



The Lotus Children's Centre Charitable Trust

A UK registered charity dedicated to providing care, accommodation, support, and education to abandoned and abused children in Mongolia

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To: Alliance4Kids, Rolf Lieber, and all their supporters and friends

Dear All,

I am writing to thank you for your generous donations to The Lotus Children's Centre of CHF7,000 and Euro 5,000, sent via Alliance4Kids. Your support is truly appreciated, and makes a real difference to the remarkable children in our care.

As you may know, Lotus (which has now been in existence for 18 years) receives no government support, and relies exclusively on fundraising events and private donations to keep going. We are now caring for and educating over 90 abused, abandoned or orphaned children, aged from three upwards. High food price and wage inflation places increased pressure on our resources each year, but the children are thriving, and we are all proud of them.

One of the issues we have at the moment is that the Mongolian Immigration Department has imposed rigid rules on working visas for foreign employees, and our allocation is just three. These are taken up by two full time teachers from Holland, and a social worker from Australia. In the past, much of our administration work was carried out by long term volunteers, but the most recent, who had been with us for 12 months, has recently had an application to renew her visa refused, and has had to return to England. She has been replaced by a Mongolian employee, who spent 6 years in Ireland, and therefore speaks good English.

We are also recruiting local staff, one man and one woman, to mentor and assist the teenagers in that difficult transition from childhood to young adulthood. One of the essential tasks of these new employees will be to help these young people find further education or employment, to suit their skills and ambitions. It is absolutely crucial that we take good care of these children at this vulnerable age, to ensure that they feel secure and confident as they move forward in life. Your donations will help to fund these various new posts.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Fraser McColl
Trustee, The Lotus Children's Centre Charitable Trust

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