

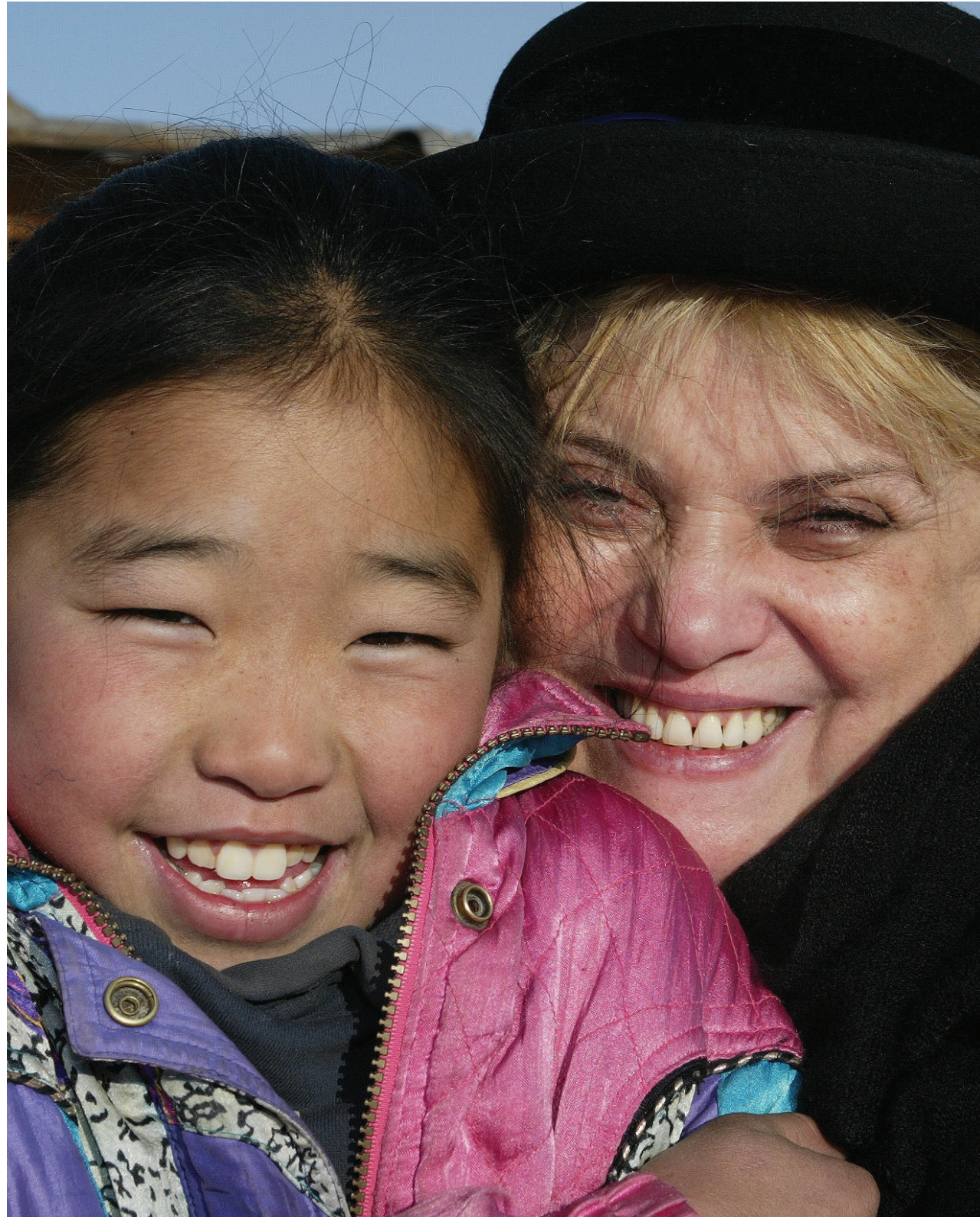


ANNUAL REPORT 2020
**GIVE-A-GER
PROGRAMME
MONGOLIA**

“

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

CNCF	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
USD	United States Dollar





