



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

**BLUE SKIES
ARTS & MUSIC PROGRAMME
MONGOLIA**

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

2008

LOCATION

Blue Skies Ger Village & Blue Skies Kindergarten, Songinokhairkhan District; Rehabilitation Centre for Youth Education Programme, Bayanzurkh District; Child Sponsorship Programme, Chingeltei District, Ulaanbaatar

BACKGROUND

Many of our young people often come from exceptionally disadvantaged and traumatic backgrounds or have previously experienced daily emotional stress. The Blue Skies Arts & Music Programme provides a safe and supportive environment that facilitates the children's healing process and delivers a tool to help them effectively regulate and communicate their emotions, and nurture their innate creativity, self-esteem and self-confidence. The transformative power of the arts and music is beneficial to the social, intellectual, cognitive and emotional development of all children, enabling them to develop into happy, fulfilled and expressive young adults

BENEFICIARIES

Children from the Blue Skies Ger Village, Child Sponsorship Programme, Blue Skies Kindergarten and Rehabilitation Centre for Youth Education Programme

LOCAL PARTNERS

Children's Palace, Training Department of General Executive Agency of Court Decision, Ulaanbaatar's Rehabilitation Centre for Youth

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is fully responsible for funding, programme management, monitoring and evaluation

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

CNCF's Arts & Music Programme Manager conducts regular monitoring visits during programme activities. Internal CNCF staff meetings are held weekly to discuss programme related issues and updates. Monthly reports and semi-annual reports are provided to CNCF Board of Management and an annual report of the programme is made available to all stakeholders. The progress of each child is highlighted at various events such as talent shows, competitions and performances throughout the year

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

CNCF believes that an education without exposure to the arts is not a complete education. Beyond strengthening academic skills, CNCF's Arts & Music Programme enables children to nurture their imagination and creativity, and develop their interpersonal and social skills. For many of our young people who have come from exceptionally disadvantaged and traumatic backgrounds or experienced daily emotional stress, engagement with the arts is a healing tool enabling them to regulate and communicate their emotions in a therapeutic and positive environment.

Throughout 2023, the Blue Skies Arts & Music Programme continued to provide a diverse range of creative activities, including Art and Play Therapy, Art, Crafts, Music, and Dance, to support the emotional and physical development of our children.

Since inception,

2,835 CHILDREN

have been enrolled in the Blue Skies Arts & Music Programme and nurtured their imagination and creativity in a structured and supportive environment. Combined with residential and educational support, the Arts & Music Programme solidifies the holistic support of the Foundation.

In 2023,

 **199** CHILDREN

participated in the Blue Skies Arts & Music Programme including Art, Crafts, Music, Dance classes and Art Therapy:

 **118** CHILDREN engaged in Art classes

 **49** CHILDREN engaged in Art Therapy

 **51** CHILDREN engaged in Music classes (Contemporary & Traditional Music)

 **26** CHILDREN engaged in Dance classes (Modern & Traditional Dance)

 **57** CHILDREN engaged in Crafts classes

 **20** CHILDREN engaged in Play Therapy

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OUR YEAR

Age Group



0 - 5
years old



6 - 10
years old



11 - 14
years old



15 - 17
years old



Over 17
years old

Blue Skies Ger Village Participants



38 CHILDREN
attended Art



20 CHILDREN
attended Play Therapy



31 CHILDREN
attended Crafts



26 CHILDREN
attended Modern Dance



26 CHILDREN
attended Traditional Dance



31 CHILDREN
attended Music and Singing



27 CHILDREN

attended Contemporary Music

(**09 Children** attended Piano, **05 Children** attended
Guitar and **13 Children** attended Ukulele)

Rehabilitation Centre for Youth Participants



37 CHILDREN
attended Art



43 CHILDREN
attended Art



31 CHILDREN
attended Art Therapy



26 CHILDREN
attended Crafts



24 CHILDREN
attended Music and
Singing



18 CHILDREN
attended Art Therapy

OUR YEAR

Social Skill Development



10 DRAWINGS & PAINTINGS
by students of Art classes were displayed at the CNCF's BayARTai Programme ceremony



100 CHILDREN
participated in a CNCF's Drawing and Painting Competition. **32 Children** also participated in external competitions



158 CHILDREN
from CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme participated in CNCF's Drawing and Painting Competitions. **09 Children** were awarded



14 CHILDREN
from the Rehabilitation Centre For Youth participated in **03 National Drawing and Art Competitions**, **01 Award** was achieved



OUR STORIES

Nomin's Journey: From Adversity to Artistic Achievement

Nomin* has faced significant challenges throughout her young life, including the loss of her beloved mother and the struggles caused by her father's severe alcoholism. The situation was so dire that Nomin and her brother were placed in the care of their elderly grandmother. The family survived by collecting raw materials for recycling from the local rubbish dump.

In 2014, Nomin and her older brother found refuge at CNCF's Blue Skies Ger Village. It was here that Nomin discovered the Arts & Music Programme, which allowed her to engage in crafts classes and uncover her talent for creating items such as knitted accessories, necklaces, bracelets, and keychains. This artistic outlet brought her immense joy and personal fulfilment.

Nomin's passion for crafting extended beyond her own enjoyment. She generously dedicated her time to making accessories like hairpins and headbands for the younger girls in the Ger Village. The programme has continued to provide Nomin with a valuable means to explore her emotions and creativity, enriching her life and the lives of those around her.

*Name and identity changed to protect privacy





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Jargalmaa's Artistic Awakening: A Path from Adversity to Inspiration

In 2022, Jargalmaa and her younger brother were brought to CNCF's Blue Skies Ger Village after enduring a series of hardships. The death of their mother, compounded by their father's struggle with alcoholism and a leg injury that left him bedridden, created a challenging environment for the family. Their reliance on government welfare services, particularly food coupons, underscored their precarious financial situation, which proved insufficient to meet their needs. The severe impact of alcohol abuse on their home eventually led to the children being placed with CNCF.

Joining the Arts Class at the Ger Village marked a transformative moment in Jargalmaa's life, offering her the chance to explore and develop her artistic talents. She immersed herself in the fundamentals of drawing, learning essential techniques such as black and white sketching, colour blending, gouache application, and creative drawing.

Jargalmaa's ambition to become a renowned painter represents not just a personal goal but also the profound, transformative power of art to inspire and elevate individuals beyond their challenging circumstances. The arts are playing a pivotal role in empowering her to express and process her emotions, enabling her to gradually find hope and rebuild her life.

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The operational cost of the Blue Skies Arts & Music Programme in 2023 was:

\$11,244.37 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 ARTS & MUSIC PROGRAMME EXPENDITURES IN 2023

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Workshops and Classes	696.57
Supplies and Equipment	245.11
Staff Salaries	7,983.73
Staff Social Insurance	606.09
Utilities (Electricity, Firewood & Coal)	1,446.02
Staff Training	130.63
Miscellaneous / Others / Transportation	136.23
TOTAL COST	11,244.37



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