

CHRISTINA NOBLE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
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BLUE SKIES GER VILLAGE MONGOLIA

“

Every child has a right to sleep on their pillow at night time, with peace in their hearts, love, security and protection.”

- Christina Noble OBE -



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ABBREVIATIONS

CNCF	Christina Noble Children's Foundation





OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES

Vision: A leading children's foundation protecting and empowering vulnerable children and changing lives.

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

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

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

1997

LOCATION

Songino Khairkhan, Ulaanbaatar

OBJECTIVES

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

BENEFICIARIES

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

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is fully responsible for the protection and development of all residential children, funding, programme management, monitoring and evaluation

LOCAL PARTNERS

Family, Child and Youth Development Agency of Mongolia; Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Mongolia; National Emergency Management Agency; Ulaanbaatar Emergency Management Department; Ulaanbaatar Family, Child and Youth Development Department; General Agency for Labour Welfare Services; Songinokhairkhan District Labour Welfare Services' Department; Songinokhairkhan District Police Department, 2nd division; Family, Child and Youth Development Department of Songinokhairkhan, Sukhbaatar, Bayangol, Nalaikh, Bayanzurkh District; Songinokhairkhan District Specialized Inspection Department; Songinokhairkhan District Emergency Management Department; Songinokhairkhan District Land Organizing Department; Songinokhairkhan District Civil Registration Department; National Centre for Maternal and Child Health; National Dermatology Centre; Songinokhairkhan District Health Centre; Songinokhairkhan District Child Health Centre; Songinokhairkhan District Health 14th Centre; Songinokhairkhan District Health Centre's 3rd Laboratory; Songinokhairkhan District 40th Family Clinic; 67th public school; 76th public school; 104th public school; 105th public school; 124th public school; 29th specialized school; Temuujin Urlug school; Badmaarag high school; Songinokhairkhan District Informal school; Food and Technology Polytechnic College; Technics and Technology Polytechnic College; Tavan; Tolgoi Fuel LLC; Education and Psychology Department of Mongolian National University; Business Department of Mongolian University of Science and Technology; Songinokhairkhan District Swimming and Training Centre; Ulaanbaatar Nursing School; Mobicom; Unitel; Embassy of the Czech Republic in Ulaanbaatar city; Khan Bank; Government Bank; Golomt Bank; Premium Dental Studio; Gurvan Gal Hospital; Intremed Hospital; Barloworld Mongolia LLC; Gold Father Restaurant; Social and Psychology Research Institute; Mongolian Taekwondo Association; Deseret International Charities Mongolia; Policy Centre; Khan Chandmani Sports Hall; Bugat Resort; Sweet Guys' Union; Tiens LLC; Happy Land Game Centre; Aurora Ballet & Piano Studio

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2021, the Blue Skies Ger Village continued to provide a safe and caring environment to children who are orphaned, living on the streets, or unable to remain with their families due to high risk of neglect, abuse, or exploitation.

Due to the pandemic restrictions in Mongolia, children continued to attend online classes which were broadcasted on television and daily tutoring was held at the Ger Village for our residential children. Along with the impact of lockdowns, the sudden changes in daily routines and the implementation of online learning platforms placed a significant risk to the children's mental health. Throughout the year, the Ger Village team put a strong focus on our children's physical and psychological wellbeing by facilitating a range of specialised child development activities to cater for the changes in their normal schedules. Outdoor exercises were organised in specific areas of the village and our Psychologists provided emotional support for the children.

When most of the public activity restrictions were lifted by the end of September, our children were able to return to school and their daily schedules. CNCF remains committed to the health and safety of our children, their families, and our team members.

In 2022, we will continue to provide life-saving childcare support enabling some of Mongolia's most vulnerable children to lead happy, healthy, and emotionally rich lives. CNCF's comprehensive and holistic approach supports our children with not only an education, comprehensive healthcare and psychological support, but also access to a well-rounded personal development programme of extracurricular activities and life skills training.

This year,

56 CHILDREN were supported at the Blue Skies Ger Village

- **31** GIRLS
- **25** BOYS

55 CHILDREN were permanent residents

01 CHILD was a temporary resident

14 CHILDREN graduated from the Ger Village

At the end of 2021,

42 CHILDREN resided at the Blue Skies Ger Village

Since inception in 1997,

1,277 CHILDREN have been provided with holistic integrated childcare at CNCF's Blue Skies Ger Village in Mongolia

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OUR YEAR

CNCF works to support vulnerable children who come from abject poverty and disadvantaged backgrounds, whose families are unable to care for them, to reach their full potential and become productive members of society through the comprehensive child-centred support provided at the Blue Skies Ger Village. CNCF is committed to delivering health and humanitarian solutions to these underserved and impacted communities.

