



# BLUE SKIES GER VILLAGE MONGOLIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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I wanted to give children the childhood I never had. I understand their suffering being a child who lived in poverty myself. I understand the feelings of loneliness and fear. I understand the importance of a strong foundation for healing, growth and development. Every child deserves a loving and supportive childhood.

- Christina Noble OBE -



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## ABBREVIATIONS

CNCF	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
UNICEF	The United Nations Children's Fund





# OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES

**Vision:** A united world where children are free from suffering, poverty, exploitation, fear, and oppression. Where children are aware of their fundamental human rights.

**Mission:** The Christina Noble Children's Foundation is dedicated to serving the physical, medical, educational, and emotional needs of vulnerable children. We believe that every child deserves love, respect, and freedom from all forms of exploitation. We establish long-term relationships with the children we support and empower them to live happy, emotionally rich, and independent lives.

**Values:** Our values represent our beliefs and guide how we behave. They are love, compassion, respect, honesty, and integrity.

# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## ESTABLISHED

1997

## LOCATION

Songino Khairkhan, Ulaanbaatar

## OBJECTIVES

To provide a safe environment and a caring community for vulnerable children, where they are cared for and nurtured, surrounded by friends and supportive adults and enabled to successfully break the cycle of poverty and lead independent and fulfilling lives

## BENEFICIARIES

Children up to the age of nineteen years who come from disadvantaged backgrounds including orphans, children from poor families whose parents or guardians are unable to support them, abandoned children, children living on the streets, and those who have faced or are at high risk of commercial and sexual exploitation, human trafficking, and threats of violence

## LOCAL PARTNERS

National Authority for Children, Authority for Family and Child Development, Songino Khairkhan District Authority, Children's Police Precinct of Songino Khairkhan District, Social Welfare Department of Songino Khairkhan District, and the 7th Micro-district Authority of Songino Khairkhan District

## CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is fully responsible for funding, programme management, monitoring and evaluation as well as the protection and development of all children residing at the Ger Village

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Regular health check-ups and therapy sessions are organised for all children at the Ger Village. Meetings with Director of Operations and Ger Village management team, staff and children are held for programme discussions. Monthly reports prepared by CNCF staff are provided to the CNCF Board of Management. Annual reports are sent to all stakeholders. Health and fire safety inspections are conducted by the local district authorities. Government inspections are conducted by the Family, Child and Youth Development Agency and the National Inspection Agency

## ACTUAL COST 2019

USD \$243,531

## REPORTING PERIOD

January - December 2019

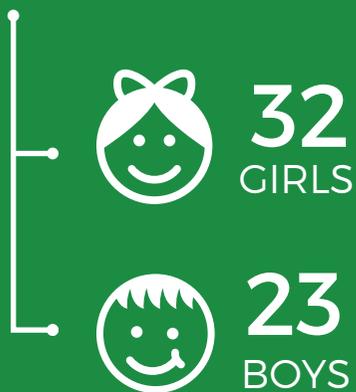
## 2020 OBJECTIVES

- To continue providing the love and support enabling disadvantaged children to lead happy, healthy and emotionally rich lives, while at the village and once they have left
- To improve our services and strengthen our ability to create lasting change in the lives of those we support by assisting the children's families and working closely with the Child Sponsorship Programme for reintegration

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2019, the Blue Skies Ger Village continued to provide a safe and caring environment to children who are orphaned, living on the streets or otherwise unable to stay at home due to high risk of neglect, abuse or exploitation. Ger Village residents received holistic care including psychological counselling, healthcare, education, life skills training and access to a rich and varied range of extracurricular activities.

In 2019,  
**55** CHILDREN  
were supported at the Blue Skied Ger Village



**53** CHILDREN  
were permanent residents

**02** CHILDREN  
were temporary residents

**07** CHILDREN  
were rehomed at the Ger Village

**04** CHILDREN  
transitioned out of the Ger Village

At the end of 2019,  
**51** CHILDREN  
resided at the Blue Skies Ger Village



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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF) expanded its work into Mongolia in 1997 with the establishment of the Blue Skies Ger Village. The Ger Village sits on 1.23 hectares of land and consists of many traditional Mongolian homes called gers and several brick structures.

