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At this time of year we have two main focuses for donations.

Firstly, we are looking for help with our winter fuel costs. We are hoping to find 50 donors to each pledge 50,000 MNT (\$20) per month from Nov-May which will cover the heating costs at our Gachuurt site.

Secondly, we are starting to collect donations for the children's Christmas/New Year gifts. Each child will receive a gift of around 20,000 MNT (\$8) in value.

If you would like to sign up to buy a child a gift or if you can pledge a monthly amount towards our heating costs then please email us at info@lotuschid.org.

Thank you.

How to VOLUNTEER

Dear Rolf Leber,

Hello and welcome to our Autumn update for 2017. We hope you had a wonderful summer, and are enjoying the beautiful autumn. Actually, here in Mongolia we've had winter peaking around the corner already, with 20cm of snow and nighttime temperatures falling to -20° Celsius already this week. We've had a very busy few months since you last heard from us. The summer was as fun-filled as ever with dozens of fantastic volunteers from across the globe coming to give their time and energy to enhance the lives of the Lotus children.

We are well into the 2017/18 academic year now and it is great to see so many of our children flourishing and excelling in new schools this year. As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, we have been working on finding new educational opportunities for some of the Lotus Children and we now have 12 children attending various private schools in Ulaanbaatar. More on this below.

We have continued organising a variety of successful local fundraising events throughout this year including a picnic at our site in Gachuurt, a stargazing evening, and an Autumn Gala Dinner last week. From our local events so far this year we have raised almost 50 million tugrug (\$20,000 / £15,000) which is testament to the incredible work and generosity of our local friends and supporters in Mongolia. You can keep up to date with further such events by following our fundraising page on Facebook.

In this email you will be able to read about what else we have been up to since you last heard from us. We are very excited to have opened our new training workshop in Gachuurt, we've made progress on our sustainable housing project, we've been developing our new Café in Ulaanbaatar, and more!

As always we would not be here without the many friends and supporters who actively support us to enable us to continue our work in Mongolia. We send out our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you. We'd love to stay in touch with you, and there are many ways you can contact us. You can email us info@lotuschid.org, message us through our Facebook page, and we are also on Twitter.

We hope you will enjoy this update from The Lotus Children's Centre. As the end of the year approaches we wish you all a happy and peaceful festive period