56 CHILDREN
received holistic support
at the Blue Skies Ger Village



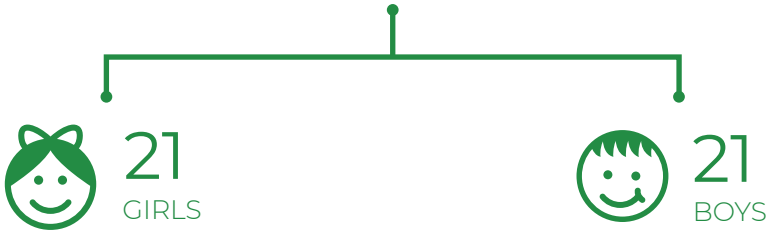
55 PERMANENT RESIDENTS

08 CHILDREN
arrived at the Ger Village in 2021

01 TEMPORARY RESIDENT
was successfully reintegrated back with their families

14 CHILDREN
graduated from the Ger Village and reintegrated with their family and/or transferred to CNCF transition homes

42 CHILDREN
resided at the Blue Skies Ger Village by the end of 2021



Demographic Summary

01 CHILD (1.8%)
is an orphan

31 CHILDREN (55.3%)
were living with single parents unable to care for them

23 CHILDREN (41.1%)
have one parent deceased with the other parent abandoned or unable to care for them

01 CHILD (1.8%)
was living with both parents unable to care for them



OUR YEAR

Academic Education

Education Level

03 Children attended CNCF's Blue Skies Kindergarten

21 Children attended Primary School

14 Children attended Secondary School

04 Children attended High School

07 Children started College/ Vocational Programmes/ Training Centre

01 Child was enrolled in Mandatory Military Service

05 CHILDREN attended Informal School

Extra Tuition

18 CHILDREN attended Mongolian lessons

41 CHILDREN attended English lessons

31 CHILDREN attended Story Reading and Telling

18 CHILDREN attended Mathematics lessons

48 CHILDREN attended general academic support and homework study classes





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OUR YEAR

Academic Education

Educational Outcomes

10 CHILDREN graduated

- **02** CHILDREN graduated from Kindergarten
- **04** CHILDREN graduated from Primary School
- **02** CHILDREN graduated from Secondary School
- **02** CHILDREN graduated from High School

10 CHILDREN received scholarships from CNCF for their tertiary education

Currently,

02 GER VILLAGE CHILDREN are attending College

OUR YEAR

Healthcare & Psychosocial Care

Healthcare

2,100 TURNS OF BODY TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS
were conducted in the Ger Village infirmary for **56 children**

120 HEALTH SCREENINGS &
03 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS
were conducted

Psychosocial Care

56 CHILDREN
were assessed by CNCF's Psychosocial Team and received tailored individual therapy sessions based on their individual needs

672 PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPY SESSIONS
were conducted

25 HEALTHCARE FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS
were organised

04 HEALTHCARE TRAINING SESSIONS
were organised

20 HOME VISITS
were conducted to **29 children's families**

26 CHILDREN'S FAMILY MEMBERS
visited their children at the Ger Village

02 VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY EVENTS
were facilitated

OUR YEAR

Extracurricular Activities

Arts & Music Programme



24 CHILDREN
attended Art Therapy



21 CHILDREN
attended Modern Dance classes



26 CHILDREN
attended Contemporary Music classes
(Ukulele, Guitar, Piano and Singing)



01 MEDAL
was won in a national Arts & Music competition

Sport Programme



11 CHILDREN
attended Cricket



44 CHILDREN
attended Taekwondo



02 CHILDREN
attended Basketball



03 CHILDREN
attended a Volleyball Course



01 CHILD
attended a Wrestling Course



02 CHILDREN
attended a Swimming Course



37 MEDALS
were won in 06 external sporting competitions

OUR YEAR

Events & Workshops

29
CHILD TRAINING & WORKSHOPS
were organised
for all children

07
STAFF TRAINING & WORKSHOPS
were organised
31 staff attended

10
CHILDREN
from the Ger Village
are members of the
Noble Club who volunteer
in the community

23
CHILDREN
participated in
the Boys' & Girls' Club

29
EVENTS & EXCURSION
were organised
48 children attended

1,039 KILOGRAMMES OF FRUIT & VEGETABLES
were harvested through Ger Village's horticulture



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The Blue Skies Ger Village was the first programme in Mongolia to be established by CNCF Founder Christina Noble in 1997. The Ger Village sits on 1.23 hectares of land and consists of many traditional Mongolian homes called gers and several purpose-built brick structures.

