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SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

Attention: We have adjusted our sponsorship amounts to the current costs for 2024 here. Older information sheets are therefore no longer valid.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Manila, the capital of the Philippines, presents itself as a metropolis where both the wealthy and famous and millions of the poorest of the poor live. Amidst skyscrapers, amazing shopping centers, and crowded entertainment districts, Manila also stands out as a city with unprecedented wealth disparity: it is where millions of children go hungry and many die from it as well as diseases.

Due to this dire situation, many needy families scavenge for food and recyclables on the streets or garbage dumps, and since it is nearly impossible to even have the most basic needs to survive, countless parents are repeatedly forced to leave their children in the streets and dump sites. This tragic reality results with them eventually becoming orphaned.

For many years, addressing these challenges has been at the core of our mission. We not only strive to meet the basic needs of these children but also provide education to improve their future.

Our child care centers in Antipolo & Morong, named 'House of Hope' and 'Village of Hope', collaborate closely with the Philippine Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to tackle these issues. Our goal is to provide the abandoned, neglected, and orphaned children in Manila with care, shelter, food, and education. These facilities serve as havens where children find a new home in a loving, safe, and healthy environment. Here, they are nurtured, cared for, and their lives rebuilt while gaining access to educational opportunities to take control of their own futures.







GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IN VILLAGE OF HOPE AND HOUSE OF HOPE

CHILD SUPPORT:

The minimum care and support for children in our child-care centers cost **7,10 Euros** per day or 220 Euros per month. This covers the costs of the child's daily basic needs (e.g., food, care, accommodation, clothing, medicine, hygiene, leisure, etc.). However, for many sponsors, a full sponsorship of 220 Euros per month is too much. Therefore, we divide the sponsorships among several sponsors till we reached the 220 Euro. Once reached, the child will no longer be given to other sponsors.

If a sponsor wishes to fully sponsor a child, which is certainly possible. In this case, the child will be exclusively assigned to that sponsor and not to any other.

EDUCATION AT THE VILLAGE OF HOPE:

In the Philippines, education is not free. For every child who wants to go to school, tuition fees, school uniforms, and school materials need to be paid. Additionally, the quality of education varies significantly between schools. Many schools are in a dilapidated state, understaffed with teachers, and often overcrowded. A classroom with 75 students per room is not uncommon, and the effectiveness of learning is often negligible. On the other hand, good schools are often too expensive.

This is why VHICF has established its own school with its own teachers since 2023, providing better and affordable education to the children in our child-care centers. Of course, our school also requires funds to pay teachers and provide all necessary school materials to the children.

For this, we need **70 Euros per month per child** to cover the school costs. We enable this by arranging school sponsorships for each child, split between 2 school sponsors. A single full school sponsorship is also possible if desired.

CHILD SPONSORSHIPS IN THE TONDO DAYCARE CENTER:

The child sponsorships in our social project in Tondo do not apply to children living in our child-care centers but to those who live with their families at home. These sponsorships solely aim to support their education since many families cannot afford their children's schooling due to poverty.

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Through these school sponsorships, we aim to help families provide their children with an education, we believe that it is the only way to break free from poverty.

To achieve this goal, the monthly educational support is 105 Euros. This amount covers the monthly school-related expenses such as tuition fees, school supplies and other consumable materials, school uniforms, projects, and daily school meals.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OR HIGHER STUDIES:

Many young people cannot afford vocational education or higher studies. Especially those who come from the poorest backgrounds, this often remains an unfulfilled dream. Nonetheless, many of them strive to attain an education. In some cases, they resort to drastic measures like prostitution to obtain the necessary funds for school. Here, we aim to intervene and provide better assistance to these young individuals.

Simultaneously, our children from the child-care centers grow into young adults who should also undergo vocational training or higher education so they may eventually support themselves later in life.

Thus, we seek sponsors who would like to engage in this sponsorship project. To fully fund vocational education or higher studies, we require **350 Euros per month.** In this case as well, we split these sponsorships and hope for a total of 10 sponsors, each supporting a student or apprentice.

DONATION RECEIPT:

- Each donor will receive an annual donation receipt from us.
- Every donor will receive regular updates about our work in the Philippines and, at intervals, receive information and visual material about their sponsored child.