



Hearts and Hands Community Development Report for financial year 2020/2021

Help for today gives Hope for tomorrow

In our Hearts and Hands world, the work continues again this year.

Our dedicated board continues their commitment throughout the challenges covid restrictions have presented us with.

Achievements:

Increase in wonderful supporters and their generous donations has enabled considerable increase in our support for the communities in Philippines – each community consists of between 70 – 300 people, with 2 supporting approx. 1000, plus Kalipay children's home – caring for 104 children.

- Further 16 electric sewing machines purchased and delivered – some still to be distributed to communities individually, due to lockdown restrictions in various locations
- Fabric and sewing notions provided with all machines, as well as tables and chairs – i.e. sewing package complete – sewing machine, table chair, fabric, sewing notions



- Kalipay orphanage sewing project continues to teach livelihood skills to young people



- 2 New Hollow block machines (& raw materials to begin process), provided and used to build homes for the homeless, as well as gain contracts to sell for income generation – one community now totally self-sustainable due to contracts with sale of bricks.
- Large roof structure previously provided within one community, now has been enclosed with walls and windows for further shelter for community during typhoons, and covered walkway built from children's dormitory to community area, as well as new generator provided for community kitchen for meal preparation.



- Medical & school supplies, toys, craft materials for several communities provided

- Considerable donations of educational materials which have been particularly useful within communities – some children have not been able to attend school since March 2020



- 38 large boxes freighted to Philippines containing a huge variety of items, such as: sewing machines, sewing aids, fabrics, books, clothing, uniforms, school supplies, cooking supplies, toiletries, medications, first aid materials & first aid kits, quilts, toys, games, toys, linen, etc.



- Throughout the year non-perishable foods shipped to several Significant covid food shortages, which have been able to assist



over \$20,000 in value of donated – packed and communities and Kalipay. restrictions has meant these generous donations

- Promotion and expansion of ***Umbrella Hearts*** programme within Australia

- Child Protection awareness campaign ongoing

- Stamp Duty exemption approved



- Sponsorship of children within orphanage can be arranged – currently only 11% of children are sponsored, and many previous donors have stopped due to



covid. Sponsorship to include living and educational expenses per child costs approx. \$820 per annum to fully support a child. When payment for sponsorship paid to Hearts and Hands, it is tax deductible cost, and funds are then transferred to Kalipay.

- DGR status – (Tax Deductibility), granted by ATO in May 2019 – with that in mind, any donations are fully tax deductible and can be paid to:
Hearts and Hands Community Development.
BSB: 637000. Acc: 719356087
- Further fundraising ideas constantly being explored – ideas welcome

Future Goals:

- Set up sub committees to further the work of the organisation: e.g. donation committee; umbrella ribbon committee; fundraising committee. Volunteer for these projects?
- Expansion into further communities where willingness for services exists – always with consultation
- Further provision of equipment and machinery to continue livelihood expansion projects
- Continue work on better trauma understanding
- Increase volunteer base
- Increase awareness of organisation
- Increase work of Umbrella Hearts project
- Beginning of new projects currently in planning stages
- Further partnerships with Kalipay to support and sponsor room within new structure
- Vehicle provision for Cabacungan – to enable transport of bricks for contract income

Fundraising efforts for 2020-'21:

- Several smaller events to sell H & H products
- Several individuals giving via monthly direct deposit
- Presentations to interested groups which resulted in donations
- Money tins continue to raise funds and be handed out
- Honey donations for sales as continual fundraising
- Forever Living sales
- Ribbon & Lanyard sales
- Virtual coffee fundraiser (as response to covid restrictions)
- Virtual Christmas fundraiser
- Gardening seeds and equipment drive
- Non-perishable food drive – ongoing – fabulous response

It's not OK to hurt a child, every day it's not OK

