

Message from the President

Summer is an exciting time at Little Children of the World. Our July trip was filled with celebrations! Our precious preschool children finished their first year of education, and we were treated to native dance performances in costume from each preschool. Several students even gave speeches! Our high school graduates celebrated this milestone, and most of them will be furthering their education in college. Our college graduates realized their dreams, and you can read some of their stories in this issue. LCP children and youth are multi-talented from public speaking, singing, and dancing to leadership skills. Their testimonies will warm your heart. **Thank you to the many sponsors and donors who have supported these students and programs throughout their education!**

For the first time since the pandemic, volunteers were able to travel to LCP. Sponsors, Nancy Cloudt and Gail Donnelly, along with Advisory Council Member Barbara Ulbrich travelled to LCP for the first time. These ladies led Bible studies in the communities, taught new songs to the Praise and Worship Team, performed health checks, and led staff training. One of the highlights for these first-time volunteers was meeting their sponsored children, and each began sponsoring another child!

What trip to LCP would be complete without visits to Hope Village! The children in our residential shelters have experiences that no child should ever face. Yet, their love and enthusiasm are contagious! Our team tie-dyed t-shirts, conducted health screenings, and shared dinner, including s'mores - Filipino style! If you would like to visit LCP and meet these dear children and our amazing LCP staff, please contact us about joining an upcoming trip. **Thank you for your prayers and support of the ministry of LCW and for joining with us to share the love of Jesus!**

Blessings, Susan Crawford

Our Greatest Needs

- Peace & Faith Health
- Shelters Urgent Needs
- Sponsorship Scholarship




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Answered Prayers & Opportunities for Education

Harrell Roda—Graduate of Accountancy

"I was a dreamer as a child, but as I grew older, I realized how cruel the world could be. My mother had to leave us to go abroad to work and my father was injured at work. This left me responsible for my siblings, even at my young age. And by God's grace, one day I was sponsored. To my dearest sponsors: mere words fail to express the depth of gratitude I feel towards both of you. Armed with hope, determination, and the invaluable lessons bestowed upon me, I stand poised to seize new opportunities and weave a tapestry of positive change in the world."



Estela Maurice Patong—Graduate of Hospitality Management



"I started attending LCP when I was 4 years old and graduated from the LCP Preschool program. My mother raised me alone, and I never met my father. We had very minimal income and life was so hard for my mom and I. God is good because I got a very generous and loving sponsor who supported me all the way. This all happened because of my sponsors gifts. Indeed, God has a plan in me and my mother's lives. He provided our daily needs by sending LCP/LCW to our lives. I couldn't imagine what my life would be, without LCP. To my Sponsors and donors, who supported me from my elementary until I finished my degree: Thank you very much!"

Keith Grafia—Graduate of Hospitality Management

"When I was in elementary school, my Papa died. We were left, and my Mama struggled to find ways to support us. We were sad and did not know what to do. It was LCP who gave us light in that experience. Sponsorship changed my life. In LCP, I learned the word of God, and this is my inspiration not to give up in life. Thanks especially to my sponsor and to my donors for their unending support and love throughout my journey. I am now a college graduate who has been hired to work in my field. I can now support my Mama since she supported me. This is the beginning of my journey to success."



Graduation Time

We believe in breaking the cycle of poverty one educational milestone at a time! In June and July, we celebrated our graduates at all levels for accomplishing greatness and completing another level of education.

LCP is proud to offer Preschool at seven different centers strategically located to give underprivileged children access to early education. **We celebrated 116 Preschool graduates who are now well prepared for elementary school and gave them an excellent head start as they proceed with their education.**

Graduating Senior High School is an especially impressive and sought after accomplishment that many students do not get the chance to do. Students in our Sponsorship Program are supported to attend public High Schools. **This year, 54 Senior High graduates walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. Of those 54 graduates, an impressive 50 will proceed to College through an LCP Scholarship!**

Completing a College education is the epitome of success for our program. A degree can break the cycle of generational poverty and set one up for a lifetime of opportunity. **We are incredibly proud of our 2023 College graduates. 23 students graduated from College with various degrees in 2 and 4 year courses. They have grown up at LCP from as young as preschool or kindergarten, and we have watched in amazement as they have blossomed into smart, talented, and impressive young adults ready to take on the world.** Their degrees ranged from education to criminology and everything in between, but the opportunities they have been provided have changed their lives forever! May they be abundantly blessed as they proceed with their careers and wherever life may take them.

