



# EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME MONGOLIA



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>CNCF</b>	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
<b>CSP</b>	Child Sponsorship Programme
<b>ESP</b>	Education Scholarship Programme



# 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.

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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**When children are educated, they possess something which cannot be lost or taken away from them and which offers them some protection from exploitation and abuse. They will have more power in the labour market; they will be better equipped to provide for themselves in a way that protects their integrity and their dignity.**

- Christina Noble, Founder, CNCF -



# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

<b>ESTABLISHED</b>	2001
<b>LOCATION</b>	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	To give young people from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to pursue higher education
<b>PROGRAMME COMPONENTS</b>	Financial support (full or partial scholarships); social support and guidance; seminars and talks; personal development workshops and training
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	High school graduates pursuing higher education and students already at university, college, or vocational training centres who need financial assistance to continue their studies
<b>CNCF INVOLVEMENT</b>	Entirely responsible for funding, programme management, monitoring and evaluation
<b>CNCF MANAGEMENT AND STAFF</b>	Thomas Minter, Director of Operations; Munkhtuul Togooch, Programme Manager; Social workers: Baigalmaa Batkhuyag, Altanzul Tsedevsuren, Tuvshintuya Batmagnai, and Naranbaatar Batmunkh; Munkhtsetseg Bold, Programme Officer; Bayaraa Munkhtsetseg, Driver; Mendbayar Nasan, HR Manager; Otgonchimeg Altangerel, Community Development Manager; Uyanga Tsogtsaikhan, Communications Manager

## LOCAL PARTNERS

Ulaanbaatar Boys' Prison and the Executive Court; Youth Development Department of Ulaanbaatar City; Family, Child and Youth Development Department of Ulaanbaatar City; MKIT - Education Centre

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Social workers monitor progress of each scholarship recipient by meeting with them regularly and communicating directly with their educational institutions. Each student's transcript is sent to the Director of Operations including information about their achievements, grades and major. Progress of scholarship recipients is also monitored at our monthly distribution days through informal chats with our sponsorship team.

## 2018 ACTUAL COSTS

USD \$25,000

## FUTURE PLANS

The objective of our programme is to continue to provide the financial assistance that enables disadvantaged young people to pursue higher education and achieve their ambitions. In addition to maintaining our current level of support, we always strive to improve our services and strengthen our ability to create lasting change in the lives of the young people in our programme. To accomplish this in 2019, we aim to encourage more applicants and increase the number of scholarships available. We will do this by reducing the number of full scholarships awarded and helping students find ways to contribute to their own fees. This will both encourage a greater sense of personal responsibility and allow us to support more children with partial scholarships.

## REPORTING PERIOD

January – December 2018

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2018, the Education Scholarship Programme (ESP) in Mongolia continued to provide financial support to children and young adults, allowing them to continue their education.

IN 2018

**47** NEW SCHOLARSHIPS  
were awarded

**10** OTHER STUDENTS  
received tuition support from their sponsors through the Child Sponsorship Programme

**12** STUDENTS  
received full scholarships

**45** STUDENTS  
received partial scholarships

**02** STUDENTS  
awarded scholarships to study at high school

**05** STUDENTS  
awarded scholarships to study at vocational training college

**50** STUDENTS  
awarded scholarships to study at university

**13** STUDENTS  
from the Education Scholarship Programme graduated with their degrees.

To foster a greater sense of personal responsibility among our students, we reduced the number of full scholarships available. Instead, where possible, we helped the applicants find ways they could contribute to their own tuition fees, such as part-time work. We believe that this will increase their commitment to their studies, while at the same time allowing us to support even more students through partial scholarships.

In 2019, the ESP will continue to provide crucial support to students in need, so they can stay in school and build a brighter future. In addition, we aim to give even more students the opportunity to continue with their studies by increasing the number of scholarships available. We will raise awareness of the scholarship programme among donors and child sponsors, giving them the opportunity to be part of this rewarding journey.

# PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

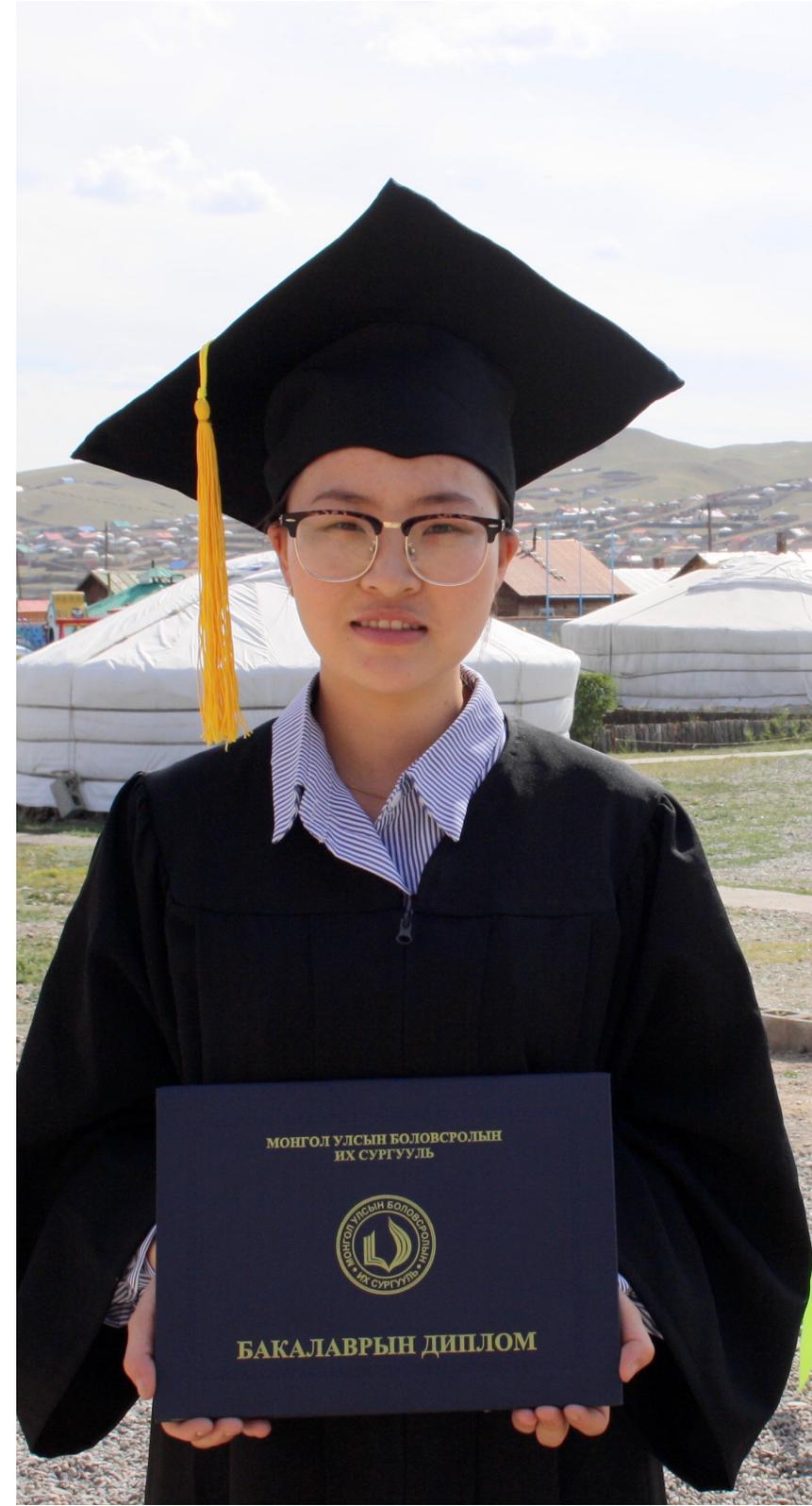
The Education Scholarship Programme (ESP) was established as an offshoot of the Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP) to give children from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to pursue higher education.

If children in the CSP wish to continue their studies past age eighteen, we contact their sponsors to ask for their continued support to pay tuition fees. If the sponsor is unable to do so, the student then has the option to apply to our scholarship fund by meeting with our sponsorship team leader, outlining their motivations for continuing their education and providing a record of their school grades and reports.

Students are also required to write a short essay about their chosen course to study, future aspirations, and why it is important for them to receive a scholarship. If they fulfill the criteria and show commitment to making the most of the opportunity, we provide funding for the upcoming academic year. Every student must re-apply for funding each year and our team evaluates their academic progress and commitment.

The scholarship fund is open to all young adults who want to go to college, university, or vocational training but lack the financial resources to do so. Although not strictly limited to children who are already part of one of our Foundation's programmes, we do not advertise or promote the scholarship fund externally. Thus, most applicants are or have previously been under the Foundation's umbrella of care.