The aim of the Blue Skies Ger Village is to provide abandoned and neglected children with residential care, healthcare, psychological rehabilitation, academic education, vocational training, personal and life skills development, sports, arts and music classes. This holistic support enables them to reach their full potential and ultimately break the cycle of poverty.

The Ger Village serves as both a temporary shelter and a permanent home. When local authorities find a child wandering the streets alone or when a child needs to be removed from an abusive environment, they arrive at the Ger Village for temporary shelter and are provided with food, clothing, healthcare and psychological support while we work to locate their parents or find them permanent housing.

Residential children attend local schools and receive healthcare, counselling, vocational and life skills training. They are also encouraged to cultivate hobbies and interests through the CNCF Arts, Music and Sports Programmes.

The Ger Village can support up to sixty children with a maximum of six children sleeping in each of the ten residential gers. One of our goals at the Ger Village is to mirror traditional Mongolian family life whenever possible. To ensure this, each ger is assigned with a staff member who is in charge of upkeep and maintenance of their home and support the children with care and counselling in their daily lives. All of the children take part in preparing their homes and the Ger Village's communal gers for the four seasons.



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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Education

Many children that arrive at the Ger Village have previously been disengaged in education due to their challenging upbringing and disadvantaged backgrounds.

We provide all children at the Ger Village with access to the Blues Skies Kindergarten, local public schools, vocational training centres, colleges and universities. The children also receive tutoring support from our education teams including an education officer, primary school teacher, maths teacher, Mongolian language teacher and English teacher.

The academic and personal development of every child is closely monitored. Our teachers work with the children individually and in group sessions, providing essential assistance to those who have academic challenges.

As residential children complete compulsory schooling and seek higher education, CNCF supports them with tuition scholarships through the Education Scholarship Programme.

The development of our education team resulted in a rise of children's school grades, school attendance, learning enthusiasm, self-confidence and self-esteem. As a result of their hard work, 5 of our young people graduated from compulsory education this year. Out of these children, 2 now attend college for further education, 2 are studying at university and 1 attends high school.



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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Academic Classes At The Ger Village

### English Language

We believe learning English opens up opportunities for the future careers of our young people. English lessons are provided to residential children of all ages at the Ger Village. Since October 2019, we have implemented an English curriculum set by Cambridge. English classes are organised with 10 sessions each week while individual lessons on weekends are available for those in need of additional support or children who have shown a keen interest in furthering their English language skills.

### Mathematics

Children receive extra private Maths tutoring twice per week. The classes inspire in children a greater interest in the subject and improving their comprehension and confidence.

### Mongolian Language

Mongolian language classes are taught on Sundays. The teacher supports primary school and secondary school children with spelling and homework. Older children develop their writing style and Mongolian script and prepare for upcoming exams.

### General Education

The primary school teacher teaches national curriculum-based classes, helps children with homework and works closely with any children who are behind at school. She also helps our day-care teachers prepare kindergarteners for primary school.





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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Healthcare

It is crucial that all children are entitled to quality healthcare for the best start to life. At the Blue Skies Ger Village, we provide children with nutritional support, supplements as well as health checkups and specialised screenings.

As most children who come into our care have grown up in unsanitary and squalid conditions, it is important that they all receive a full health check upon arrival.

Our medical team conducts general health checkups and provides treatments for malnutrition, rickets, physical development challenges and severe dental issues, ensuring that the children always feel safe and comfortable. A referral to a paediatric specialist is given in cases of on-site unresolved health issues suspected.

With the support of local hospitals, partners and volunteers, we regularly organise specialist screenings and examinations of dermatology, tuberculosis, ringworm, physical preventative care, dental and eyes, ears, nose and throat health.

We also educate our children about the importance of health and wellbeing through health talks and trainings on basic first aid, personal hygiene and reproductive health care.

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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Life Skills Training

In addition to academic education, CNCF believes that extracurricular activities play an important role in the development of social skills, creativity and physical health of a child.

### Arts

Ger Village children are provided with access to a variety of artistic activities including drawing, painting, sculpture, pottery and crafting.

