



ANNUAL REPORT 2017  
**CHILD SPONSORSHIP  
PROGRAMME MONGOLIA**



*"The future of our world is the future of our children..  
our beautiful children. For many of them, it is a matter  
of giving them back their future, giving them a life,  
giving them hope."*

*Christina Noble OBE*





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## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>CNCF</b>	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
<b>CSP</b>	Child Sponsorship 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 emotional, physical, medical and educational 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.



Photo: Founder Christina Noble



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2017, the Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP) in Mongolia continued to provide financial and social support for children and their families living in extreme poverty. Monthly donations provided by individual sponsors helped children cover the costs of education such as school supplies, uniforms, and travel. CSP children received the equivalent of \$27 USD in local Mongolian currency each month.

During the year, the CSP supported 1,122 children and their families. As of December 2017, 921 children were enrolled; 826 children (89.7%) reside in Ulaanbaatar and its ger district and 95 children (10.3%) live outside the capital city in six surrounding countryside districts. 201 young people graduated from the CSP this year.

In addition to the monthly stipend, some sponsors also chose to send extra financial assistance to help with the cost of healthcare, coal and wood for winter, extracurricular activities, tutoring, and birthdays or other special celebrations. This year, \$28,865 USD in additional financial aid was distributed to 260 CSP children.

## 826 CHILDREN

reside in Ulaanbaatar  
and its ger district

## 95 CHILDREN

live outside the capital city  
in six surrounding countryside districts

The social work team also provides an extra level of care to CSP beneficiaries; our staff made 1,348 home visits to families in the CSP and new families applying for sponsorship in 2017. CSP parents (334) and children (136) also attended personal development seminars organised by our team. Finally, we distributed 5,000 warm knitted items, 1,000 books, 1,000 toys, 15 second-hand TVs, and 112 tubes of toothpaste to children and families most in need.

In 2018, the CSP will continue to provide crucial support to children in desperate need so they can stay in school and build a brighter future. We plan to increase the number and reach of family training sessions covering topics such as health, national law, life skills, and personal development. So we can continue to provide the support our children and families need, there will be an increase in the cost of monthly sponsorship from \$31 USD to \$38 USD.

In 2017 CSP supported

# 1,122 CHILDREN



**2017 Fund Distribution and Operating costs:**  
**\$331,674.43**









# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## ESTABLISHED

1997

## LOCATION

Capital city Ulaanbaatar and Bulgan, Tuv, and Selenge Provinces  
Bulgan: Bulgan city, Orkhon, Khishig-Undur, Gurvanbulag, and Dashinchilen sub-districts  
Tuv: Bayanchandmani, Erdene, and Argalant sub-districts  
Selenge: Khutul and Zuunkharaa sub-districts

## OBJECTIVES

To provide crucial financial and social support for children and their families living in extreme poverty and help them improve their living conditions to the point that they no longer need assistance

## PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

Financial support; social work; healthcare; education assistance; clothing, toy, and vitamin distribution; access to the Special Assistance and Education Scholarship funds; full access to the Foundation’s other programmes including Give-a-Ger, Arts & Music, and Sports

## BENEFICIARIES

Disadvantaged children and their families

## LOCAL PARTNERS

National Authority for Children; Ministry of Culture, Education, and Science; Development Centre(s) for Child and Family of Erdenet City, Darkhan City, Bulgan Province, and Nalaikh district; Zuunkharaa Governor’s Office and Achit Bag FGP (family group practice/health clinic); Social Welfare Departments of Ulaanbaatar and its districts; public school social workers and administrative managers

## CNCF INVOLVEMENT

Entirely responsible for funding, programme management, monitoring, and evaluation

## CNCF MANAGEMENT

Helenita Noble, CEO, Thomas Minter, Director of Operations; Otgontuya Dorjkhoo, Programme Coordinator; Social Workers: Baigalimaa Batkhuyag, Altanzul Tsedevsuren, and Tovshintuya Batmagnai; Munkhtsetseg Bold, Translator; Bayaraa Munguntsetseg, Driver



# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

CNCF is directly responsible for funding and programme management, monitoring and evaluation activities are carried out regularly. Our social workers conduct an annual home visit to each child and complete a full assessment of the child's progress, challenges, and living conditions. This report is sent to the sponsor along with a section written by the child including information about their year's achievements and problems and a personal letter. Children are also monitored at monthly distribution days through informal chats with our sponsorship team and the Foundation's doctor. Internal meetings are conducted for CNCF staff to discuss programme-related issues and updates. A monthly report is completed by the project leader and an annual child sponsorship report is sent to all stakeholders

## 2017 ACTUAL COST

USD \$331,674.43

## FUTURE PLANS

Our aim is to continue to provide the financial, emotional, and social support that enables disadvantaged children and their families to lead more fulfilled, healthy, and productive lives. In addition to maintaining our current level of care, we always strive to improve our services and strengthen our ability to create lasting change in the lives of those we support. To achieve this in 2018, we plan to increase the number and reach of family training sessions covering topics such as health, national law, life skills, and personal development. We will also work to strengthen our relationships with government agencies, local authorities, and other humanitarian organisations to learn and grow in our work with the children of Mongolia. Finally, there will be an increase in the cost of monthly sponsorship from \$31 USD to \$38 USD so we can continue to provide the support our families need

## REPORTING PERIOD

January - December 2017



# CHILD SPONSORSHIP

**Project Manager - Otgontuya Dorjkhoo**

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The Child Sponsorship Programme is a lifeline for families living in desperate and vulnerable conditions. Many come to us for support at a time when they are feeling utterly hopeless and have no one else to turn to. The children are often living in very high-risk situations, where they are exposed to ongoing threats to their safety and health.

I have been amazed to see the life-changing impact that this programme has on the children that CNCF supports. By treating them with respect and dignity, offering opportunities to learn and grow, and providing crucial financial assistance, the families on our sponsorship programme can change their lives and rise above their previously depressing and limiting circumstances. Most importantly, the children are given a chance to receive an education and break the cycle of poverty for good.

We are always so proud of our children when they graduate from high school and University. The determination they show to succeed after being given a chance by someone they haven't even met is inspiring to us all and a testament to how one person can create powerful life-long change in the lives of those who need it most. I feel truly blessed to be part of this programme and be able to see first hand the difference it is making to the disadvantaged young people of Mongolia.

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# PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

The Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP) in Mongolia was established in 1997 in response to the desperate poverty and hardship that was engulfing the nation. This highly turbulent time after Soviet withdrawal from the country left thousands of vulnerable young people abandoned, abused, and exploited. Many were orphaned. Children dropped out of school at an unprecedented rate and often had no choice but to go to work for long hours and incredibly little pay to boost the family income. All over the country, children were living in horrendous conditions, with many destitute street children taking shelter from Mongolia's fierce climate in the city sewers.

When our founder, Christina Noble, first visited Mongolia in 1997, she was heartbroken to find so many children living in such desperate and vulnerable situations. CNCF's operations in Mongolia grew out of this initial visit and the CSP was established. The programme initially supported ninety-eight children living in the capital city, Ulaanbaatar, but has since expanded its reach to surrounding provinces to help those living in some of the country's most isolated and impoverished areas.

Over the past twenty years, the CSP has supported thousands of vulnerable children, many of whom now have young families of their own and are living as happy and independent adults. Because of the love and care of our sponsors, our team's hard work on the ground, and the strength of spirit that lies within our children, thousands of young people have been able to break the cycle of poverty.





Children left alone and fending for themselves





Mother and two CSP children living under the stairs





New Child on CSP and his Grandfather





The day CNCF came across this child;  
living in poverty with intoxicated adults





# OUR YEAR

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

This year, the CSP supported 1,122 children and their families.

As of December 2017, 921 children are enrolled in the CSP; 826 children (89.7%) reside in Ulaanbaatar and its ger district and 95 children (10.3%) live outside the capital city in six surrounding countryside districts.

To select the families most in need of our support, our social workers carefully evaluate each sponsorship application and conduct an initial visit to the family's home. Children that are selected generally come from backgrounds where there is a single parent and many young children, a parent is disabled, the primary caregiver to an abandoned or orphaned child is an elderly relative, or both parents are unemployed or engaged in low paying work. Most families in the CSP have incomes that are below the poverty line.