Warm regards

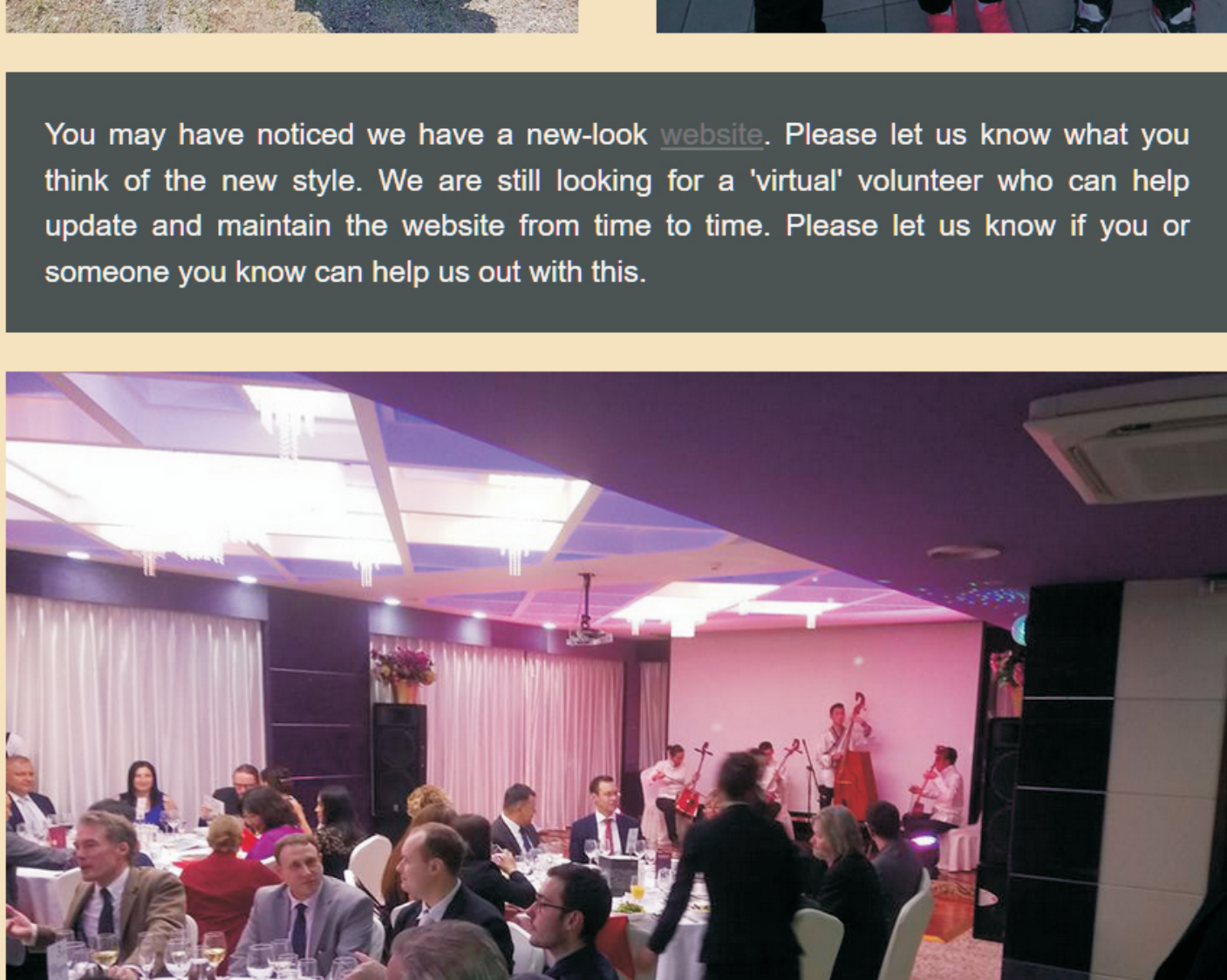
The Lotus Children's Centre, Mongolia



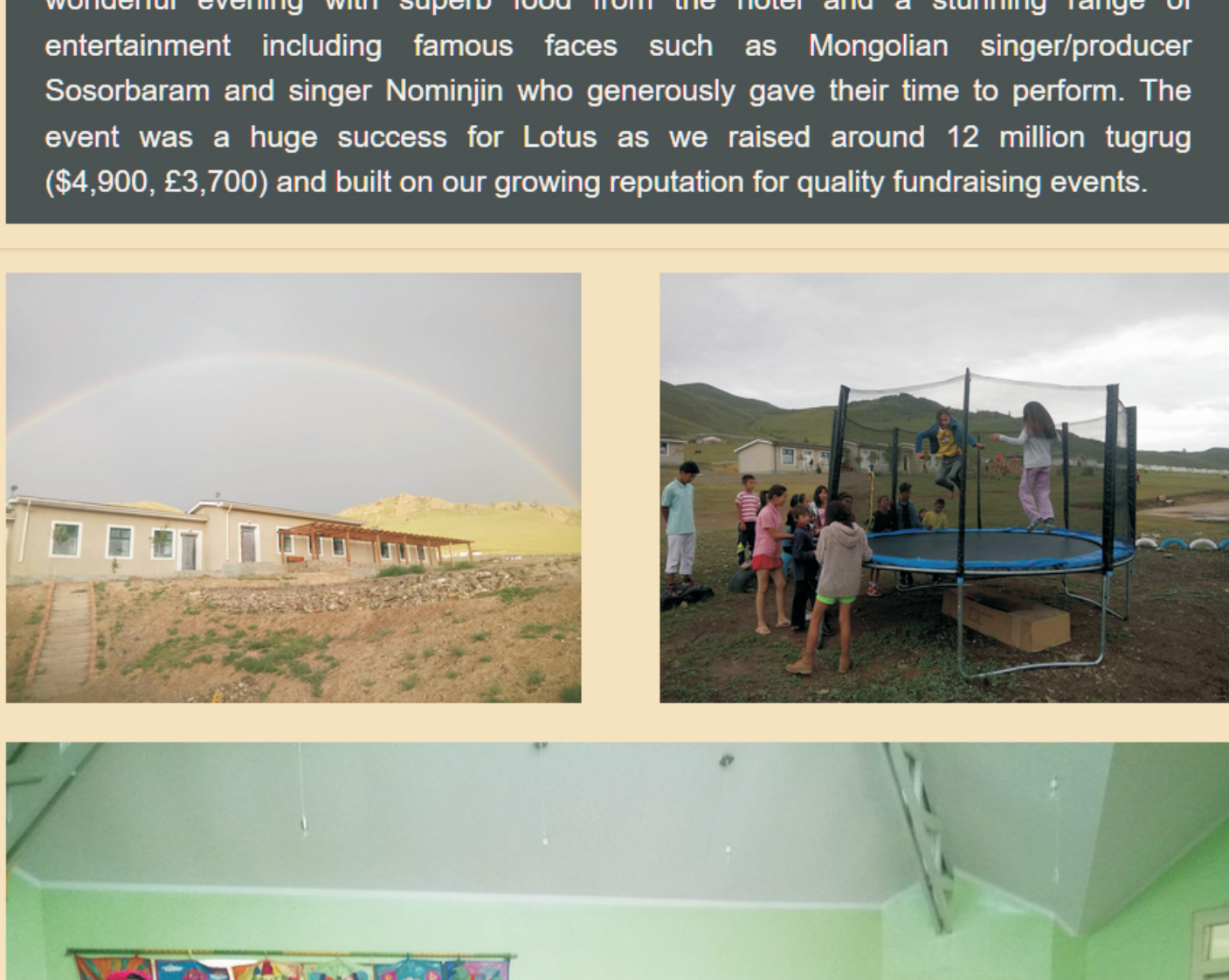
On Friday November 3rd we officially opened our new vocation training workshop. The project would not have been possible without the sponsorship offered by our friends at IVCO, Global Explorations and other individual sponsors. This new building has a garage, bakery, hair and beauty training room as well as two further multi-purpose training rooms. We will now be able to bring in skilled teachers and with these facilities our children will have regular access to vocational training opportunities which will give them a better chance of being successful in life.