### Music

Instrument lessons, choir and dance classes are offered for Ger Village children to facilitate learning and personal growth.

### Sports

We provide Ger Village children with a range of sports activities including cricket and taekwondo.

This year, **87 medals** were awarded to our Blue Skies Ger Village Taekwondo students who participated in **03** international and **08** domestic tournaments.

For details about these programmes, see the Sports Programme Annual Report.

## Training and Workshops

Life skills are important tools in helping children navigate daily tasks and develop into active and productive members of the community. To support our children in greater development of social and interpersonal skills, we organise regular training sessions and workshops on varied topics such as emotional intelligence, fire and electricity safety, and personal resume writing, ballet and classic art. These trainings are often conducted by the Ger Village psychologists and Policy Training and Development Centre.

We also encourage our children to host topic talks where they tell their stories and share experiences with other children at the Village. These opportunities not only enable them to learn more about one another but also inspire every child to build confidence and self-esteem through the realisation that anything is possible when they dream big and work hard.





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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Life Skills Training

### Horticulture

At the Ger Village, we work to create a healthy and sustainable community where our children can develop an understanding and respect for the environment. By growing our own produce, we become more economically self-sufficient while our children are supported to build strong immune systems through an organic nutrient-rich diet.

Besides two outdoor greenhouses and an indoor greenhouse, we built vegetable plots around the village to grow potatoes and sea buckthorn trees.

Each year a professional horticulturist is hired to work between March and November and oversee the cultivating, planting, harvesting and pruning activities. Residents and children from the Blue Skies Kindergaren are taught about these techniques and take part in daily tasks from weeding to planting and preparing the produce. These experiences not only help them to engage with nature but also enhance their fine motor development.

A special Harvest Day is organised at the Ger Village where children are split into groups to collect vegetables and compete in a cooking competition. Our children also pot plants to distribute to other children's shelters, developing compassion and sense of contribution to the community.

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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Psychological, Social and Emotional Support

We have three dedicated psychosocial team members who are working towards the goal of healing the psychological trauma of the children by developing methods to manage challenging emotions with supportive strategies. The therapeutic techniques used include art therapy, play therapy, cognitive behavioural therapy, gestalt therapy, systematic therapy and drama therapy.

An initial assessment is conducted by our psychologists when a child first arrives at the Ger Village, followed by a profile and psychological support plan. Each child has at least one individual therapy session a month and between one to five times a week depending on their needs.

Focus group meetings are held where children are encouraged to share their opinions on a chosen topic, give updates on their lives and discuss how they can be more supportive. Topics include career aspirations, achieving dreams, friendship and overcoming challenges. This technique allows the children to realise that they are not alone and enables them to gain valuable insights from their friends. Through group sessions, our team are able to observe the children's behaviour, attitude, language and feelings in a social setting.

All residential and temporary children at the Ger Village are assessed and receive therapy sessions. The intervention and psychological support enable the children to get to know their feelings, express themselves and develop communication and social skills.





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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Additional Psychosocial Support Activities

### Boys and Girls Club

Boys and Girls Club was established to build trust and communication between the children, empowering them to develop essential life skills. The children support the Ger Village staff in their daily work, discuss and share inspirational stories and engage in arts and crafts projects.

Our psychosocial team closely monitor every child and identify any challenges needed to be addressed in individual meetings. The children are divided into five groups and sessions are held once a week.

# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Additional Psychosocial Support Activities

### Home Visits

We believe that it is essential to improve the lives of the children's families for their sustainable and independent future. By doing so, we aim to reunite our children and their families, bringing peace of mind to our children and a sense of worthiness to their caregivers.

Our team conducts home visits to families of the Ger Village children to assess their living conditions and provide support where necessary. The children's families and relatives are also assisted in applying for ID cards and other documents required for the state healthcare system and official employment.

### Parents and Relatives Days

Twice a year, parents and relatives still in contact with their children are invited to the Ger Village. It is an occasion for the families to connect and get to know the daily life of their children at the village where they are filled with love and care. Meetings with our staff are also organised to discuss the children's academic and personal achievements as well as daily challenges faced by the family.