All children in the programme must attend full-time education; exceptions are made if both parents are disabled or a single parent is disabled and the child is considered a primary caregiver.

When children turn eighteen, their situation is reassessed. If they still require financial assistance and are continuing education, their sponsor is contacted and asked whether they wish to continue their support.

Every month, CSP children receive the equivalent of \$27 USD in local Mongolian currency. These funds provide crucial assistance needed to cover the costs of education such as school supplies, uniforms, and travel. Without this monthly assistance, most children in the programme could not afford to attend school.

Sponsorship money is also sometimes used to cover the costs of firewood and coal, clothes, food, and extracurricular activities and courses.

In addition to receiving much needed financial assistance from sponsors, the children and their families also receive support from our sponsorship team, which this year included three social workers, two translators, one driver, and one project leader to monitor and organise the programme.

The social workers see most of the children each month at distribution days where the children and their families come to receive their sponsorship money. During distribution days, the social workers speak with the children to assess their home life and progress at school and offer guidance and support.

The Foundation's doctor also attends distribution days to provide free check-ups, nutritional support, basic healthcare, and advice. This year, 1,097 consultations were carried out benefiting 672 children and family members. Because of the check-ups, 186 children and 62 relatives received medicines to treat minor conditions such as flu, coughs and colds, inflammation, and pain.

Distribution days are also an opportunity for exchange of letters and correspondence. This year, 185 letters, postcards, or emails were sent from sponsors to children and 864 thank you messages and Christmas greetings were sent from children to their sponsors.

Extra gifts such as toys, drawing supplies, and clothes were given by 79 sponsors, which were received by our children with great excitement and appreciation; their families would otherwise not be able to afford these non-essential items.

Some sponsors also chose to send extra financial assistance to help with the cost of healthcare, coal and wood for winter, extracurricular activities, tutoring, and birthdays or other special celebrations. This year \$28,865 USD in additional financial aid was distributed to 260 CSP children.

For children and families living outside the capital who are unable to attend monthly distribution days, sponsorship money is deposited directly into the children's bank accounts. To monitor and support these families, as well as collect and distribute letters and gifts, our sponsorship team conducts a biannual five-day visit to the countryside. Each trip is carefully planned to ensure that every child in our programme - even those living in some of Mongolia's most isolated and hard to reach places - receives at least one home visit per year.

Children living in Ulaanbaatar also receive an annual home visit from one of our social workers. These visits help to develop and strengthen the relationship between our team and the children and provide an opportunity for our social workers to gain a deeper understanding of our families' living conditions and any problems they are facing. Their assessment is included in the annual report that is sent with photos to each sponsor.

# OUR YEAR

It is often during these visits that our team becomes aware of severe challenges affecting a family's health, happiness, or safety, which they then try to resolve through allocation of money from our Special Assistance Fund, enrolment in other foundation programme's such as the Give-a-Ger Programme, or in certain situations, relocating children to our Blue Skies Ger Village.

This year, 1,348 home visits were made to families in the CSP and new families applying for sponsorship.

In addition to welcoming new children into the CSP, this year, 201 young people graduated from the programme of which 63 sponsorships were terminated when the child completed their education; they are now looking forward to entering the work force and living as self-sufficient adults.

We continue to maintain a relationship with all the children who graduate from our programme and provide further support whenever necessary and possible. In urgent cases, where the sponsor has withdrawn their sponsorship, we continue to support the child through our Special Assistance Fund until a new donor is identified.

## 1,122 CHILDREN

benefited from the Child Sponsorship Programme

As of December 2017,

## 921 CHILDREN

were enrolled in the programme

## 41 CHILDREN

ages 1-5

## 227 CHILDREN

ages 6-10

## 375 CHILDREN

ages 11-16

## 278 CHILDREN

ages 17-23

## 378 CHILDREN

applied for sponsorship

## 101 CHILDREN

were selected and registered into the programme

## 201 CHILDREN

graduated from the programme

## 63 CHILDREN

graduated from university or college

## 3 CHILDREN

graduated from high school and entered the work force

## \$28,865 USD

in additional financial aid from sponsors was distributed between 260 children

## 136 CHILDREN

## 334 PARENTS & RELATIVES

attended personal development seminars

## 1,348 HOME VISITS

were carried out

**5,000** warm knitted items

**1,000** books

**1,000** toys

**15** second-hand TVs

**112** tubes of toothpaste

were distributed to the children and families most in need

## 15 CHILDREN

attended summer camp

## 7 CHILDREN

attended CNCF's summer archery course

## 155 CHILDREN

benefited from our Blue Skies Arts & Music Programme which includes lessons in art, dance, and crafts