The Blue Skies Ger Village provides abandoned and neglected children with residential care, healthcare, psychological rehabilitation, academic education, vocational training, personal and life skills development, and encourages them to cultivate hobbies and interests through CNCF's Arts, Music & Sports Programme.

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

If reintegrating the child back into the family is deemed not possible, the child either remains at the Village under its legal guardianship or other appropriate housing is identified depending on the needs of the child.

To this day, the Ger Village remains integral to our mission of serving the unique needs of every child ensuring that all children can thrive in a safe, supportive, and caring environment. The holistic support provided enables the children to develop intellectual, social, and emotional skills and reach their fullest potential, ultimately lifting themselves out of poverty.

The Ger Village can support up to sixty children at any one time with a maximum of six children residing in each of the ten residential gers. The Village aims to mirror traditional Mongolian family life whenever possible, by having an assigned staff member who is in charge of the upkeep and maintenance of each ger and supports the children in their daily lives. All of the children take part in maintaining their homes and the Ger Village's communal gers across the four seasons.



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Education

CNCF is committed to addressing systemic education barriers and creating economic opportunities for underserved and underrepresented youth. Many children that arrive at the Ger Village have never attended schools or have previously been disengaged in education due to their challenging upbringing and highly vulnerable backgrounds. To ensure quality education for all children, we provide access to CNCF's Blues Skies Kindergarten, local public schools, vocational training centres, colleges and universities. In addition to the academic education, tutoring support is also facilitated by our education officer, primary school teacher, maths teacher, Mongolian language teacher and English teacher. As residential children complete compulsory schooling and seek tertiary education, CNCF supports them with tuition scholarships through CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme.

Our teams work with the children individually and in group sessions, providing essential support to those who have academic challenges. The academic and personal development of every child is closely monitored for instant assistance, enabling the improvement of children's school grades, school attendance, learning enthusiasm, self-confidence, and self-esteem.



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

English Language

CNCF recognises the importance of linguistic skills for future employment advantages. By providing access to language classes, we ensure our children are equipped with essential and professional linguistics skills for economic advantages.

Since October 2019, we have implemented an English curriculum set by Cambridge University, United Kingdom. English classes are organised with 10 sessions each week while individual lessons on weekends are available for those in need of additional support or children who have shown a keen interest in furthering their English language skills.

General Education

National curriculum-based classes supported children with their general education and homework. In these classes the teacher is able to monitor students and works closely with any children who are experiencing challenges at school to ensure they are not falling behind with their academics.

Mathematics

Mathematics remains a highly important subject from a child's academic education to their daily life and future career. The Ger Village maths classes inspire in children a greater interest in the subject and improve their comprehension and confidence. Children received extra private math tutoring twice a week.

Mongolian Language

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




FUNDAY
TREND
TRENDY

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Extracurricular Activities

Arts

Arts and crafts help children to heal from trauma, develop their communication, listening and attention skills, as well as their creativity and imagination. At the Ger Village, children are provided with access to a variety of artistic activities including drawing, painting, sculpture, pottery, crafting and drama. **44 children** attended classes.

One highlight in 2021 for 9 of our talented children aged 4 to 12 years old was participating in the national "Risk through My Eyes" drawing competition organised by the Mandal Insurance Company.

For full details about this programme, view the Arts & Music Programme Annual Report **here**.

Art Therapy

Healing the emotional trauma that many children who arrive to CNCF's Blue Skies Ger Village have suffered is crucial to CNCF's work. Through progressive Art Therapy services, CNCF's Art Therapist and our Psychotherapists connect with these children and support them in regaining trust, managing stress, developing self-awareness as well as their overall wellbeing. The therapeutic techniques include drawing, painting, coloring, sculpting, or collage. Through talking to our children about their arts and considering the underlying inspiration for their work, our Psychotherapist gains a deeper understanding of our young people and works with them closely and individually to address and resolve any emotional challenges.