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 (CNCF) is dedicated to serving the physical, medical, educational and emotional needs of vulnerable children. We believe that every child is an individual who deserves love, respect and freedom from all forms of abuse and 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

2001

LOCATION

Ulaanbaatar city: Songinokhairkhan, Khan-Uul, Sukhbaatar, Bayanzurkh and Nalaikh Districts
Selenge province: Mandal sum

OBJECTIVES

To provide families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or living in dangerous and inhabitable conditions with a safe and secure new home (ger) of their own, where children and their families can thrive with confidence that they will remain safe and warm through the harsh winter climate of Mongolia

BENEFICIARIES

Children in the Child Sponsorship Programme and their families; children transitioning out of the Blue Skies Ger Village to reunite with family members or to begin an independent adult life; homeless and/or vulnerable families in need of housing support

LOCAL PARTNERS

The Department of Family, Children and Youth Development of Ulaanbaatar, Selenge province
Mandal sum, Bat-Uyanga LLC, Gal- Gerel LLC, Sanaa sofa LLC, March design LLC

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is entirely responsible for funding, management, monitoring and evaluation

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Upon receiving a support application from a family which includes a detailed family history report and a description of their current living conditions, CNCF Social Workers visit the family and meet with their responsible district and subdistrict community workers for an eligibility assessment. If funding is acquired and requirements are met, CNCF provides a new ger along with basic furniture and supports the family in setting up their new home. Our social workers remain in close contact with all Give-a-Ger Programme families to monitor their progress and provide additional support if necessary. Regular updates are provided to the Programme Coordinator as weekly internal meetings are held for programme discussion. A full report is sent to the donor(s) of the ger. Monthly reports are sent to CNCF Director of Operations and an annual report is made available to all stakeholders

ACTUAL COST 2020

USD \$20,843

REPORTING PERIOD

January - December 2020

2021 OBJECTIVES

- To increase the number of families we support through the Give-a-Ger Programme and the number of families supported with maintenance assistance
- To facilitate training sessions to families on ger maintenance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2020, the Give-a-Ger Programme continued to provide families who are homeless, at risk of eviction and homelessness, or living in dangerous and inhabitable conditions with warm, safe and functional new gers (traditional Mongolian homes). Accommodation is provided alongside close monitoring, timely care and additional support to assist the children and their families to flourish with independence in their community.

In the midst of a global pandemic, the Give-a-Ger Programme team conducted ger construction whilst following strict COVID-19 precautions in accordance to the Mongolian government's safety guidelines. Despite uncertainty, we managed to provide families who were at significant risk of homelessness and its detrimental health impacts, with a fully furnished and safe ger of their own. The timely housing support was a sheer relief to the children and their communities when lockdown measures were implemented in November along with the arrival of winter where temperatures often reach as low as -40°C. With a warm and comfortable ger home, the families' quality of life is now improved as the ger lays a secure foundation for a brighter future where parents have peace in their mind and children can focus on their studies. The CNCF team has and continues to closely monitor the families' progress for timely additional support and provide the children with educational assistance via telecommunication platforms.

In 2020,

20 FAMILIES
(including 78 Children & 37 Adults)
were supported by CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme



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CNCF Social Workers

Since inception,

912 FAMILIES
have been supported with a warm and secure ger of their own
by the Give-a-Ger Programme, and are able to flourish
in a safe environment free from all forms of threats and rebuild their lives.



OUR YEAR

Access to safe and secure housing remains one of the most basic human rights. CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme ensures disadvantaged and vulnerable children and families have access to adequate housing support. A new and functional ger not only brings the comfort and warmth of a home but also ensures their safety and reignites the family's confidence, self-belief and hope for the future. By addressing the detrimental consequences of substandard accommodation, we tackle poverty with grassroots efforts whilst providing holistic support that benefits the total development and overall wellbeing of each child.