# TESTIMONIALS

## *Sponsor Testimonials*

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If you're a sponsor.. you're the one that steps up to the plate and says 'I love you.' That child doesn't get loved enough to start with, they have a hard life, and then a stranger comes and says I want you to go to school, I want you to succeed, I want to help you, and that's what turns them around—that's what makes it work.

– **Leonard Bernhardt, USA**

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Everyone who sponsors a child should be very proud of their achievement in helping to fulfil a child's dream of becoming a valued and meaningful person in their society.

– **Lynda Chaplin, UK**

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I first became involved with CNCF in 2007 as a child sponsor and volunteer. I became a board member in 2010 and currently serve as chairman of the USA board. I have been consistently impressed with and inspired by the life-changing work CNCF does. Over the past twenty-eight years, the positive impact CNCF has had on children and families living in poverty cannot be overstated.

– **Chris Mikosh (Chairman CNCF Board America)**

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Being sponsor to.. is a wonderful experience. We have seen (our child) grow from a quiet and serious little boy into a reflective sports-oriented young man with a big smile on his face.. To us, his progress is fantastic and we read his letters and see him during our Summer visits.

– **Simon De Wrangel, Belgium**

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I know there are numerous child help agencies in the world, but the Christina Noble Children's Foundation initially and still strongly impresses me.. Each child is accepted unconditionally, cared for, clothed, respected, educated to the max, and treated to all of the best opportunities possible to help them achieve/reclaim their human rights and dignity.

– **Barbara Moore-Savidge, UK**

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My wife and I have sponsored several children with CNCF. Prior to sponsoring with CNCF, we sponsored with other organisations, however our experience with CNCF has exceeded all other experiences as child sponsors. CNCF is an organization full of happiness and love. They treat all their children as individuals and focus on supporting the family by providing a holistic range of services. Our children have thrived under the care of this wonderful children's Foundation and so have we as child sponsors.

– **Tom and Kate Greer, Singapore**

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# PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

## CHILD SPONSORSHIP EXPLAINED

Our Child Sponsorship Programme connects children and their families to people from around the world who want to be part of a rewarding journey to create change in the lives of those most in need. By building a bridge from families living in extreme poverty and hardship to people who can help, the Foundation's sponsorship programme facilitates a mutually beneficial and empowering relationship - human being to human being.

A sponsor provides a lifeline to a family living in desperate and vulnerable conditions, providing them with the financial means to eat, keep warm, and send their children to school.

One of the most beautiful and sometimes life-changing aspects of our programme is the cultural exchange and friendship that often develops between sponsor and family. Through an initial profile, our sponsors begin to learn about their child and the challenging circumstances they and their family face. This understanding is developed further over the course of the sponsorship through letters, reports, photos, and other personal correspondence. In addition, with the help of our social workers, many sponsors meet the families they have been supporting; this is always an incredibly memorable and heart-warming experience for everyone involved.

\*Names changed for child protection

Photo: Long time UK Child Sponsor Jackie Preis  
visiting one of her older sponsored children





## HEALTHCARE

Many of Mongolia's poorest citizens have no access to clean water, sanitation, medication, or good quality healthcare. These deprivations combined with the harsh winter climate, poor air quality, and lack of nutrient-rich food cause persistent ill-health in many of the country's lowest income families.

Our Foundation's doctor attends each sponsorship distribution day and provides full health check-ups and consultations to the children and their families at their request. She also administers medicines to treat minor conditions and high-quality dietary supplements to those who are deficient in certain vitamins and minerals.