Because of the ESP, many ambitious, talented, and motivated young people who would have otherwise had no choice but to leave education and seek unskilled employment have been able to develop their skills and interests to become highly-trained and qualified members and leaders of Mongolian society.



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# OUR YEAR

## DURING 2018

**77** STUDENTS applied for funding from the ESP

**47** CHILDREN were accepted into the scholarship programme

**10** STUDENTS received tuition fee assistance from their sponsors.

## THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS IN 2018

**10** CHILDREN are current or former residents at our Blue Skies Ger Village

**44** CHILDREN from our CSP

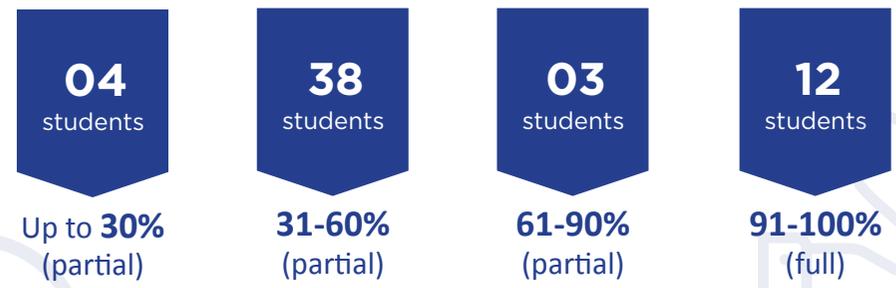
**03** FORMER STUDENTS at the Boys' Prison

**02** STUDENTS awarded scholarships to study at high school

**05** STUDENTS awarded scholarships to study at vocational training college

**50** STUDENTS awarded scholarships to pursue their undergraduate degrees at university

## THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES OF THE STUDENTS' TUITION FEES WERE FUNDED THROUGH THE ESP:



All the scholarship awardees exhibited great determination and commitment to continuing their studies and are deserving beneficiaries.

In addition to the **57 young people** who received scholarships through CNCF, our team helped two other students successfully apply for government scholarships. These two students are now studying at university.

In addition to the new scholarship recipients, **32 students** in the CSP graduated from university and **27 students** completed college (**13 of these students** were ESP scholarship recipients).

The 13 graduates from the ESP obtained qualifications in the following fields:

- ◆ Human Resources Management (2 students)
- ◆ Accounting (2 students)
- ◆ Music Education
- ◆ Geophysics
- ◆ Elementary Education
- ◆ Mathematics Education
- ◆ Computer Graphics
- ◆ Food Technology
- ◆ Social Work
- ◆ Chinese Studies
- ◆ Journalism