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Demographic Data

20 FAMILIES
were families of CNCF's
Child Sponsorship Programme children

08 FAMILIES
were single-parent families

Project Visits

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were conducted by
CNCF social workers

31 HOME VISITS
were conducted for
home assessment

54 LAND PREPARATION VISITS
were facilitated

22 FOLLOW-UP VISITS
were carried out to monitor
the progress of the families
and their adjustment
into their new homes

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

When Christina Noble first arrived in Mongolia in 1997, she was heartbroken to discover thousands of children and families living in desperate and vulnerable situations. Many had no other option but to roam the streets, seek food and take shelter in the sewers and manholes down below the city streets during the bitterly cold winters of -40°C. Christina felt compelled to help these vulnerable children and immediately established Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF) in Mongolia. In 2001, the Give-a-Ger Programme was established to provide homeless families, or vulnerable families who are at risk of homelessness or living in an inadequate home environment with a warm and safe ger (a traditional Mongolian home) of their own.

Poor quality and inadequate housing significantly contribute to a range of multiple health problems including chronic diseases and injuries, in addition to having critical impacts on a child's educational attainment and overall development. By providing children and families with a functional and secure home free from hazards, in addition to intensive coordinated humanitarian services, CNCF works to promote their healthy physical and mental health, as well as equipping them with a sense of positivity, pride and belonging. Since inception, the Give-a-Ger Programme has supported **912** families with a warm and comfortable ger of their own, enabling the families to flourish in a safe environment free from all forms of threats and the ability to rebuild their lives.





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PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Our Gers

Poor quality and run-down gers are prone to collapsing and unable to endure Mongolia's extreme winter climate of heavy snowfall, strong windstorms and temperatures reaching as low as -40°C , putting families at heightened risk of acute and chronic health conditions as well as severe physical injuries. Gers made from low-grade materials have a lifespan of only one to two years, leaving a family with the options of building a new ger, renting, or continuing to live in a cold, worn-out ger that offers little to no defence against the harsh environmental elements.

CNCF ensures the provision of high quality and sustainable gers, providing the families with peace of mind and security for their future. Each ger consists of two main components including wood, which forms the roof, door, skylight, pillars and walls; and a thick layer of felt covering to insulate the home. Mongolian ger sizes are determined by the number of walls. A four-wall ger, which costs USD \$3,100 through CNCF, can house a family of four, whilst larger families needing more space are provided with

a five-wall ger, costing USD \$3,800. In addition to receiving a newly built ger, each family is also supplied with a full set of furniture including sofas with expandable beds, cushions, a table/desk, chairs, a kitchen unit with a sink, a large wardrobe, a chest of drawers, a mirror and the all-important ger stove for cooking and heating in the winter. With a fully functional home of their own, children are able to focus on their studies as well as enjoying their childhood in a safe and loving home environment, whilst parents and guardians are empowered to strive in their employment with pride and self-belief.

As gers are designed for a nomadic lifestyle, they are relatively quick and easy to set up. Our CNCF team and members of the recipient family all join in to assemble the ger alongside a local and well respected ger construction company. This year we managed to accomplish a new contract agreement with our ger suppliers, thus ensuring the children and families have secure homes for many years to come. Seeing the children engage in the process of building their own home with excited smiles is always one of the most heart-warming moments of this programme.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Case Management

Disadvantaged and vulnerable families in need of housing assistance are eligible to apply for CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme. CNCF Social Workers also work to identify children and families in need during sponsorship home visits and make a request on their behalf. Each support application includes a detailed family history report and a description of their current living conditions. The majority of families who come to CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme, often live in conditions of deprivation and exclusion due to abject poverty, and share heart-breaking stories of abuse, violence, suffering from chronic health conditions and loss of their loved ones, which has left them even more vulnerable.

Upon receiving support requests, the allocated CNCF Social Worker visits the family and meets with their district and subdistrict community workers to evaluate the family's situation and their eligibility based on the following criteria:

- Household income
- Current living conditions
- Number of children
- Family status
- Health conditions and disabilities of each family member
- Threats to the family's safety

As many of our families do not have their own land, our staff members assist them to find a suitable location to rent. If they are unable to afford the rent, additional financial assistance is provided until the family becomes self-sufficient. Prior to the delivery of all housing materials, a land preparation visit is facilitated by our team. On the day of ger assembling, our Social Workers and Driver provide support in constructing as well as overseeing the progress and documenting all on-site activities. It is always the day of joy for our children and their families witnessing their dream of a home becoming a reality as they express their heartfelt gratitude to CNCF and the Give-a-Ger donors and share on their plans for the future.

