

From the VP of Sponsorship

Mabuhay LCW Sponsors and College Donors,

Daghang Salamat - Thank you very much for your investment in the life of your sponsored child and college student. Because of you, lives have been changed, dreams of having an education are coming true, and the cycle of poverty is being broken. Most of all, the Name of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed to over 6,000 people we serve in the Island of Negros. We could not do what we do without you - our loving, caring and very supportive sponsors and donors.

Being one of the beneficiaries of sponsorship, my family knows the feeling of waiting for over 3 years and the **Joy, Excitement, and Gratitude** when we finally have a sponsor! Your support means everything to your sponsored child and will completely change their lives. **We currently have 889 sponsored children, with 147 children still on the waiting list.** Many of these children have been waiting over 2 years, hoping for someone like you or your friend, to give them a helping hand for a brighter future. We also pray you will continue to give to the LCW Urgent Needs. Your gift will greatly help the ministry and impact your sponsored child/youth.

We thank God for you daily. Thank you for being a blessing! With your partnership, we can continue what God has entrusted us to do – Show Love, Give Help, Bring Hope, and Change Lives in Jesus’ Name.

With a grateful heart,

Marie Lou Patrimonio-Abbott, VP of Sponsorship



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Hand in Hand

The Helping Hand of Sponsorship that Changes Lives



Our Greatest Needs

- Urgent Needs—buy raffle tickets, today! (see inside)
- Reaching New Sponsors—147 waiting!
- Peace & Faith Program

Important Dates to Remember

- August 1—College Response Needed
- August 13—School Needs Gifts before school starts
- November 13—Health Insurance due 2024 enrollment
- December 13—Christmas Gifts distributed on time

How You Can Help



Give online:

www.littlechildren.org/donate/



Give by mail:

P.O. Box 37
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Wishful Waiting: Richard Cal

Richard is 6 years old, and he has been waiting for over a year for a sponsor.

He struggles with asthma attacks. Sometimes he has asthma attacks as many as four times a week, especially when it is hot. Occasionally, they worry he will have to go to the hospital for treatment when the attacks become uncontrollable. Despite struggling with his health, he is a happy boy who loves riding bikes with his friends. He has dreams of becoming a police officer someday. He actively participates at LCP, and he loves to hear the Bible stories and memorize verses.

Richard’s parents work incredibly hard to support their family of five. His mother works as an on-call laundry woman earning P200 or \$3.40 per week. His father works as a contractual construction worker earning P300 or \$5.40 per day he is called to work. Both of his parents’ work is dependent on them being needed, so their income is inconsistent. On the days they’re not called for work, his parents try to sell fried bananas in their neighborhood. With this, they can earn approximately P100 or \$1.78 per day.

They live in a simple, one-room home (approx. 8x8ft) with dirt floors and light materials for the walls. They do not have water or electricity connection. Whenever he has a severe asthma attack, he needs to use a nebulizer which requires electricity. Since they do not have electricity access, they have to pay to take public transportation 10 minutes away to get to his aunt’s house to use the nebulizer.

Despite their struggle, they hold onto hope that someone will be able to help them through sponsorship. They have been wishfully waiting to be sponsored. They trust that God will provide and help Richard grow up to be a healthy, young man with an education and a chance for a better future. **Will you help us find a sponsor for Richard or other kids like him?**

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Aljohn: Educational Impact for Everyone

Aljohn was an exemplary scholar who took to heart the principles of caring communities and education. Now, as a teacher, he is sharing the principles he learned at LCP with the next generation.

"I graduated March 2019 with the degree of Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health. Today, I want to share with you the immense power and significance of education in shaping your lives and the world around you. How it changed me to be who I am now. **With the help of my LCP scholarship and my generous sponsor/donor, Auntie Ellen Flanagan I might not be as successful as what I am today without them.** They supported my education from Grade 1 until I graduated my Bachelor's Degree in one of the prestigious universities here in Dumaguete.

Right now I am a private school teacher inspiring young minds and hearts to be catalyst of change in this world. Education has a significant role to all hopeful individual who dreamed to be successful citizen in this society. **I want to share how education transformed me and developed me with the help of LCP.** Education is not just a path to acquiring knowledge; it is a journey that can transform your dreams into reality, fuel your aspirations, and empower you to create a better future for yourselves and generations to come. In a rapidly changing world, education is the compass that guides you through the maze of opportunities and challenges. It equips you with the necessary skills, tools, and understanding to navigate the complexities of life. It opens doors to new possibilities, broadens your horizons, and helps you discover your true passions and talents. **Education fosters resilience, adaptability, and the ability to learn from failure, enabling you to overcome obstacles and seize opportunities with determination.** Remember that education is not confined to the walls of a classroom. It is a lifelong journey of discovery and growth. Embrace every learning opportunity that comes your way, whether it's formal education, mentorship, practical experiences, or self-directed learning. I teach youth you have the power to shape the future, and education is your greatest ally. It empowers you to become the architects of change, the champions of progress, and the catalysts for a more inclusive and sustainable world. Cherish the gift of education, for it is a privilege denied to many. Seize it with passion, dedication, and a hunger for excellence. Embrace the challenges along the way, for they are the stepping stones to growth and success. Dream big, set audacious goals, and believe in your ability to achieve them. **Above all, remember that education is not solely about personal gain; it is about using your knowledge and skills to serve others and make a positive impact.** Be compassionate, empathetic, and actively engaged in your communities. Use education to advocate for causes that matter to you, to uplift others, and to contribute to the greater good. After all, trust God to be the center of everything that you do. For He knows what's the best ahead of us. I will end this with a verse. Proverbs 4:13-16. 'Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life — guard it well. Do not go where evil people go.'" Love, Aljohn C. Baco