2018 BY THE NUMBERS

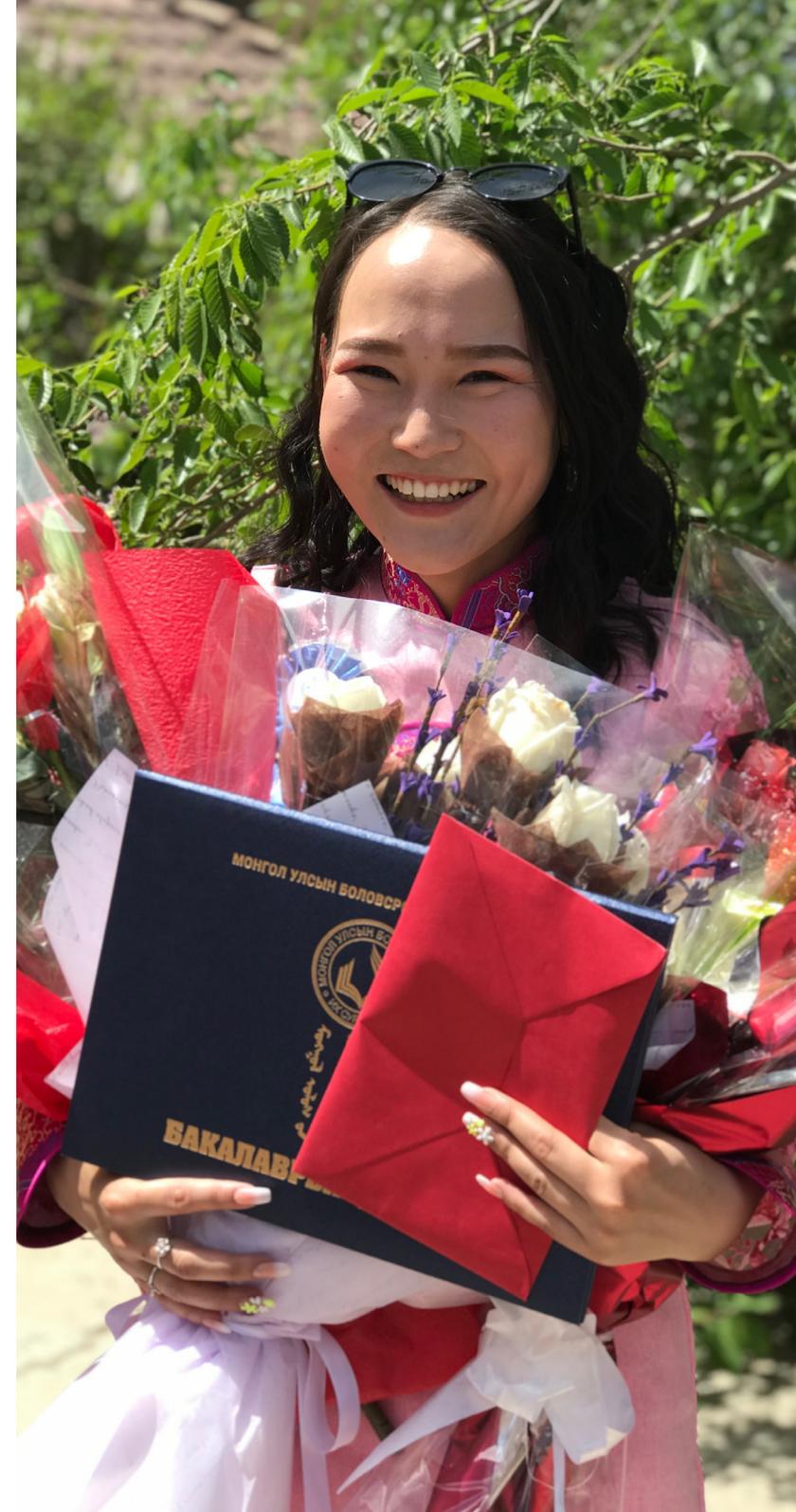
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS  
out of 77 applicants



**45** PARTIAL  
SCHOLARSHIPS

**12** FULL  
SCHOLARSHIPS

**13** ESP STUDENTS  
earned their degrees





## Message from Baigalmaa Batkhuyag, Social Worker and ESP Coordinator



I have been working with CNCF since 2008. Every day for the past ten years I have felt incredibly grateful to work with the Foundation and be able to help the poorest children and families of Mongolia. To care for the children and be able to give them hope for a bright future is the most beautiful feeling in the world and makes me feel incredibly proud of my job.

I believe education starts in the home and parents are the first teachers in a child's life. Unfortunately, many poor and disadvantaged children come from homes where their parents are uneducated, abusive and suffer from alcohol addiction. It is therefore often very difficult for the children to learn how to live a positive life, and because of a lack of good role models, many of these children end up repeating the same behaviour and lifestyles as their parents.

CNCF gives these vulnerable young people the chance to gain an education, as well as be part of CNCF's community which provides them with enriching experiences, positive role models and opportunities to cultivate their talents and make new friends.

I have seen so many children, who have come to us with deep pain in their hearts and a sense of hopelessness about life, transform like butterflies into confident, determined and talented young adults. This gives me the most beautiful feeling in the world and inspires me every day in my work.

I feel great satisfaction to see our students graduate university because of their dedication combined with our long-term encouragement and support through the Education Scholarship Programme. Most of our students graduate from Mongolia's top universities with degrees that allow them to find good jobs with high salaries.

I believe that the primary way for children to reach their dreams is through a good education. That's why I love watching the moment our students receive their scholarships—there are always many happy and grateful tears at each year's Scholarship Award Ceremony. We are truly proud of the achievements of our students, and it fills our hearts with love and joy to see how hard they work to achieve their dreams.

I want to express my gratitude to all our kind sponsors and donors who help support the Mongolian children.

# PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

A fundamental part of CNCF's mission is to build long-term relationships with the children and young adults we support. We want all our young people to feel part of a CNCF community, and thus, we seek to include them as often as possible in events, activities, and our team's daily work. This not only builds a sense of togetherness between our staff and the students, but also helps our young people gain essential personal and professional skills.

This 2018 academic year we introduced an agreement that scholarship recipients must sign to receive funding. The agreement states the students must join our CNCF community service group, Noble Club, and participate in twelve hours of volunteering a month. Noble Club members actively support the Foundation through fundraising, volunteering, and their own community work. It is also an excellent opportunity for them to have fun and make new friends. Because of this initiative, we had more volunteers than ever this year.

