

Hearts & Hands Community Development University Scholarship

Education Overview;

The education system in the Philippines is very different to that we enjoy in Australia. Children and young people have to purchase ALL their own materials, this is so with even the very basic educational items and therefore if you can't afford to pay, education is out of reach. This situation is the normality within the communities Hearts and Hands Community Development support as the community is using all it's efforts to be able to just live. While they would like to have an education their meager incomes ensures education is out for them.

At this time the government provides very little incentive or provisions for education and it is up to the local communities to resource education for their community.

Solution;

With this backdrop 'Hearts and Hands Community Development' in addition to assisting the early education of the community children have also developed a University Scholarship Programme. This is a programme which is designed to enable academically high achievers to have the opportunity to attend higher education something which otherwise would be impossible for them to achieve. Occasionally 'Hearts and Hands Community Development' identifies a young person within the assisted orphanage or community as deserving of funding support to assist them to obtain a university education, something they themselves cannot achieve without support.

Our University Scholarship is awarded to the selected recipient on a conditional basis.

Conditions of Acceptance:

In accepting the scholarship the recipient agrees to – upon completion of the assisted education and the attainment of work the recipient will then support another young person/child from the community to attend higher education with the same expectations as imposed on the original recipient. In this way 'Hearts and Hands' believes the opportunity to gain a usable education can be a reality for more than just the original recipient.

Questions & Answers

How much will it cost?

Unlike in Australia where it costs many thousands of dollars for a university education, for as little as \$1200-\$2300 a University education can be awarded to a very grateful young person who otherwise it would be impossible for them to achieve.

How much of what I give does the young person actually get?

Unlike some 'Charities' where a small percentage of what is donated actually gets to those needing it 'Hearts & Hands Community Development' being run and supported by actual 'true' volunteers and also being a true NOT for profit every dollar donated to aid a young person achieve a university education is used for that purpose only.

How is my donation to the recipient managed?

The recipient receives funding as needed and not in a lump sum. It is deposited into the young persons orphanage account and set aside for that person's education only. Management of the orphanage ensure its use in accordance with the rightful needs of the recipient.

Can I donate smaller amounts over time for this purpose?

Given the nature of this special purpose project a scholarship cannot be granted unless the actual funds are there in total, As we cannot foresee the future we will not set the young person up for a possible letdown should something happen and the promised funds were no longer available. We will only award Scholarships according to the funds available.

What information will I get about the young person receiving the scholarship?

This is something we encourage between the young person and the sponsor. Initially you will receive a photo and brief description of the young person and contact via the orphanage details. The creation of an ongoing relationship we believe is beneficial for all however you can have as much or as little communication as you and the young person agree.

Can I visit the young person?

We would be very pleased for you to journey to the orphanage to visit the young person. We have found that visits from sponsors has been of great benefit to the young people/children we support and their sponsors. Putting a face to a name is something special.

If I want more information where can I get it?

This is a very special activity and should be undertaken with a full understanding and confidence that it is right for you and the recipient. Please contact us via our web contacts in the first instance and we will endeavor to answer all your questions and may also be able to put you in contact with other sponsors with whom you can liaise. We accept and believe that there is NO wrong or silly question, the future of possible recipients warrants decisions made with full knowledge and confidence.

How can you exist without taking from the donation made?

We actually began the project as a true Not for profit and as part of our start up we undertook that our volunteers would be responsible for all their own costs thus enabling donated funds to be totally put to the purpose they were donated, we endeavored not to take out admin and employee monies out of donations as we considered this was a underhanded way creating a job, we are not job for us hunters we are volunteers wanting to help others in dire poverty and underprivileged then ourselves. Thus our own team regally puts out of their own pocket in order to achieve our goals.

Can I Donate to the running of Hearts & Hands & this programme?

As you are aware it is a considerable cost to operate any business be it for profit or not for profit and certain costs cannot be avoided. Should you be in a position to assist us with these statuary costs and other costs this would in turn enable us to do more for the poorest communities we aim to assist. Your support in this would be gratefully appreciated.

What's in it for me?

Whilst our supporters have given much and do not do it for the accolades or what they can get out of it some have identified the following points they have gained themselves;

(A)“To see a child go from constant despair to being a happy confident child is all I could want for”

(L)“Seeing a small child/baby removed from the street sex-trade and child trafficking is everything”

(N)“Witnessing the smiles when I arrive to visit my sponsored child puts a smile in my heart as well”

(J)“Just knowing they are safe and cared for is all I need”

(F)“Giving a young person a real chance at life is all I want”