"Through my work, I am able to develop a greater understanding of what our children experience. I listen to their stories and support them to overcome adversity. I am able to witness first-hand their strength and resilience and the positive impact that we make on their lives."

- CNCF Social worker upon a home visit -

# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Noble Club

The Noble Club is a community service group made up of young people ages 16 and above who are currently or formerly enrolled in CNCF's programmes. Established in May 2018, the club presently has 244 members with 16 children from the Blue Skies Ger Village.

The purpose of the club is to give back to the community and contribute to the development of Mongolia. Club members are able to develop essential life skills such as leadership, problem solving, creative thinking, communication and empathy. The Noble club focuses on three areas: personal development, public health and education and organising activities to support CNCF, club members and the community.

## Staff Training and Workshops

Our psychosocial team delivers trainings on basic psychology, communication skills, recognising and managing emotions to all staff members of the Ger Village. This is also an opportunity for the staff to learn from each other and share ideas towards the goal of giving children the highest quality of care and support.

The psychosocial, management and education teams also attend external trainings to stay up to date with methods and techniques in order to improve our services to the children.



# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Maintenance and Improvements

Our guards and maintenance workers play an integral role in the overall function, security and maintenance of the Ger Village. They are in charge of the general upkeep of the Village, ensuring the safety of our children, and enabling the heating of our facilities and gers during the seasons.

Our children are encouraged to assist in the processes wherever it is safe and appropriate, developing skills and a sense of responsibility for their home environment. Our children are also able to learn sign language as one of our leading maintenance staff is hearing impaired which cultivates an inclusive, understanding and supportive mindset.

Main developments and improvements at the Ger Village in 2019

- Football and basketball pitches were rebuilt
- Three bird houses were built by the children with support from the maintenance team
- A new chafe and sand box were built by kind donors
- An 8-wall ger was taken down for security reasons
- Three additional cameras were installed
- New curtains were added to the community hall stage
- The kindergarten was renovated
- All gers were maintained



# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Events and Excursions

Many children had been deprived of social and learning activities before their arrival at the Ger Village. It is therefore crucial to nurture our children and introduce them to new and stimulating environments, benefiting their psychological health, self-esteem and life-satisfaction.

### Educational, Cultural Excursions & Summer Camp

Throughout the year, several outdoor camping, educational and cultural outings are organised for children of all ages at the Ger Village. Our children take part in summer camps to learn the Mongolian traditional nomadic lifestyle as well as picnicking, skiing and trekking activities where they explore nature. Excursions to amusement parks, space museum, aquarium, children's opera, zoo and cinema also enable our children to broaden their horizons and embrace the unfamiliar by exposing to different experiences.

## National & International Day Celebrations

We ensure children have access to and participate in varied national celebrations and events such as Tsagan Sar (Lunar New Year), Children's Day, Women's Day and Christmas. These opportunities promote solidarity between our children as they join together to prepare for meals, activities and performances and enable them to develop a deeper understanding of Mongolian traditions.

### Hair Cutting Ceremony

Having the first haircut is immensely important in Mongolian culture. The ceremony symbolises the transition to childhood and usually takes place when the child is between the ages of 2 and 5. This year, two of our boys participated in the traditional Haircut ceremony organised by the Ger Village team with the participation of their mothers and other children. This experience enables the children to gain more knowledge on cultural traditions and beliefs, ensuring our children are treated as if they were in their own home.





# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Events and Excursions

### Birthday Celebration

Twice a year we organise birthday celebrations for our children. Every child receives a surprise from our staff on their birthday along with presents from other children at the Ger Village. For many of the children, this is a memorable experience as their first time celebrating a birthday.

### Graduation Celebration

Graduation celebrations are organised for our children who successfully graduate from middle school, high school and college. This year, 2 boys graduated college, 2 girls graduated high school, 1 boy and 1 girl graduated middle school.

### Farewell Celebration

When a child leaves the Ger Village, a Farewell ceremony is held as we wish our children the best as they embark on a new chapter of their lives. CNCF continues to support all the children through their life stages, ensuring they have a safe and secure home to live in. In 2019, 2 of our children enrolled in university and have started their new journey. 3 former Ger Village children are also now living together in our transition home, for those whose families are unable to support them, or those who have no family to return to after leaving the Ger Village.