Furthermore, four scholarship recipients were officially employed by the Foundation.

This helped strengthen CNCF's services and allowed the students to earn a salary and gain valuable work experience in their areas of interest.

◆ A former sponsorship child graduated from university with a degree in Social Work. This student had been in our programmes since 2007 and we knew he was a hard-working and compassionate young man who through his own experience of poverty and hardship understood the Foundation's beneficiaries very well. We hired this student as a trainee social worker. Each day, he is becoming more confident and skilled in his work and has become a well-liked and respected member of our team.

◆ Another student became involved with CNCF in 2012 when he was living at our Blue Skies Ger Village. He is now living independently and studying business administration in his second year at the Global Leadership University. He received a full scholarship from CNCF. As an extremely talented artist, with a patient and enthusiastic temperament, we wanted to get him involved in our Arts & Music Programme. He has now been the main teacher for the Child Sponsorship Programme art classes since December 2017. He is also volunteering as the President of Noble Club. He brings great energy, professionalism and fun to each of his positions and we are delighted to have him as part of our team.

◆ This student has been working as our crafts teacher since June 2017. She lived at the Blue Skies Ger Village from 2010 to 2017, during which time she developed a talent and passion for crafts. She is in her second year studying Dentistry at Etugen University. She received a full scholarship through CNCF and she also holds a leadership position in the Noble Club.

◆ Since June, this student has been working part-time as a general assistant and carer at the Ger Village. She has been in the CSP since 2010 and grew up at the Blue Skies Ger Village from 2008 to 2017. She received a full scholarship from CNCF and is now in her second year studying Geodesy at the University of Science and Technology.

◆ This year, five medical students assisted our doctors at CNCF's distribution days. The students helped measure the children's weight and height and filled out their medical record books. This has been a great assistance to our doctors, who are often very busy attending to many children and families.

With the new agreement signed by scholarship recipients we now have 40 amazing students regularly supporting CNCF. It's wonderful to have students a part of the activities, providing office administration support and sponsorship distribution days.

# LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Our team is always looking for ways to support our students' personal development. Life skills and educational training play an essential role in this process and provide our young people with knowledge and skills that help them achieve a happy, fulfilled and productive life.

This year, the following trainings were organised by our team for CSP and ESP students:

- ◆ Human Reproduction and Women's Health – J. Ekhtsetseg, a teacher and doctor from the Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences, conducted the training. A total of 190 girls ages 14 to 21 attended.
- ◆ Children's Crime Prevention – Lawyer G. Bat-Otgon conducted the training. 170 boys ages 14 to 21 attended.
- ◆ Preventing Addiction – Doctor and Psychologist Gantulga conducted the training. 150 boys ages 14 to 21 attended.
- ◆ Human Development – Erdenegerel, a teacher from the Policy Centre for Research Training, conducted the training. 300 students ages 15 to 21 attended.
- ◆ Leadership – B. Otgonbat, a lector and director at the Global Leadership University, conducted the training. 300 students ages 15 to 21 attended.
- ◆ How to Find a Part-Time Job and How to Be a Good Student – The Director of the Youth Development Agency conducted the training. 50 graduates attended.
- ◆ Living Life with Vision – Lector and dancer Saruultugs conducted the training. 170 students ages 16 to 21 attended.
- ◆ How to Be Successful in Life – O. Jargalsaikhan, a teacher at the Human Development Institute and the International University of Ulaanbaatar, conducted the training. 38 students attended.
- ◆ Computer Skills Training at MKIT Education Centre – 5 students took part in this 4-week course, earning a certificate in I.T.

# EVENTS

## Graduation Party

In June, a special graduation party was organised at the Blue Skies Ger Village to celebrate the students' academic achievements. During the event, our graduates spoke about their career aspirations and shared heartwarming stories about their time with the Foundation. It was beautiful to see what confident, ambitious and thoughtful young adults they have become and wish them much happiness and luck in the next chapter of their lives. As with all of our young people, we will continue to stay in contact and provide guidance and support whenever possible. They will always be a part of the CNCF family.

## Scholarship Award Ceremony

In August, a special award ceremony was held at our Blue Skies Ger Village to congratulate our 2018 scholarship recipients. Forty-seven students attended the special occasion to receive their certificates and listen to inspirational talks from our Child Sponsorship Programme Manager and Director of Operations. A previous beneficiary of the programme also joined the event to share encouraging stories about how the Foundation has helped him achieve his goals and offer advice on succeeding in school and leading a successful life.