If our doctor is unable to provide the necessary support, she makes arrangements for the patient to be seen by a specialist at one of the city's hospitals. If this results in any additional costs to the family, financial help is provided through our Special Assistance Fund or by contacting the child's sponsor to see if they would like to contribute.





Medical Records are kept on all Children on CSP





## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

This year, our team organised two training sessions for the children in the CSP and their relatives. The seminars were titled, "Health is Wealth" and, "Awareness of Role and Responsibilities." One hundred and thirty-six sponsored children and three hundred and thirty-four parents and relatives attended these valuable seminars which play an essential role in developing the knowledge and skills necessary to break the cycle of poverty.

**136 SPONSORED CHILDREN**  
**334 PARENTS AND RELATIVES**

attended these valuable seminars





## SCHOOL UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

Uniforms are typically compulsory for all school students and different uniforms are required at each school level: primary, middle, and high school. All uniforms must be purchased from the same handful of suppliers, which drives prices up due to the lack of competition. For these reasons, combined with the speed at which young people grow, many parents struggle to meet their children's uniform needs. It is therefore not unusual for siblings to share the same uniform, taking turns going to school on alternate days. Others wear hand me downs, which are often ill-fitting and damaged and can cause the children to feel embarrassed, and in some situations, miss school to avoid being teased by other students.

This year, we distributed full sets of uniforms to the children our team identified as most in need and two children received individual items that were missing from their sets such as ties, tights, and socks.





Eight-year-old Amaraa\*, who enrolled in our programme this year, told our team:

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It was uncomfortable and embarrassing for me to wear my old uniform at school. It was far too small and covered in holes which you could see my mother had tried to stitch up. Amazingly, today my dream came true because I was given a new and beautiful uniform that I can wear every day at school.

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\*Names changed for child protection



Altan\*, who is twelve-years-old and newly enrolled in our sponsorship programme:

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It was extremely hard when me and my brother had to share the same uniform. If he made it really dirty, then I would have no choice but to wear it like that to school. I'm extremely happy about getting my own new uniform. I love it! Thank you very much for making my dream come true.

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\*Names changed for child protection



## WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DISTRIBUTION

Thanks to the love and on-going support of our Foundation's long-term sponsor Jackie Preis and her dedicated team of helpers, this year we distributed over 5,000 much-needed warm knitted items such as jumpers, hats, scarves, and blankets. Each piece was handmade with special care and attention to detail and was received by our children and their families with great happiness and gratitude.

### 5,000 WARM KNITTED ITEMS

were distributed to the children  
and families most in need









## TOYS AND BOOKS DISTRIBUTION

Toys and books provide a source of joy and inspiration for all children. However, it's often impossible for low-income families to buy these non-essential items when they can barely afford food.

Thanks to the generosity of the Mongolian community in San Francisco, this year we received a large shipment of beautiful toys to distribute to the CSP children. This donation, combined with on-going donations from UK sponsor Jackie Preis, meant that we could supply more than 1,000 toys to underprivileged children.

In addition, 1,000 new books were generously donated to our programme by one of Mongolia's best-known publishing companies Interpress. Our children were delighted to receive their beautiful new books, which will help them develop essential reading and language skills.

### 1,000 TOYS

were distributed to underprivileged children

### 1,000 NEW BOOKS

were donated to our programme









## SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

The Special Assistance Fund was established as a subproject of the CSP and provides emergency assistance to children and their families in critical situations. Financial support is provided for urgent needs such as housing repairs, food, firewood and coal, and unique opportunities that will benefit a child's development. The fund is also used to pay for emergency healthcare needs such as operations, medicines, and treatments.

In 2017, our team visited eight families that we identified as being most in need and delivered supplies such as flour, rice, butter, oil, warm clothes, firewood, and coal to help them celebrate the Mongolian holiday, Tsagaan Sar. CNCF's distribution benefited approximately sixty people, allowing them to enjoy this important holiday with their loved ones and start the New Year off with full stomachs, happiness, and optimism for the future.