CNCF remains in regular contact with all Give-a-Ger Programme families and closely monitors their progress through annual home visits, and monthly sponsorship distribution days. Additional and timely support including psychological support and financial assistance through other CNCF programmes including the Child Sponsorship Programme, are provided wherever possible.

Project Visits

Following the support request submission, a home assessment is conducted as our team visits each of the families who apply to the Give-a-Ger Programme. Through the home visits, our Social Workers gain a deeper insight into the family's living situation, their needs and daily challenges.

When the funding is secured, we organise land preparation visits to ensure the suitability of the site where the family's new ger would be assembled. If the land is not suitable, additional site visits are made as the families seek different locations. Prior to the delivery of the ger materials, our team conducts a final site visit to ensure the land has been sufficiently prepared.

Once the children and families are settled into their new home, follow-up visits are carried out to evaluate their new living environment and to offer additional support if necessary.





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PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Case Management

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 programmes. Established in May 2018, the club presently has 271 members. The club has played a particularly important role in their successful integration into society where they make new friends who inspire and uplift them, enabling the development of their confidence and sense of self-worth.

The purpose of the club is to give back to the community and contribute to the development of Mongolia. Club members can 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.

Throughout the year, members of the Noble Club also assist CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme by supporting our staff and the recipient family of the new ger in preparing the land, assembling the ger, laying the floor and setting up the furniture. These experiences provide a crucial opportunity for our young people to give back to their local community, whilst gaining personal and professional growth through connecting with others and developing leadership, social skills, and a sense of pride and purpose.

MONGOLIA STATISTICS

Access to a safe and comfortable home, is both a psychological and a physical necessity of each individual. However, destitution and hardship remain the leading barriers for families to maintain a stable home. The exacerbating consequences of inadequate housing leave children and families at greater risks of abuse, violence, marginalisation and illness often accompanied by poverty. Providing high quality homes to children and families who have been homeless, or who are at risk of eviction, unable to live independently, is fundamental to CNCF's grassroots approach to poverty and supporting the vulnerable community.



- **28.4%** of the population live below the poverty line. ^[1]



- **9 in 10** poor individuals do not use or do not have access to proper sanitation and a reliable heating system. ^[2]



- Only **86.9%** of the population use safely managed drinking water services. ^[3]



- **3.2%** of primary-age children and **2.5%** of secondary-age children are out of school. ^[4]



A child outside her previous dilapidated ger home



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OUR STORIES

A Home Of Hope For A Brighter Future

12-year-old Munkhuu* lived with his mother and siblings in a small and squalid rented room having fled together from his father, an alcoholic who often badly abused the family. With a meagre income as a cook, Munkhuu's mother struggled to cover the rent and afford food and other basic necessities for her children. In a neighbourhood where substance misuse and violence were rife, the family was living in utter fear for their safety and the wellbeing of the children, particularly whenever Munkhuu's mother had to go to work leaving Munkhuu to take care of his younger siblings at home. Never once in their lives had the family even imagined of having a safe home of their own, until CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme made that a reality and lessened the family's financial burdens.

The day our team finished assembling a new and fully furnished ger for Munkhuu's family marked a new beginning of their lives. The family was thrilled and the children showed great excitement having their own study desks and beds for the very first time. In the warmth and security of their new home, the family is now able to thrive with confidence where Munkhuu and his siblings make great progress in school and Munkhuu's mother can focus on her employment. By providing the gift of a home, CNCF was able to spark hope and happiness in the lives of Munkhuu and his family, enabling them to embark on a brighter future with peace in their hearts.