We were pleased to be able to share this special occasion with visitors from some of our partner organisations, including N. Khukhuu from the Child and Family Development Department of Ulaanbaatar and Director Manduul, from the Youth Development Department.

## International Children's Day

To celebrate International Children's Day, our scholarship recipients and other CNCF student volunteers dressed up as cartoon characters to surprise our children at the sponsorship distribution weekend. Some of the volunteers also helped in our face painting event, organised by CNCF's art class and Noble Club. Everyone had lots of fun playing together and having photos taken with their favourite cartoon heroes.

## Staff Awards

This year, we were delighted that two members of our ESP team were recognised for their hard work and outstanding contribution to childcare in the community.

- ◆ Social worker Baigalmaa Batkhuya, who plays a vital role in the management of our Education Assistance Programme, received the Best Employee Award in the social sector from the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare; a Certificate of Appreciation from Zuunkharaa city's Mayor and a Certificate of Appreciation from Erdenet city's Mayor.
- ◆ Social worker Altanzul Tsedevsuren received the Best Employee Award of Ulaanbaatar City by the Youth Development Agency.
- ◆ Social workers Baigalmaa and Altanzul received the Bulgan Province 90th Anniversary Medal from the Bulgan Province Mayor.
- ◆ Two of our staff members, Altanzul and Dalaitseren, President of the CNCF community service group Noble Club and our sponsorship programme's art teacher, were also recognised as two of the "Hundred Leading Young People of 2018" by the Youth Development Department of Ulaanbaatar City.

## Student Awards

We are always incredibly proud of our children, who despite growing up in extremely disadvantaged conditions, manage to rise above their limiting circumstances and achieve their dreams. The following awards were given to ESP students this year:

- ◆ One student participated in the Asian Open Championship 2018 and won a gold medal.
- ◆ One student received the Mongolian Presidential Award and half of his university tuition fees funded by government. Over 150 students were nominated and our student was 1 of 25 selected to receive the prestigious award.

## Team Inspections and Awards

At the end of each year, the Youth Development Department of Ulaanbaatar City organises an awards ceremony to honour and recognise governmental and non-governmental organisations who play a leading role in supporting young people and community development.

We are very proud to say that for the first time in our Foundation's history we were selected among dozens of highly prominent international and local non-governmental organisations and were awarded "Best Youth Organisation of 2018" for supporting youth development in Mongolia.

Over the past two years, CNCF Mongolia has been focused on stimulating increased government cooperation in tackling critical child protection issues and supporting youth development in general. In working more closely with the Mongolian government, both organisations have been able to increase the scope and impact of our work.

All of us at CNCF are immensely encouraged that our efforts have produced a profound impact on the communities we work in. We are also incredibly proud that the hard work and dedication of our team has been officially recognised at the highest level.

Most importantly, this award and recognition will enable the Foundation to work with Mongolia's disadvantaged communities even more effectively, leading to a brighter future for many of Mongolia's children.



# OUR STORIES

## Rising Above

Bolormaa\* enrolled in the Child Sponsorship Programme in 2004 when she was 7 years old. She was living in extremely poor conditions in a small hut with her parents and two sisters.

Her mother was unable to work because she had to take care of Bolormaa's sister who is physically impaired and her father only earned approximately \$1 a day driving his friend's taxi. The family income was so low that they often couldn't afford food, clothes, firewood or coal to heat their hut.

With the monthly sponsorship money, their quality of life began to improve. They no longer had to struggle to find money for daily essentials and the children could focus on their education.

Ever since we met Bolormaa, she has been an intelligent and determined person, who dreamed of becoming a journalist. In 2006, when she was just 9 years old, Bolormaa landed a two-year position as a reporter for a children's TV programme. This was an amazing achievement which helped her gain important practical experience and skills.

Sadly, in 2008, Bolormaa's father left the family and once again their living situation deteriorated. With a new 7-month-old baby to care for, as well as three other young children, the loss of her husband's financial contribution and emotional support had a significant impact on Bolormaa's mother and her ability to provide a stable home life for her children.

Finding money for rent each month put a huge strain on the family. Their hut was becoming progressively run-down, cold, and uninhabitable as they were unable to afford the necessary repair work. When our social workers found out about their increasingly tenuous situation, they provided the family with a ger from CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme. Having a safe, warm, and comfortable home of their own gave the family a sense of security and optimism for the future. They were filled with happiness and pride on the day our team arrived to help build their beautiful new ger.