This year, 15 of our former and current Ger Village children and staff travelled to Vietnam to participate in the landmark CNCF's 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration. It was an inspiring and memorable week for our children and also for the staff.

# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Community Work

As part of an initiative to help cultivate our children's sense of responsibility and empathy, our team organised a variety of community work activities throughout the year. This included:

- Visiting a residential care home to spend the day talking to senior citizens, helping with their daily tasks and performing traditional dancing, singing and poetry
- Assisting the family of a former Ger Village guard who sadly passed away last year
- Distributing hot food and drinks to people working on the streets, such as traffic police and street cleaners
- Visiting the home of a single father, helping to clean, cut wood and collect water from the well
- Community Street Cleaning
- Fixing the main road's muddy area to help our community



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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Visitors

### Visit by Students from the Chinese International School

Every year a group of students from the Chinese International School (CIS), Hong Kong, visit our Ger Village to promote friendship and understanding between children from Mongolia and overseas. During their visit, the CIS students take part in collaborative activities with our children such as making arts and crafts, playing basketball and teaching dancing. The students also put on a special welcome performance. This is a fun and relaxed way to break the ice and learn about one another's interests.

### Visit by Students from the Singaporean International School in Hong Kong

In 2019, a group of students from the Singaporean International School in Hong Kong visited the Ger village to work within the community and organize learning activities for children at the kindergarten for three days. They arranged excursions to the local cinema for our Ger village children, followed with a delicious lunch. The visit experience enabled both groups of children to form a profound understanding of each other's culture.



# GLOBAL CHILD POVERTY STATISTICS

To date, child poverty and inequality continue to persist as barriers to the development of children and economic and social prosperity. The needs for holistic support and adequate childcare remain crucial to ensure every child can grow up healthy, happy and safe.



- Nearly **1 in 3** children, roughly 663 million, live in poverty. Of these, 385 million children account for almost **50% of all people** who experience extreme poverty (surviving on less than \$1.90 a day).<sup>[1]</sup>



- **2 in 5** people living in poverty in Mongolia are children under the age of 15.<sup>[2]</sup>
- **28.4%** of the total population live under the 2018 official poverty line.<sup>[3]</sup>
- **49%** of children (ages 1 to 14) experience violence and/or psychological aggression by caregivers.<sup>[4]</sup>



# OUR YEAR

One of CNCF's beliefs is that a supportive childhood lays a foundation for rapid physical, emotional and intellectual development for every child. Through the Blue Skies Ger Village, we work to provide our children, who come from extreme poverty and disadvantaged backgrounds, whose families are unable to care for them, with safe and secure residential care, education, healthcare and a supportive environment where they can develop and thrive within the community.