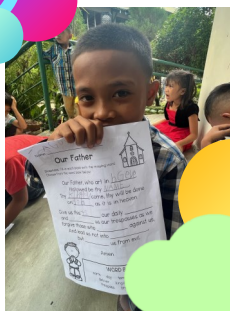
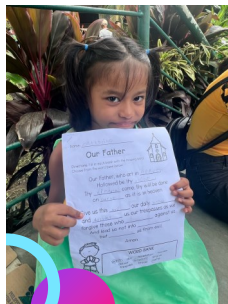
Thank you to everyone who has supported our educational programs through Sponsorship, Scholarship, or donating to the Preschool centers. You have contributed to breaking the cycle of poverty in a tangible way, and we are so grateful for you and your continued generosity!

Everything We Do Is in Jesus' Name

The Peace and Faith Program sets the tone for all the activities at LCP. Education is critically important to changing lives, and meeting physical needs is our mission, but faith in Christ is our 'why' for all we do. Through our programs, children and their families are exposed to the Gospel and values formation that they carry with them throughout their lives.

We conduct many activities like Bible studies, Sunday school, weekly worship, VBS, Venture Youth Camp, and more that are the obvious manifestations of the Peace and Faith Program, but every program's activities are informed by our commission. **Whether one is receiving medical care, being fed in one of our soup kitchens, or living in one of our shelters for abused or neglected children, everyone feels the love of God, not just through words, but with practical action as we act as the hands and feet of Jesus.**

Our model is holistic and effective for changing lives! Your support is not simply a financial transaction, but a life-altering investment in an individual—practically and spiritually.



The First College Graduates from SOW

Donabel Salcedo and Lovely Ann Baldivino are just two of LCP's most recent class of graduates, but they're special in that they are the first students to ever finish college who were enrolled in LCP's School on Wheels Program.

School on Wheels is a program designed to target out of school youth who are at risk of falling behind. These children are some of the poorest of the poor, and are often living in much worse conditions than the average sponsored child. The pull of the streets and the grips of abject poverty make these children particularly hard to reach and see through higher education. Pressures to work, lack of familial support, and lack of understanding about the long-term benefits of higher education are all important factors in these students dropping out prior to completion.

Donabel and Lovely defied the odds and have completed their college degrees!

Lovely graduated with a BS in Computer Technology and Donabel graduated with a BS in Office Administration. These ladies overcame insurmountable odds through financial hardships, familial strife, a global pandemic, and much more, but they are true pictures of how the opportunity for education can inspire greatness in spite of challenges.



Health Equals Opportunity

Born with a congenital heart defect and plagued by severe financial hardships, Maria Rosal wondered if she would ever have a chance in life. She was a bright young woman, full of resilience; all she needed was an opportunity to live. Without surgery, her future would be grim.

Without a father in the picture, she and her mother joined LCP when she was young after exhausting all other options to receive treatment. LCP was an answered prayer. The Health Program identified a sponsor to cover the cost of her operation in Thailand. She made a full recovery and was granted sponsorship and educational support all the way through high school. She grew into a smart, active young woman, unincumbered by the condition that once could have claimed her life.

After finishing senior high, she qualified for an LCP College Scholarship. She grabbed the opportunity and did not look back. She is a strong woman, determined to overcome the setbacks and challenges she has in her life. She succeeded academically and at LCP, and she joined the choir and dance teams. She became a confident leader with a strong faith in God. Maria Rosal proceeded to college, studying Education. This June, she graduated with her BS in Early Childhood Education. She has a heart for teaching children and looks forward to a future of shaping young lives.

All this would not be possible without medical care and opportunities for education through sponsorship. There are many children like Maria Rosal in need of a helping hand. Please consider how you can contribute to these live-changing programs.



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The Perrys, Live for LCW Benefit Concert



The Perrys will perform a benefit concert for Little Children of the World at the Lamar County Fine Arts Center on September 30 at 6pm. There will also be a Silent Auction—all to raise money for Urgent Needs. Tickets and t-shirt preorders are available for purchase now! Use the QR code to get yours today! **If you would like to reserve group tickets or are interested in sponsoring this event, please call 770-358-2771.**