We have watched Bolormaa thrive in her studies, and there is no doubt that having a secure and calm home environment has allowed Bolormaa to focus on achieving her dream of becoming a journalist.

Because of her experience and consistent good grades, Bolormaa was able to earn a place at one of Mongolia's top universities for journalism. However, like many disadvantaged

young people, finding the money to pay for her tuition fees seemed impossible.

After learning about our Education Scholarship Programme, Bolormaa applied and was approved by our team to receive a scholarship for three years. Bolormaa was a genuinely deserving beneficiary of the programme and we knew that she would make the most of the opportunity.

Over the past three years we have watched Bolormaa devote herself to studies and grow into an incredibly talented and confident young woman. We were all so proud when this year Bolormaa's hard work paid off and she achieved her degree in journalism. After graduation, Bolormaa received a job offer from the Mongolian National Broadcaster, which is the official state-funded broadcaster in Mongolia, to work as a sports journalist. This is an incredible achievement especially for a new graduate and is a testament to the talent and potential that lies within all children if given the right encouragement, support and direction.

Despite the many challenges Bolormaa faced, she never gave up on her dream and CNCF never gave up on her. Our team are very proud when they see Bolormaa on TV growing in confidence every day. She is fast becoming a talented professional and is blossoming into a happy, successful and inspiring young woman.

\*Names changed to protect privacy.

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## TESTIMONIAL FROM BOLORMAA



It has been 14 years since I first got to know everyone at CNCF. Thanks to your continuous and generous support I was able to graduate high school and university successfully. I always wanted to become a journalist, and finally, my dream came true this year!

Amazingly, I am now a sports journalist at the Mongolian Broadcaster which is the biggest television channel we have in Mongolia. All these beautiful things have happened to me because of CNCF and its kind staff. I especially want to thank my kind-hearted and generous sponsor who has supported me for 14 years. I will never lose your trust and I wish you all the best in this world.

\*Names changed to protect privacy.



# OUR STORIES

## From Prison to University

“When I was in the Boys’ Prison, I felt very sad, lacked confidence and felt disheartened by life. I had no plan for what I would do when I was released.

One day, in March 2018, my CNCF teacher informed us about the Education Scholarship Programme. We were so happy to hear about the chance to get a scholarship to study at university. It was a huge opportunity for me, and I did not want to miss it! However, I still felt that for the boys in prison it was just a dream.

With the support and encouragement of my teachers, I worked hard preparing for the university admission state exams. As a result, I got a high score and met the criteria to go to one of Mongolia’s top universities. I applied to the Education Scholarship Programme and went through their selection process, including an interview with CNCF’s scholarship team who came to the prison to talk to me and the other boys who were applying—it was amazing.

It was my first experience of an interview, and I was very nervous and afraid. Thankfully, the scholarship team were extremely friendly and kind to us. Their heart-to-heart communication helped me feel relaxed. Luckily, my application essay and interview were scored highly, and I was approved for the scholarship programme.

It was the most amazing and wonderful feeling when I received my scholarship certificate. At the time, I was really missing my mother and wanted to show her my success.

I want to thank CNCF for taking the time to read through my essay and application. As a team, you always devote so much time to us, and I appreciate the extra time you have dedicated to this scholarship process.

Also, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to say that I am a child of the Christina Noble Children’s Foundation and an Education Scholarship Award recipient. Thanks to your scholarship I can now attend a top university and gain a degree in a good profession.

I am now studying well at the Mongolian State University of Life Science and majoring in mechanical engineering. On behalf of all the children at the boys’ prison, I would like to say that it is not easy for us to apply to university and take the entrance exams. But CNCF gave us this huge opportunity, and I am deeply grateful that they always encourage and support us.

Now I am a member of the Noble Club and have made lots of good friends. It is difficult to express how wonderful this experience has been for me. I believe that I have grown and changed so much because of the teachers and social workers at CNCF, who have provided me with new experiences and helped me grow my confidence and abilities. I have met so many inspirational people who have positively influenced who I am today.”

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# OUR STORIES

## Building a Bright Future

“I live with my 80-year-old grandfather and my 14-year-old sister. My grandfather receives a retirement allowance from the government of just \$150 a month, which we spend on food and other necessities.

This summer, I worked on a construction site and earned a small amount of money; however, it was too little to pay for my tuition fees.