All children also participate in group sessions where they are encouraged to share their thoughts and feelings and discuss how to become supportive of themselves, each other, and their community. Through the creative process, our children have been able to explore their feelings, resolve emotional conflicts, manage their behaviour, develop social skills, reduce anxiety, and foster self-awareness and self-esteem.

Having successfully secured funding from the Mongolian Association of State Alumni, CNCF's project 'Youth Empowerment through Art Therapy' was facilitated for children from CNCF's Ger Village, Rehabilitation Centre For Youth Education Programme and Child Sponsorship Programme.

For details about this programme, view the Arts & Music Programme Annual Report **here**.



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Extracurricular Activities

Music

In addition to the developmental benefits, music plays an essential role in ensuring each child's wellbeing and personal growth. Regular weekly music lessons are provided at the Ger Village, supporting the children in learning a wide variety of instruments, choir, and traditional and contemporary dance.

For details about this programme, view the Arts & Music Programme Annual Report **here**.

Sport

To ensure a creative environment for children to explore their interest while being exposed to various and numerous physical, social, and educational benefits, we facilitated a range of sports activities including Cricket, Taekwondo, Basketball, Volleyball, Kendo, Swimming and Archery.

In 2021, our children collectively accumulated **37 Medals** (34 in Taekwondo and 3 in Cricket) consisting of Bronze to Gold across different sports. Our Sports students were also acknowledged as International Sports Masters, Sports Masters and Sub-masters.

For details about this programme, view the Sports Programme Annual Report **here**.





PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Healthcare

All children have the right to access quality healthcare services. Almost all of the children who come into our care have grown up in unsanitary and squalid conditions, compounding many other threats to their ongoing health and wellbeing.

At the Blue Skies Ger Village, we provide children with a wide variety of fresh nutrition, supplements, general and annual health checkups, and health screenings. Our medical team conducts a full health checkup for every child upon their arrival. Treatments for conditions including, and not limited to, malnutrition, rickets, physical development challenges and severe dental issues are provided onsite. CNCF's medical team ensures that the children always feel safe and comfortable whilst checks are being conducted. Referrals to hospitals and pediatric specialists are made where necessary.

With the support of local hospitals, partners, and medical volunteer teams, we organise regular specialist screenings and examinations for dermatology, tuberculosis, ringworm, dental and eyes, ears, nose and throat health. We also educate our children about the importance of health and wellbeing through health talks and training on COVID-19 precautions, basic first aid and personal hygiene.

For full details about this programme, view the Healthcare Programme Annual Report **here.**

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Life Skills Training & Workshops

CNCF works to empower our children to cultivate self-confidence, adaptability, and the necessary interpersonal skills to thrive in various circumstances. Frequent life skills training sessions and workshops are facilitated for children of all ages. Topics include adolescence and reproductive health, the benefits of exercise, risk management and empowerment.

Our children are also encouraged to host topic talks where they share experiences with other children at the Village. These opportunities not only enable them to learn more about one another but also inspire every child to build confidence and self-esteem.

Staff Training & Workshops

Training workshops on child protection, gender-based decision making and the prevention of child sexual exploitation, communication skills and managing emotions were conducted for all staff members of the Ger Village. This is also an opportunity for the staff to learn from each other and share ideas towards the objectives of giving children the highest quality of care and support. Our psychosocial and education management team attend local and global training sessions to stay up to date with the latest methods and techniques in order to continuously develop the level of care provided to the children.





PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Horticulture

At the Ger Village, we work to create a healthy and sustainable community where all of our children can develop an understanding and respect for the environment. By growing our own produce, we become more economically self-sufficient while our children are supported to build strong immune systems through an organic nutrient-rich diet. The Village has two outdoor greenhouses and an indoor greenhouse, we also built vegetable plots around the Village to grow potatoes and sea buckthorn trees.

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

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

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Psychological, Social and Emotional Support

CNCF's Psychosocial Team of three professional and dedicated psychologists provides support and enables children who have experienced much adversity in their young lives to heal from trauma. The range of therapeutic techniques used include art therapy, play therapy, cognitive behavioural therapy, gestalt therapy, systematic therapy, and drama therapy. The comprehensive model of CNCF's Psychosocial team and the progressive services they provide are unique in the country of Mongolia.