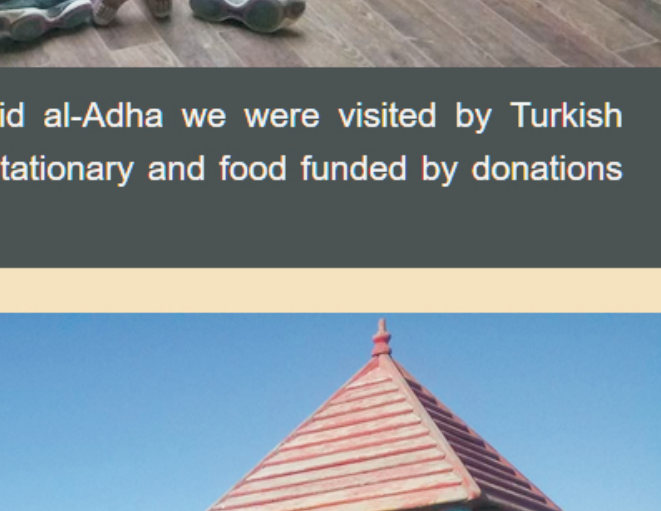
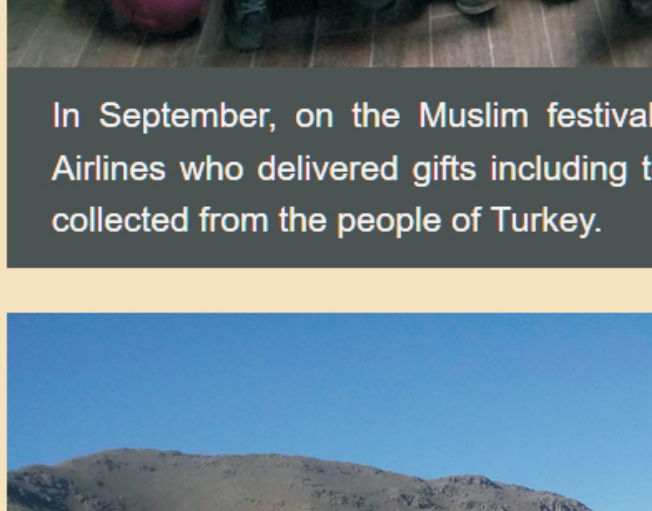
We are delighted to have been able to send 12 children to study at new private schools this year, giving them new opportunities and brighter futures. We have four children attending the English School of Mongolia (pictured), four students at the Ulaanbaatar Elite International School, and four others at different Mongolian private schools. These opportunities are only available through the generosity of the schools coupled with the generosity of individual sponsors from around the world. If you would be interested in sponsoring a child to attend a better school next year then please contact us, private school fees start from around \$2,000 per year.



You may have noticed we have a new-look website. Please let us know what you think of the new style. We are still looking for a 'virtual' volunteer who can help update and maintain the website from time to time. Please let us know if you or someone you know can help us out with this.