The fund was also used to purchase crucial medicine and treatments for three sponsorship children and one sponsorship child's father. This included cream, bandages, and painkillers for a child who had been severely burned; antibacterial medication for a child suffering from oral candidiasis; and a financial contribution toward a father's urgent brain cancer surgery

In addition to helping families meet their basic needs, this year special assistance was given to one of our talented sponsorship children so that she could take part in a televised competition called "The Future's Generals." The event took place over fourteen days at a children's camp in Ulaanbaatar and the sponsorship child earned a gold medal. Several other children received special assistance to pursue unique opportunities such as this in various activities.

### ***Beneficiary Numbers for the Special Assistance Fund***

- 107 received special assistance
- 28 were enrolled in one of our Foundation's programmes and 79 were new beneficiaries, including family members or sponsorship graduates

#### 107 CHILDREN

received special assistance

#### 28 CHILDREN

were enrolled in one of our  
Foundation's programmes

#### 79 CHILDREN

were new beneficiaries,  
including family members  
or sponsorship graduates













## OTHER ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

### *Art, Crafts, and Dance*

We believe that providing extracurricular activities in the arts plays an essential role in helping us fulfil Christina's philosophy: "First you feed a child's stomach.. then you feed their spirit!"

This year, we provided 155 children in the CSP a range of creative opportunities.

**Visual Art Lessons at ArtiCour Gallery:** This year, seventy-two children attended monthly art workshops, which were held at one of the gallery's main sites in the city centre. The sessions were led by a professional teacher from ArtiCour and provided our children a stimulating environment to explore their imaginations, have fun, and make friends.

**Visual Art Lessons at the CNCF Office:** At the end of the year, we were excited to expand our child sponsorship art programme by offering additional classes in our Foundation's main office. The lessons are aimed at developing the artistic skills of a core group of thirty-six students, all of whom were chosen because of their outstanding commitment and talent for the subject. The classes are taught by a twenty-one-year-old young art student who used to live at our Blue Skies Ger Village and is currently on our Child Sponsorship Programme studying at university.

# 155 CHILDREN

in the CSP

were provided a range of creative opportunities

**Craft Workshops:** Regular craft classes were held in our CNCF office benefiting sixty-eight children on the programme. During the fun and creative sessions, our children learn a wide range of craft techniques such as sewing, stuffing, beading, and following patterns. One of the children's favourite activities this year was making teddy bears, which they personalised with clothing and accessories such as hats, capes, and necklaces.

**Dance:** Nine children attended weekly street dance classes with children from the Blue Skies Ger Village. The lessons were held at the Aim4r Dance Studio in Ulaanbaatar and provide these talented young students the chance to learn from some of the country's top street dance teachers. For these ambitious young dancers, this is an incredible opportunity that would be inaccessible without the Foundation's sponsorship programme.

## 9 CHILDREN

attended weekly street dance classes









## Staff Training

Eight training sessions were held to develop our team's skills so they can continue to provide the best level of care possible to our children. The topics covered included Case Management in Social Practice Work, Working with Emotions, Cyber Wellness and Cyber Literacy, Suicide Talk, and Training of Trainers.



Case Management  
in Social Practice Work



Working with Emotions



Cyber Wellness  
and Cyber Literacy



Suicide Talk



Training of Trainers





## Performances

In August, CNCF celebrated its twentieth anniversary in Mongolia. The event was attended by supporters of the Foundation, local partners, and past and present international and local employees. It was an extremely special day which included activities with our children; a traditional Mongolian buffet prepared by our Ger Village cooks; speeches from the Director of Operations, Foundation CEO, and local partners; and most notably, performances by our talented children from the Blue Skies Ger Village and Sponsorship Programme.

Ten of the sponsorship children participated in the concert, performing a variety of acts such as traditional and contemporary dance and music, taekwondo, and contortion.





### ***Sponsor Visits***

Many sponsors enjoy visiting Mongolia and meeting their sponsored child in person. This year, we were happy to welcome seven sponsors visiting from the UK, Australia, Ireland, and France. This was a special occasion for everyone involved and a chance for our sponsors and children to get to know each other even better, gaining a deeper understanding of one another's lives and cultures.

### ***Summer Camp***

This year, thanks to the support of long-term sponsor Lynda Chaplin, children were able to stay at a camp located in the beautiful countryside just west of Ulaanbaatar. The children had fun making new friends, playing games, and exploring the natural environment.