*Name and Identity changed to protect privacy



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OUR STORIES

Proving A Safe And Warm Home

Chimegee* was enrolled in CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme when she was a 6-year-old student, living with her family in a dilapidated hut of her aunt on the outskirts of Ulaanbaatar. Chimegee's mother was the family's breadwinner working as a cleaner, until she lost her employment ability and later passed away from pancreatic cancer to the heartbreaking grief of her children. Chimegee's older brother then took on the responsibility of looking after the family but it was extremely challenging for him, he did not have prior education to secure stable employment and took on seasonal labour jobs at constructions sites. During the bitter winters with temperatures often reaching as low as -40°C , Chimegee and her family often shivered with cold in the hut which was in terrible condition and nearing collapse. Struggling to cover the costs of daily expenses, Chimegee's family had no other option but to remain in the run-down hut despite its detrimental health impacts. It was then that CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme came in to support Chimegee's family with a warm and functional ger so that they had a safe and comfortable home to flourish in.

"Thank you very much for giving us a new and beautiful home. I could not believe that we would be able to receive a ger equipped with all essential furniture. We even have a table to eat at and a wardrobe to store our clothes - all the things I could never have imagined! Thank you for everything you have done for my family. We will always be grateful to your care and kindness. I will also keep on studying hard to make you proud. Thank you." - Chimegee sharing

*Name and identity changed for child protection

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A Foundation For Education

“No words can convey my sincere gratitude to CNCF, my ger donor and the dedicated staff at the Foundation for providing my family with a home of our own through the Give-a-Ger Programme. To this day, I still remember the happiness when my mother first told me that there were kind people who were going to build a new Ger for us. Due to our difficult living conditions, I was unable to have my friends visit our home during my early years. I did not even have an adequate study area that I had to lie on the floor to do my homework, which impacted negatively to my education and physical health. Now I am tremendously delighted to have a desk and a private study corner where I can focus on my homework and advance my education. As a result, my performance at school has already improved significantly, for which I am very grateful to your support.

Once again, thank you very much for your kindness and generosity, for bringing a sense of positivity and optimism into our lives. We will be forever thankful for you and I promise to take good care of our home and study hard to become a successful individual in the future.”

- A Give-a-Ger Programme Child -



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Thank You From A Family

“When I was first informed that my family would receive a ger from CNCF’s Give-a-Ger Programme, I was over the moon and could not believe that our dream of a home was fulfilled. To be able to see my children grow up healthy and happy in a safe and comfortable living environment is all I have ever wished for, and I am very glad that CNCF has helped make my wish come true.

My family had to rent and live in a cramped dormitory room with a poor ventilation system, so my children often suffered from respiratory illnesses. The children were also unable to concentrate on their study at home due to the lack of learning space and materials. Thanks to CNCF and our kind donor, we are now settling in a warm and secure ger of our own with great contentment and pride. I will look after the ger well and fill our home with children's laughter and joy. More importantly, I will continue to work hard to provide my children with an education that is essential in enabling them to break their generational cycle of poverty, and lead an independent and self-sufficient lives. Thank you again for laying a strong and safe foundation for my family to strive forward and giving us a new lease on life.”

- A Give-a-Ger Programme Family -



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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The operational cost of the Give-a-Ger Programme in 2020 was:

USD \$20,843

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.

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



GIVE-A-GER PROGRAMME EXPENDITURES IN 2020

Description	Expenditure 2020
Ger materials and establishment costs	14,519
Furniture	6,282
Transportation and delivery	42
TOTAL COST	20,843



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your donation and support to CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme enables us to create real and lasting change by not only providing children and their families with a warm, safe and secure home of their own, but also reigniting their confidence and empowering their hope for a better future. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank to the following donors and organisations: **Andrea Persegoni (ITA), Angela Hsu (USA), Barton on Sea group (UK), Mr. Jean-Luc Moraud and Mrs. Jacqueline Rault (FR), Origami (ITA), Sridhar & Claire Ann Rego (HK) and Wen Wi Hong Kongers (UK)** for making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families in desperate need and providing them with a safe place where they can lay their heads at night with peace in their hearts, surrounded by love, security and protection.



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