program.







DOUBLE THE GOOD MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN

Double the Good for the Endowment Fund! The Endowment Fund ensures a successful future for Little Children of the World for many years to come. The funds can be used for sustainability of the program over the long term. The money is invested and the gains can be used for special projects, expansion, and meeting other yearly budgets.

Your gifts will be matched by a generous donor up to \$15,000! But, we must raise the full \$15,000 in order to receive the match! Consider a gift to the Endowment Fund, today, to help us reach our goals and invest in the future for LCW!

So far, we have raised nearly \$5000 towards our \$15,000 goal. We need \$10,000 by June 30, 2022.

Together, we can Double the Good, not just for today, but for many years to come. No amount is too small to make an impact, and every penny counts. We must reach our goal by June 30, 2022 in order to receive the matching fund. Please consider a gift to the Double the Good Endowment Matching Funds Campaign, today!