**55** CHILDREN  
resided at the Blue Skies  
Ger Village in 2019



**32**  
GIRLS



**23**  
BOYS

**53** PERMANENT  
RESIDENTS

**07** CHILDREN  
rehomed to the Village

**02** TEMPORARY  
RESIDENTS

**04** CHILDREN  
transitioned out of  
the Village



are orphans



are abandoned



were living with  
single parents  
unable to care  
for them



were living with  
both parents  
unable to care  
for them

## Age group:



Age 0- 5



Age 6 - 10

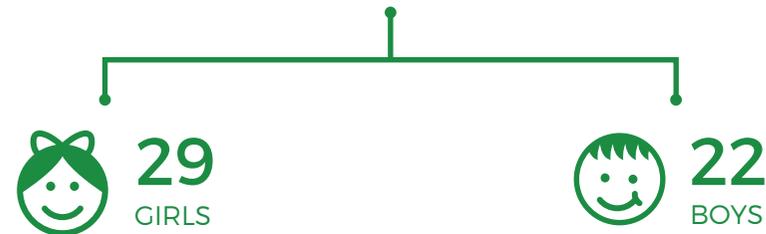


Age 11 - 15



Age 16 - 18

**51** CHILDREN  
resided at the Blue Skies  
Ger Village by the end of 2019



**29**  
GIRLS



**22**  
BOYS

# OUR YEAR

## Education



attended CNCF  
Blue Skies  
Kindergarten



attended  
Elementary  
School



attended  
Middle  
School



attended  
High  
School



attended  
Vocational Training  
Centre/College



attended  
University



Temporary residents  
were home schooled

**27** CHILDREN  
attended English classes  
and speaking clubs

**25** CHILDREN  
received Mongolian  
language tutoring

**44** CHILDREN  
received additional  
mathematics tutoring

**08** CHILDREN  
received scholarships from CNCF  
to pursue higher education



**06** CHILDREN  
graduated

**02** CHILDREN  
graduated from  
College

**02** CHILDREN  
graduated from  
High School

**02** CHILDREN  
graduated from  
Middle School

# OUR YEAR

## Life Skills Training



**55** CHILDREN benefited from the Blue Skies Arts and Music Programme



**31** CHILDREN participated in Taekwondo lessons



**87** MEDALS were awarded to Taekwondo students who participated in **03** international and **08** domestic tournaments



**39** CHILDREN participated in Cricket lessons



**20** TRAINING SESSIONS were organised for the Ger Village children. **47 Children** attended

**1621.8** KILOGRAMMES OF FRUIT & VEGETABLES were harvested



# OUR YEAR

## Healthcare



**118** HOME VISITS  
were conducted for 35 families



**25** PARENTS  
attended Parents and Relatives Days



**01** TRAINING SESSION  
was organised for the parents of  
kindergarten children. **23 Parents** attended



**10** TRAINING SESSIONS  
were organised for the Ger Village staff



**09** HEALTH CHECKUPS  
were conducted at the Ger Village



**23** HEALTH CARE  
TRAINING SESSIONS  
were organised for children



**55** CHILDREN  
were assessed by the psychosocial team  
and received tailored individual therapy  
sessions based on their needs



**458** ONE-ON-ONE  
THERAPY SESSIONS  
were conducted



**19** FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS  
were organised



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# OUR STORIES

## A Foundation Of Hope

Three siblings of Ariun\* were sent to the Blue Skies Ger Village by the local authorities after their father was sent to prison for sexually abusing Ariun's half-sister. Ariun was devastated when she was separated from her siblings and raised by her grandmother who was unable to take care of her. Ariun became homeless living in unsafe environments and often going hungry.

In March 2019 at 10 years old, Ariun arrived at the Ger Village consumed with suffering severe trauma and fear, she struggled to trust anyone. Our psychosocial team provided therapy sessions to support her healing process while the education team assisted Ariun with her studies. With the dedication, kindness and support provided from the CNCF team, Ariun has become an empowered, trusting and happy young girl who is excited to be reunited with her siblings, Ariun has become a trusting and happy young girl who is excited to be reunited with her siblings. Ariun has thrived in the traditional Mongolian music classes which she started learning as soon as she arrived at the Ger village.

Despite the early childhood trauma she endured, Ariun has shown significant social and psychological progress in a short period of time. We are incredibly proud of Ariun and know she will continue to develop into an inspiring young girl with an vibrant and bright future!

# OUR STORIES

## More Than Just A Shelter

"My name is \*Chimeg and I am 15 years old. I have been living at the Blue Skies Ger Village for 5 years. Before I came here I was living on the streets with my sister. I never went to school nor did I have the childhood I always dreamed of. I lost faith in everything and trusted no-one, until CNCF found us.

At the Ger Village, my sister and I were able to get an education and participate in a variety of extracurricular activities. I felt like I finally got a chance to have the childhood I always wanted. The teachers introduced me to Taekwondo, which quickly become my passion. For me, the discipline practices of Taekwondo have made me who I am today. The sport has taught me patience and respect and made me believe in myself, as I never though I could do anything like this.

With love, care and understanding from the teachers and staff at the Ger Village, I have learned so many new things and I am supported to express myself in a safe and healthy environment. With the support of CNCF and my love for Taekwondo, I overcome the challenges and grown into the person I am today. I have new goals and dreams now. I have won numerous national and international tournaments and I am currently training to represent Mongolia in the 2024 Olympics.