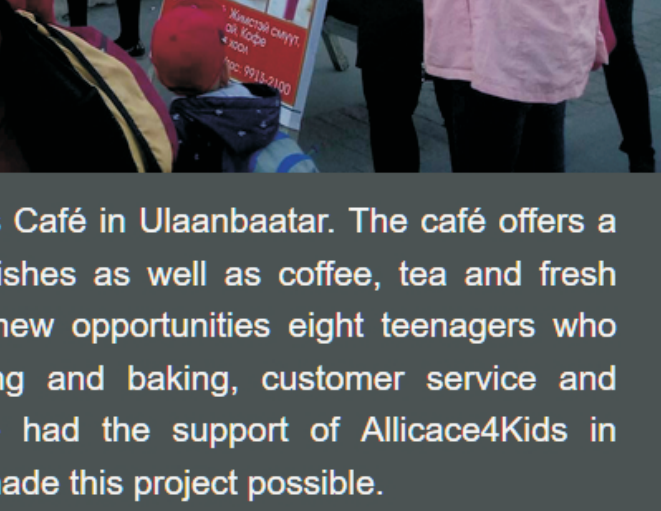
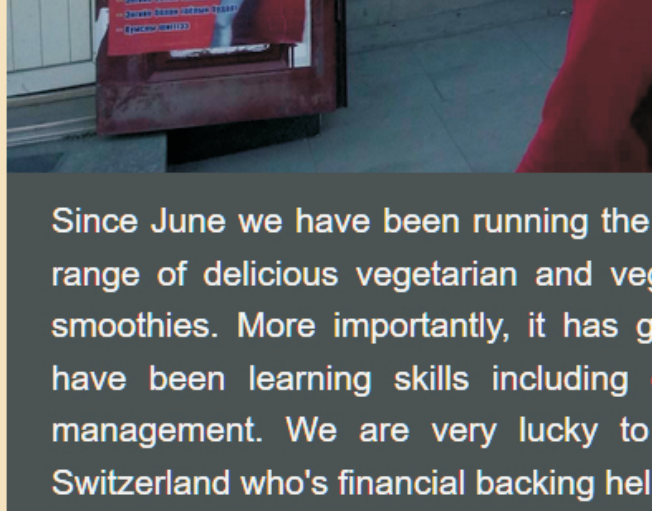
On Saturday November 4th we held our Autumn Gala Dinner fundraising event at the Kempinski Hotel Khan Palace in Ulaanbaatar. A hundred guests joined us for a wonderful evening with superb food from the hotel and a stunning range of entertainment including famous faces such as Mongolian singer/producer Sosorbaram and singer Nominjin who generously gave their time to perform. The event was a huge success for Lotus as we raised around 12 million tugrug (\$4,900, £3,700) and built on our growing reputation for quality fundraising events.



In September, on the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha we were visited by Turkish Airlines who delivered gifts including toys, stationary and food funded by donations collected from the people of Turkey.



This season our winter clothing budget has been sponsored 100% by JACOBS Engineering. We have had a very good relationship with Jacobs since they arrived in Mongolia last year and we have become their official local charity. In addition to the winter clo



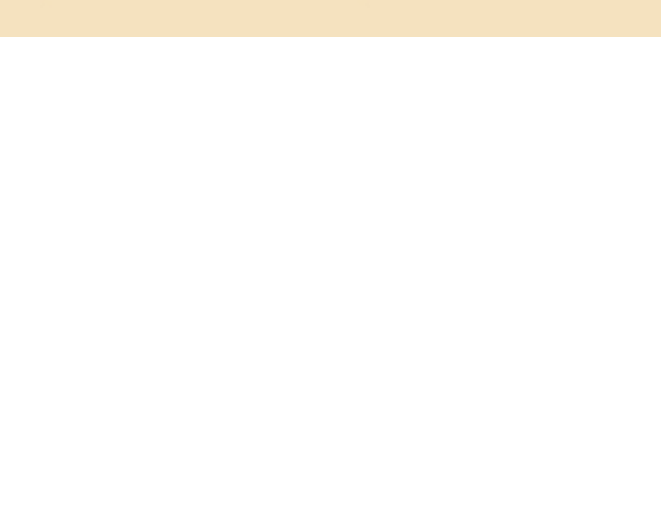
We are delighted to announce a new partnership with Santis Educational Services which is a highly regarded English language training centre in UB. Santis provides English courses to a variety of clients including contracts with some of Mongolia's largest companies as well as some government departments. Santis has agreed to give free English language tuition to the Lotus children.



Since June we have been running the Lotus Café in Ulaanbaatar. The café offers a range of delicious vegetarian and vegan dishes as well as coffee, tea and fresh smoothies. More importantly, it has given new opportunities eight teenagers who have been learning skills including cooking and baking, customer service and management. We are very lucky to have had the support of Alicace4Kids in Switzerland who's financial backing helped make this project possible.



During the summer we continued our relationship with the Mongolian Amateur Cricket Association who came to deliver weekly coaching sessions to the Lotus children. Unfortunately the weather now has brought this to a temporary stop which we search for a suitable indoor venue to continue the sessions through the winter. Our children have however been taking part in a number of indoor sports competitions at their schools over the past month, with outstanding success.



One of the big projects of the summer was Australian volunteer Maha's sustainable housing project. With many helping hands from volunteers and Lotus children alike, Maha is building a house made from sandbags at Lotus. The project is due to be completed in early summer 2018 and will serve as a blueprint for future projects with an emphasis on sustainable and affordable buildings which can potentially be replicated for Lotus graduates when they leave and need a new home to live in.



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