Since my mother left us 12 years ago, my grandfather has been taking care of and protecting my younger sister and I. We were living in terrible conditions, but things improved when I joined the sponsorship programme in 2007. My family and I are deeply grateful for the support we have received from the Foundation and my sponsor; I don't know how we would have survived otherwise.

Now I am in my second year studying bio-engineering at the Mongolian State University of Science and Technology. I was fortunate to receive a 90% scholarship from CNCF for the 2018-2019 academic year.

CNCF's scholarship programme is helping make my dreams come true. Without the financial support, I would not have been able to pay my fees this year and was considering taking a year off.

This scholarship allows me to focus on my studies without the enormous financial pressure of tuition fees. It also means that I can concentrate more on extracurricular activities at university and with CNCF such as the Noble Club, where I can meet new friends and develop my other skills.

I want to thank you for giving me this scholarship opportunity. The Education Scholarship Programme has given my family and me a lifeline. Thank you to CNCF for giving me and other young people hope. You give us gifts that go far beyond monetary value. You reward us for doing well in school with the empowering feeling that good things come from working hard and striving for self-improvement and growth.”

\*Names changed to protect privacy.



# OUR STORIES

## Helping a Musician Thrive

“I first joined CNCF in 2008 when I was 8 years old and went to live at their Blue Skies Ger Village. I lived there for 6 years, during which time I made so many beautiful and happy memories.

I went to the village because my parents separated and my mother and I were homeless. We used to wander the streets and sleep rough in different places around Ulaanbaatar. It was extremely difficult living on the streets and so my mother brought me to CNCF’s Ger Village.

Singing songs and playing musical instruments were my favourite hobbies and I was able to improve these skills when I was living in the village. It is because of CNCF’s music classes that I decided I wanted to become a music teacher and this year I completed my fourth and final year at the University of Culture and Art.

I am now a qualified music teacher and it is all thanks to CNCF who provided me with funding for four years. I cannot thank CNCF enough for the love, encouragement, inspiration, and financial support they have given me; it is because of you my dream has come true!

After finishing university, I got a job at a secondary school, where I am now working as a music teacher. It is an extremely wonderful feeling when the children call out “teacher, teacher.” I am enjoying my job every day and I feel truly blessed to have such a special and rewarding career.

I cannot imagine my life without CNCF and my kind sponsor. You give so many disadvantaged children a bright and shiny life. Thank you so much! I wish you all happiness and great success!”





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## A MOTHER'S TESTIMONIAL



My son joined the Child Sponsorship Programme in 2008 when he was 8 years old. Luckily, he has a truly kind sponsor who has taken care of him for such a long time.

He has always been a smart and determined boy; however, before he was on the sponsorship programme our living conditions were appalling and we couldn't afford to buy him any school supplies or other necessities.

I was looking after my disabled son at home, and my husband was working for very little pay as a guard at a construction company. We had four small children and no home of our own, so we were renting a ger on the construction company's site.

Thanks to CNCF, my children have been able to attend school regularly despite all our difficulties and have grown into educated and kind young adults. We cannot imagine our life and children's successes without our generous sponsor and CNCF.

Because of the financial assistance from the Foundation, my son was able to continue to receive the education he deserves. He is now in his fourth year studying economics at the National University of Mongolia and has already been offered a job by an insurance company when he graduates in June next year.

Because of the Education Scholarship Programme, my son has been able to attend a top university and will now be able to have a bright and prosperous future. I cannot adequately express my gratitude to our sponsor and CNCF's staff. Thank you all so much for your excellent work with Mongolia's children and investing in the country's future."

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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The total cost of running the Education Scholarship Programme Mongolia in 2018 was:

**USD \$25,000**

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.

Our 2018 audits are available on line  
<https://www.cncf.org/finance-policies>

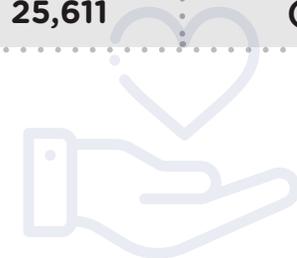




## EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME MONGOLIA IN 2018

DESCRIPTION	COUNT	COST	MONTHS	TOTAL	OPERATION	DIFFERENCE
<b>EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>				25,000		
Management Fee		10%		2,500	0	2,500
Education Scholarships				22,500	25,611	(3,111)
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,611</b>	<b>(611)</b>

<b>AUDIT</b>	<b>25,611</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,611</b>





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