An assessment is conducted by our psychologists when a child first arrives at the Ger Village, followed by an individually tailored psychological support plan. Each child, regardless of how long they have been at the Ger Village, will have periodic therapy sessions and for those children requiring more intensive long-term therapy sessions are held 1-5 times a week depending on the child's psychological and emotional needs. Focus group meetings are held regularly where children are encouraged to share their opinions on a chosen topic, give updates on their lives and discuss how they can be more supportive to one another. Topics include career aspirations, achieving dreams, friendships and overcoming challenges. This technique allows the children to realise that they are not alone and enables them to gain valuable insights from their peers. Through group sessions, our team are able to observe the children's behaviour; body language, emotional expression, attitude and use of language. The children also learn how to conduct and express themselves in a group setting whilst feeling safe which enhances the development of their communication and social skills. Such intervention and psychological support enables the children to understand their emotions and how to manage them.





PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Additional Psychosocial Support Activities

Boys' and Girls' Club

The Boys' & Girls' Club was established to encourage trust and communication between the children, empowering them to develop essential life skills. The children support the Ger Village staff in their daily work, discuss, and share inspirational stories and engage in Arts and Craft projects. Our Psychosocial Team closely monitor every child and identify any challenges which need to be addressed in their individual one-on-one meetings. The children are divided into five groups and sessions are held once a week.

Noble Community Club

The Noble Club is a community service group made up of young people aged 16 and above who are currently or formerly enrolled in CNCF's programmes. Established in May 2018, the club presently has 271 members with **10 children** from the Blue Skies Ger Village, the remaining members are all children from other CNCF programmes including CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme and Education Scholarship Programme.

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

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Additional Psychosocial Support Activities

Family Members Home Visits

We believe that it is essential to improve the lives of the children's families where in place, for a sustainable and independent future. By doing so, and where possible, we aim to eventually reunite our children and their families, bringing peace of mind to our children and a sense of worthiness to their caregivers. Our team conduct home visits to families of Ger Village children to assess their living conditions and provide support where necessary. The children's families and relatives are also assisted in applying for ID cards and other documents required for the state healthcare system, official employment and finding accommodation where needed.

Parents and Relatives Days

Twice a year, parents and relatives still in contact with their children are invited to the Ger Village. It is an occasion for the families to connect and get to know the daily life of their children at the village and where they can see how well cared for and loved their children are. Meetings with our staff are also organised to discuss the children's academic and personal achievements as well as daily challenges faced by the family. Such objectives encourage family members to think about their accountability and responsibility to their own children.



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Maintenance & Improvements

Our guards and maintenance team play an integral role in the overall function, security, and maintenance of the Ger Village. They are in charge of ensuring the safety of our children, the general upkeep of the Village and enabling the heating of our facilities and gers during the different seasons. Our children are encouraged to assist in the processes wherever it is safe and appropriate, developing skills and a sense of responsibility for their home environment. Our children are also able to learn sign language as one of our leading maintenance members, who has been with CNCF for many years, is hearing impaired which cultivates an inclusive, understanding, and supportive mindset.

Improvements to the Ger Village in 2021:

- A child friendly water fountain was built at the Ger Village funded by the Sweet Guys Club
- The insulation of the gers was renewed and and the boys' bathroom was renovated thanks to Deseret Foundation
- The arts room was refurbished
- The piping system was renovated in preparation for the winter
- The doors of the boys' bathroom and girls' bathroom were replaced
- Additional CCTV cameras were installed to increase the Village's security
- Seasonal ger preparation and annual maintenance was completed
- All tables and chairs in the kitchen were refurbished
- Fitness equipment pull-up bar was installed
- A secondhand car in good condition was donated to the Village
- The garden's wall was repainted
- The lighting was replaced and improved
- The internet was improved through the installation of additional fibre optics
- All electrical wires were renewed to ensure safety



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Events and Excursions

Almost all of our children were deprived of social interaction and child appropriate activities before their arrival at the Ger Village. It is therefore crucial to nurture our children and introduce them to new and stimulating environments and activities, benefiting their development, psychological wellbeing, self-esteem, and general life-satisfaction. Due to COVID-19 restrictions many excursions and external events were suspended in 2021 however we were able to continue with some when lockdown restrictions were lifted.

National & International Day Celebrations

We ensure children have access to and participate in varied national celebrations nd events such as Tsagaan Sar (Lunar New Year), Children's Day, Women's Day and Naadam Festival. These opportunities promote solidarity between our children as they join together to prepare traditional meals, activities and performances which enable them to develop a deeper understanding of Mongolian culture and traditions. Ordinarily on such celebrations outside visitors and disadvantaged children living in state shelters would be invited to join us for such events, this helps the children's social skills and interaction in community settings, however due to COVID-19 restrictions this was not possible in 2021.