## Archery

In July, sponsorship children enjoyed a six-day archery course led by national and world champion archers Simon and Michèle from Belgium. Archery is deeply rooted in Mongolian culture and heritage and is a sport that helps develop confidence, focus, and patience. The course was an excellent opportunity for our young people to make new friends while learning a valuable skill from kind, patient, and professional teachers.





# OUR STORIES

## *Purev\*, a 23-year-old CSP Graduate, Tells Her Success Story*

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I am very happy to have the opportunity to write about the Christina Noble Children's Foundation. My name is Purev and I am twenty three years old. I am immensely grateful to all the staff at CNCF and all the people around the world who support their work. You have all opened my future path to brightness.

My single mother and I went to live at the Foundation's Blue Skies Ger Village for four years when I was two years old. Before then, we had been living in very hard conditions and so when we went to stay at the village, it was like a dream come true for us. For the first time, we felt safe and cared for and didn't have to worry about finding money to survive.

I used to go to the CNCF Day Care, which I remember with a lot of happiness. Day care was the start of my enjoyment for learning and set me up for my many years of schooling ahead. Each day I looked forward to going to the bright and happy centre, where I had lots of friends and was encouraged by the caring teachers.

When we left the village, I had started attending primary school. I was enrolled in the CSP to help with the costs of my education and living expenses. In 2012, I finished high school and chose to continue my education to become a mining engineer - one of the most in-demand jobs in Mongolia.

I hope that by working in this profession, I will be able to contribute to my country's growth and make my mother, my sponsor, and everyone at CNCF proud. In the future, I would like to work with the Foundation and together help the children living at the ger village and on the sponsorship programme so that they can fulfil their ambitions and become productive members of Mongolian society.

I wish much success and happiness to all the team at CNCF and all the people who support their work. It is because of you that I have had the opportunities to grow into the confident and educated person that I am today.

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\*Names changed for child protection





## Mogi, 22-years-old

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We first met Mogi when he was twelve-years-old and enrolled in our Child Sponsorship Programme. Tragically when Mogi was very young, his mother and father were murdered, and Mogi went into the care of his elderly grandparents. Relying solely on their small government pensions, his grandparents struggled to provide for Mogi and the family lived in extremely deprived conditions.

Mogi often had to skip school to earn money for the family and would often suffer from ill-health in the winter due to a lack of nutritious food and his freezing, dilapidated home. Life was extremely tough for Mogi and his grandparents, who lived each day just to survive.

After joining the sponsorship programme, the family's situation began to improve. They could afford to eat, keep warm and carry out important repairs to their home. Mogi attended school on a regular basis and with less stress surrounding him, was able to develop interests and enjoy being a child.

In 2014 Mogi was accepted at the Mongolian State University of Education to study Sport and Tourism. During his time at university, we have been extremely impressed by Mogi's commitment and focus, which resulted in him graduating this year and getting a job at one of Mongolia's most prominent children's camps. He also won the 2017 Mongolian Master of Sports Award, which is an incredible achievement and testament to the hard-working and talented young man he has become.

Despite the heartbreaking loss of his parents at such a young and vulnerable age, Mogi has kept his joy for life alive – he is an inspirational example to us all. We are incredibly proud to have played a part in Mogi's journey towards building a bright and beautiful future.

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\*Names changed for child protection



CSP Graduates on their Graduation Day





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CEO Helenita Noble with Children  
on their first day back at school



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Items	FY2017 in USD
Sponsorship funds distributed	229,237.23
Extra gifts/funds distributed	39,607.06
<b><u>TOTAL COST</u></b>	<b><u>268,844.30</u></b>

\*2017 Audit available upon request or online at [www.cncf.org](http://www.cncf.org)

## Programme Operating Costs


Items	FY2017 in USD
Electricity	341.31
Printing & stationery	942.97
Telephone & internet	575.11
Equipment	3,037.34
Volunteer costs	876.01
Office rent	7,718.70
Transportation	3,156.62
Salaries	44,039.94
Staff training	1,024.54
Miscellaneous	1,117.61
<b><u>TOTAL COST</u></b>	<b><u>62,830.14</u></b>


**PROGRAMME GRAND TOTAL:** **\$331,674.43**





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