Giving Extra Gifts



All Your Questions About Gifts Answered!

Are additional gifts required?

No additional gifts are required! Your gift of \$35 per month is such a blessing to your child. His or her whole lives are changed because of your gift. Any additional gifts are completely optional. Many of our sponsors do ask about extra gifts, and we are excited to be able to facilitate extra communication and gifts for your child. Each year, in October, you will receive the Child Annual Progress Report (CAPR) that will include an updated picture of your child. The needs will be listed on this report should you want to meet any needs listed there. Here are a few ways you can give extra gifts!



Communication Gifts

You can email your child for no additional cost at littlechildrenofthephilippines@gmail.com. These emails are printed and given to your child, including any attachments like photos. Please be sure to include your child's name in the subject line of the email to help expedite the staff identifying the recipient. Allow at least 2 weeks for a response. Our office sends packages of letters regularly to the Philippines, and you can always send a card to the Georgia office to be included. Your child would love to have a picture of you! It will be displayed in the most prominent place in their house.



Gifts to be Shipped

We ship boxes once per quarter from the Georgia office. These boxes take approximately 3 months to arrive. Your package can be included in one of our boxes. Since there is a cost involved in shipping, please consider a donation towards the shipping of your package. Once the boxes arrive at LCP, they will be distributed to the children. DO NOT SEND ITEMS DIRECTLY. There are customs fees imposed on the family when they receive the package that they cannot afford to pay – for example \$25 fee for a small package.



Extra Monetary Gifts

Extra monetary gifts are welcomed. You may give as many gifts as you like, but we limit these gifts to under \$100 at a time, unless they are designated for a specific purpose, such as a house repair. Our program is designed to be a Hand-Up, not a hand-out. Bigger gifts, and too many gifts, often cause more negative effects in the long run. For those sponsors who are willing and able to give larger gifts, please consider sponsoring another child instead. So many children wait every day to hear they have been sponsored. Gifts may be given throughout the year, but we recommend gifts for Birthdays, Christmas, and School Needs to correspond with the beginning of the school year.



Food Packages

The LCP canteen can create a Food Package for your child with a value of \$10, \$15, or \$20 per month. Only one Food Package is allowed per month per family. These packages include rice, noodles, meat (\$10 canned/\$20 fresh,) sugar, and other goodies. Food Packages can also be sent for special occasions such as Birthdays or Christmas.

2023 Summer Raffle—Buy Your Tickets, Today!

We have kicked off our 2023 Summer Raffle! Tickets cost \$10 for one ticket and \$40 for five tickets. Use the QR code to purchase. All prizes can be mailed and enjoyed anywhere in the US. Our first winner will get his/her choice of all three prizes, the second winner will get a choice of the remaining two, and the third winner receives the remaining prize. Our drawing will be held on July 28th at 2:00 pm EST on Facebook Live. Purchases of raffle tickets benefit our Urgent Needs fund. The Urgent Needs fund helps each and every one of our programs. Thank you for being a blessing!

Prize 1: 4 tickets to UGA's opening game on Sept. 2 and a cornhole set for tailgating. \$300 value.

Prize 2: One ButcherBox Favorites box, containing ground beef, pork chops, boneless skinless chicken breasts, filet mignons, sirloin tips, bacon, and apple gouda sausage. \$165 value.

Prize 3: \$100 Visa gift card to be spent however you wish!

TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE>>



147 Children In Need of Sponsorship

Currently, 147 children are waiting patiently for someone to answer the call from God to be their sponsor. Due to Covid limiting our ability to travel in the last few years to find new sponsors, many of these children have been waiting for up to 2 years for a sponsor. Their families work hard just to put food on the table, and these precious children just need to be given an opportunity for an education and a brighter future.

Will you take it upon yourself to help us find new sponsors for these children?

Together, we can make a bigger impact than alone. We are willing to come to your church, civic club, or even your home to share about sponsorship with your friends and family. Thank you for investing in a sponsored child! Without people like you, we could not sustain the work being done at LCP.