We felt pure happiness when my sister and I arrived at the Ger Village. All of the staff and children at the Village have become my family. I have made so many friends and feel very proud of myself and my sister when I reflect on what we have overcome and achieved. I want to say thank you very much to CNCF and all of the sponsors who always support and help us. The children and I feel very grateful.Thank you."

\*Names and identities changed to protect privacy





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# OUR STORIES

## A Sincere Thank You From A Parent

My step-son has been living at the Blue Skies Ger Village since 2016 when the local authorities found him roaming the streets in need of care. We were living in abject poverty and my wife and I were both battling with alcohol addiction. Shortly after my son was found, my 4 year old daughter was also removed from our care by local authorities. It was so hard for us but we were happy when she was reunited with her half brother at the Ger Village. That was a devastating time, as we had not fulfilled our duty as parents. My wife and I are now in an alcohol rehabilitation centre in a hope for a better life. CNCF social workers are often in regular contact with us and we are extremely happy that our children are in a loving and safe place. Before entering rehabilitation, we visited our children at the Village and I was pleased to see that my daughter has recovered from malnutrition and is the healthiest she has ever been.

Thank you so much for believing in us and looking after our children through your incredible programme. When others are supporting our family and raising our children as their own, we appreciate it and have a responsibility to make our life better and become better versions of ourselves so we can reunite with our children and give them the life they truly deserve.

\*Name and identities changed to protect privacy

# OUR STORIES

## A Child Blossomed At The Ger Village

Thirteen-year-old Delger\* came to live at the Blue Skies Ger Village with her older sister after their father passed away, leaving them in the care of their alcoholic mother in unsafe and unsanitary living conditions. The sisters were provided with a safe and nurturing environment, supportive peers and the loving care they desperately needed. Here Delger thrived in her creativity through her engagement in the Arts and Music programmes. She successfully graduated from high school and left the Ger Village to further her education at University when she was eighteen years old.

Studying for 4 years at the Railway University of Ulanbaatar, Delger was supported with a tuition scholarship from CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme. She developed leadership skills and quickly became the captain of basketball and volleyball teams. Delger graduated from university with honours in 2019 and is waiting for her placement test results from the university. Delger remains a cherished member of our CNCF family and maintains close contact with the children and staff at the Ger Village where she will always be welcomed with open arms. We are so proud of Delger and the incredible resilience and kindness she continues to uphold.

\*Name and identities changed to protect privacy



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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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The total cost of running the Blue Skies Ger Village in 2019 was:

**USD \$243,531**

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Heartfelt thanks to our kind donors who enable CNCF to keep this project operating and also to those who generously support with gift and time in-kind which enables us to keep our costs down.

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Audit in progress at time of reporting.  
Our audits can be found at:  
[www.cncf.org/finance-policies/](http://www.cncf.org/finance-policies/)



# BLUE SKIES GER VILLAGE EXPENDITURES IN 2019

Description	Expenditure 2019
Staff salaries (34 staff)	131,140
Social insurance for staff members	15,429
Firewood and Coal	3,857
Electricity & Sewage	5,414
Telecommunications and Internet	1,374
General supply	1,642
Food for children	18,116
Consumables for children	3,615
Maths Tutor fee	2,087
Psychological Development	5,349
Festive / Birthday Parties	1,883

Description	Expenditure 2019
Clothing / Uniform / Shoes	4,307
Stationery, School supply & General items for children	3,092
Bus Fares & Pocket Money	2,108
Repair & Maintenance	7,240
Renovations & Improvements/Asset	23,977
Transportation	4,552
Vehicle Maintenance	1,454
Horticulture	1,454
Children's massStaff Training & Staff Related expensesage room	4,097
Miscellaneous / Others	1,346
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>243,531</b>

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

By funding our Blue Skies Ger Village, you are providing a safe and caring environment for young boys and girls who are orphaned or from families where they were put at risk of violence; others were living on the streets and therefore at high-risk of commercial and sexual exploitation and human trafficking. With your support, these children now have the opportunity to enjoy a happy childhood in a secure environment surrounded by love while also receiving psychological counselling, healthcare, education, life skills training and a rich and varied range of extracurricular activities.

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