Hair Cutting Ceremony

Having the first haircut is immensely important in Mongolian culture. The ceremony represents the transition from baby to childhood and usually takes place when the child is between the ages of 2 and 5. Such an experience enables the children to gain more knowledge on cultural traditions and beliefs, ensuring our children are experiencing what they would in a typical Mongolia family home. Our aim is to always raise the children within the context of their culture and ensure traditions are acknowledged, respected, and adhered to at all times.



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Events and Excursions

Birthday Celebration

Twice a year we organised birthday party celebrations for our children. However, on a child's actual birth date, every child receives a surprise gift along with presents from other children at the Ger Village. For many of the children, this is a very special and memorable experience as it is their first time celebrating a birthday.

Graduation Celebration

Graduation celebrations are organised for our children who successfully graduated from Kindergarten, Primary School, Middle School, Secondary School, and College. This year:

02 CHILDREN graduated from CNCF's Blue Skies Kindergarten

02 CHILDREN graduated from Secondary School

04 CHILDREN graduated from Primary School

02 CHILDREN graduated from High School



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Events and Excursions

Community Work

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

Sports Day

In order to promote physical and mental health, Sports Day events are organised at the Ger Village throughout the year. Our children and staff take part in various competitions to encourage closer bonding and build rapport.

Farewell Celebration

When a child leaves the Ger Village, a farewell ceremony is held as we wish our children the very best as they embark on a new chapter of their lives. CNCF continues to support all the children through their life stages, ensuring they have a safe and secure home to live in when they leave us.

Visitors and Volunteers

In 2021, we received 11 volunteers from the community, who provided English lessons to the children and assisted our students with their homework, and which we remain deeply grateful to all for their efforts on behalf of the children. All COVID-19 health and safety procedures were strictly adhered to.





PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Events and Excursions

Monitoring and Assessments after Ger Village Graduation

In accordance with our Child Protection and Reintegration Policy, 10 of our former Ger Village children are currently living in CNCF's transition homes, which are for those who have no family or we have not been able to reintegrate them back with their family, or those who cannot live independently for other reasons after graduating from the Ger Village.

CNCF continues to monitor and assess these children on a daily basis and in accordance to its young peoples' safeguarding policy and procedures. Where CNCF has been able to successfully reintegrate a child back into the family unit, CNCF remains in contact with the child and family members until the reintegration process is closed as a successful case.

A minimum two-year procedure is applied upon the child graduating from the Ger Village. For the first three months, our social workers conduct regular visits to the family home to assess the reintegration process and make an assessment by interviewing the child and family members separately to identify the circumstances. Once the first three months' initial assessment is concluded, social workers arrange further home visits once every three months for the first year and unscheduled home visits continue until the end of the second year.

If all deemed a successful reintegration the family's case file is then transferred over to the responsibility of CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme team. Should the reintegration not be successful the child is re-homed back to the Ger Village. A CNCF assigned case Social Worker, CNCF Child Sponsorship Team and a government Social Worker of the local district assigned to the family are responsible for visiting the child/children at home to make a variety of assessments until the child/children reaches 18 years old, or after if the young adult is still deemed as a dependent.



OUR STORIES

Thriving Out Of Adversity

Ariungerel* came into the care of CNCF's Blue Skies Ger Village having been found severely neglected by her family. Ariungerel's father was serving time in state prison and her mother used to sell cigarettes and chewing gum to make ends meet, until she passed away. At the age of 5, Ariungerel was sent to live with her grandfather and uncle who were constantly seeking temporary shelter. They were highly dependent on alcohol and would often neglect Ariungerel, placing the young girl at risk of detrimental physical and psychological developmental delays.

Upon her arrival at the Ger Village, Ariungerel was enrolled in Primary School to attend first grade. Initially it was an overwhelming experience for Ariungerel as she have never had the chance to attend preschool and connect with peers before, but Ariungerel soon adapted to the environment with the support and encouragement of the CNCF team. In addition to academic education, Ariungerel participated in extra tuition classes including Mathematics, Mongolian and English language classes, and extracurricular Arts and Sports classes at the Ger Village. With love, care, time and understanding from the teachers and team at the Ger Village, Ariungerel began to enjoy life, learning many new things and always supported to express herself in a safe and healthy environment. During an IQ development training Ariungerel was ranked as one of the top performing children of her class which she was very excited to share with us.

Throughout this year, as our Teachers provided support to children with their online lessons and homework, Ariungerel also took initiatives to help her younger friends at the Ger Village with their chores and homework. We are incredibly proud that Ariungerel has flourished into a fast-learning student and a caring friend and sister to other children. Despite her early childhood trauma and challenges, Ariungerel continues to thrive thanks to her incredible resilience and nature, and the on-going comprehensive support of CNCF.

*Names and identity changed to protect privacy

OUR STORIES

From Homelessness To A Graduate

“I came to live at CNCF’s Blue Skies Ger Village in 2015. My father had just passed away and my mother was taking on labour jobs to take care of me and my siblings. We were homeless and living in extremely poor conditions. I arrived at the Ger Village in hope of a better future.

For many years from completing preschool then primary school, and onto secondary school, I received unwavering guidance and support from the team at CNCF and Ger Village. Upon my 9th-grade graduation, I was accepted to the pre-college programme of the University of Culture and Arts, and was supported with tuition fees through the Education Scholarship Programme of CNCF. During my time at the Ger Village, I was able to learn so many things and attend Arts, Music, and Sports classes such as basketball, volleyball, cricket, and taekwondo. It was through these opportunities that I found a passion for Dancing, which ultimately became my major.

I am very grateful for the care provided by CNCF and its incredible team of social workers, psychologists, and doctors over the past 14 years. The staff at the Ger Village have become my family, who are always there for me whenever I need it most. There are often not many opportunities available to disadvantaged children like me, but CNCF’s Ger Village has changed it not only for me, but many other children in its care. I am thankful to CNCF and the dedicated staff as well as all of the sponsors and donors for making our future bright.”

- A Blue Skies Ger Village Graduate -

*Identity changed to protect privacy





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OUR STORIES

Helping A Family

“My brother suddenly passed away and then his wife abandoned the family, leaving their children, my nephew and niece all alone and without a home. Due to my own severe financial difficulties, I was unable to take care of the children. Seeing my nephew and niece surrounded with love and care at the Blue Skies Ger Village is immensely heart-warming. There, they are empowered and supported to go to school, to attend various trainings and extracurricular activities, all of which I would simply not be able to provide for them. The Ger Village staff also facilitate family visits where I can see my nephew and niece to connect and get to know their daily life at the Village. I am also able to maintain regular contact with the children and learn of their academic and personal achievements.

I am delighted that the children are developing and growing in many ways, all thanks to CNCF. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff at the Ger Village who have loved and taken care of my nephew and niece just as their own. Thank you very much for everything you have done for my family.”

- Family Member of Ger Village Children -

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The total cost of running the Blue Skies Ger Village in 2021 was:

$197,185 USD

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 audits can be found **here**.



BLUE SKIES GER VILLAGE EXPENDITURES IN 2021

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Food Items	21,127
Clothes, Uniforms & Shoes	5,302
Children's Celebrations	4,212
Education Expenses & Supplies	1,120
Psychological Development & Personal Hygiene	1,802
Utilities (Electricity, Firewood & Coal)	3,214
Office Stationery & Supplies	636
Equipment & Items	2,827
Telecommunications	1,895
Horticulture	735
Cleaning Materials	2,435
Sewage Removal, Maintenance & Improvements	5,192

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Bus Fares, Pocket Money, Transportation & Vehicle Maintenance	5,463
Staff Salaries	108,680
Social Insurance	13,344
Staff Training	1,135
Public & Staff Relations	3,989
Miscellaneous/ Others	1,497
Depreciation	12,580
TOTAL COST	197,185

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your donations and support to the Blue Skies Ger Village enable us to continue providing a safe haven for children and young adults at high risk of exploitation, abuse and neglect, who are orphaned, living on the streets or come from poverty-stricken families. When children are protected, cared for, and are equipped with the knowledge and skills to thrive, they can look to a brighter future, free from poverty.

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our primary donors: **Anonymous Foundation** (US), **Deserite International Charities** (MN), **Joëlle Broatch** (FR), **Joss Stewart** (AUS), **Linda Kuczka** (UK), **Liquidnet** (HK), **Nelumbo Stiftung** (CH), **Tanner Trust** (UK) and **Team Oardacity** (UK) for funding this project and laying a strong foundation of childhood for our children.

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