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Thank You

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Welcome to CHW's Spring Newsletter!

So much has been going on the past few months, and you can see it all in the photos section. A big thank you to all our supporters! Also, CHW will be five this year. Read on to see how you can join us to celebrate!

Cake for CHW's Fifth Birthday!

This April, CHW will be five! No birthday is complete without cake, so we want to hold as many cake sales as possible throughout this year. The money raised will support CHW's appeals, sent to us by the local organisations we support. Our current projects are always on our website.

Could you help? If you would be able to arrange a cake sale at your work, university, school, or even at home, that would be great!

Some students at University College London have said they want to hold a cake sale for CHW. They also came up with the idea to bake a large cake as a raffle prize. If you have any ideas, to give a cake sale an extra special twist, let us know!

Please email Catherine at catherine@chworldwide.org if you want more information or if you would like to arrange a cake sale for CHW.



Birthday Party! Last year, the King's College Paediatric Society (www.kclpaediatrics.com) held a tenth birthday party for one of their own projects, the Teddy Bear Hospital. Thanks to Tania Bhaduri for arranging for the funds raised to go to CHW!

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Message from our Founder

I cannot believe that it will be five years since starting CHW! Individuals who want to make a difference to the lives of children can do it through CHW, and when we all work together, we have a bigger impact.

Two individuals inspired me to start CHW – Ruby Ayivor, the founder of New Life International Children's Home in Ghana and Gao Ya Li, the founder of the Shanghai Bo Ai Rehabilitation Centre. I spent some time in both places and wanted to support them, but knew I could do more if I was not alone. Now through CHW, people can help these organisations, and all the other projects we work with too.

I want to thank all of CHW's supporters and volunteers for everything! Over the past couple of months, three people in particular have done a lot for CHW.

One of our patrons, Ottilia Saxl, gave us a very generous donation so that we could complete our appeal to sponsor the salary of a carer at Casa Mea, a children's home in Romania. It is essential that there is enough staff to work with the children. Thanks to everyone who supported the appeal, and especially to Ottilia, as without her support, we would still be trying to fundraise for this, and we had a long way to go!

Thanks also to one of our volunteers, Jana Liebau, who arranged a book wrapping fundraiser at Waterstones in Milton Keynes. It was an enjoyable day, and great that Jana took the initiative to do this!

I have recently returned from our projects in Argentina. Gabriela Zambrano, a physiotherapist at Bethel, one of the organisations we support, has decided to become involved with CHW. She will try to get donations of items for the schools and organisations we support in Argentina. She also introduced me to two more schools. She will collect donated items for them too, as they will become a part of our network in Argentina.

Thanks to everyone who has been a part of CHW over the past five years, and I am looking forward to doing much more work for the children's projects, with you all, in the years to come!

If you want to get in touch, please email me any time at catherine@chworldwide.org.

Warmest wishes,
Catherine



With some of the children at Casa Mea, Romania – where Ottilia Saxl gave a very generous donation.

Welcome: We are really happy to welcome the following people to CHW!

Gabriela Zambrano, who will be supporting our projects from Argentina, and also her sister, **Alejandra Zambrano**, who will be helping her.

Magdalena Lezama and **Tony Bale** who will volunteer with CHW. Magdalena will help with Spanish translations for our projects in Argentina too.

Ling Chin, who helped at a few of our London events and has decided to become a regular volunteer at our fundraisers!



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Appeals

Our two current main appeals are a playground project in Ghana and a music therapy project in Argentina.

New Life International Children's Home, Ghana



Overcrowded: Children from the Home and the surrounding villages playing.

A few years ago, CHW fundraised for some play equipment. As the only playground in the area, children from outside the Home come to play all the time, and so the equipment is becoming worn. The director of the orphanage, Derrick, would like funding to extend and repair the playground and to build a fence around it, which he can lock. The children from outside the Home can still play, but at certain times, rather than constantly, to keep the equipment in good condition – so all the children have a nice area where they can play.

Needed: £2995 to extend and repair the playground.

Talleres Apadro, Argentina

This organisation has a range of projects helping children and adults with mental and physical disabilities. They want to start a children's music therapy project at their rehabilitation centre and asked CHW to cover part of these costs. Music therapy will be of great benefit to the children at the centre!

Needed: £2220 to help get the music therapy project started!



Do you want to help?

If you want to get involved with these projects to help the children, you can give your time, by volunteering and helping to fundraise, or give a donation.

To give a donation, please visit this page: www.chworldwide.org/Donate.html

For more information, please email catherine@chworldwide.org



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Thank You!

Special Thanks to Otilia Saxl

CHW had been trying to raise £1250 to help sponsor a carer at the children's home, Casa Mea, in Romania. There was still a long way to go, and our patron, Otilia Saxl, made a very generous donation, so we could complete the project. She also made a donation to one of our other current appeals, the playground project at New Life International Children's Home in Ghana. Otilia had been sponsoring three children at New Life, and has recently increased this to five! She has supported many of our other projects too.

There is no way to express how truly grateful we are for Otilia's support. She is making such a difference to the lives of the children CHW works with. Thank you so much, Otilia.

We would like to thank:

Linda and Heather: Thank you for knitting some lovely teddy bears, according to the Teddy for Tragedies pattern, and choosing to send them to CHW! When a volunteer next goes abroad she or he can take the teddies to the children!

Min Lu: Thank you for helping us with writing emails in Chinese to assist with our project at the Shanghai Bo Ai Children's Rehabilitation Centre!

Steven Macey: Thank you for arranging a coin collection, supporting a school in Argentina, at Swansea University, along with CHW Trustee, Emma Hughes. Thanks also for the other CHW projects you are currently working on!

Get Involved!

Can you help with any of the following things?

Band Needed!

As part of our celebrations for CHW's fifth birthday, Trustee, Emma Hughes, is arranging a summer ball! It will be in Swansea. She is looking for a band to play. If you are part of a band, or know people in a band who would be willing to play, please pass this on. The exact date of the event has not been confirmed, and is flexible, depending on when the band can play.

The band's donation would be the performance, although expenses may be covered. All details to be discussed with Emma. Please contact us on info@chworldwide.org if you can help.

Redesign our Website!

Our current website is very basic and we are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to redesign it. Please contact catherine@chworldwide.org if you want more info about helping with this.

Volunteering Abroad

Some of the local organisations we support run international volunteer schemes. If you are interested in volunteering yourself, or if you could help spread the word about this, please contact catherine@chworldwide.org.



*CHW Trustee, Emma, at New Life in Ghana.
Emma is arranging the summer ball in Swansea.*



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Photo Updates

Here are some photos from our latest projects around the world. Thank you so much to everyone who has made this all possible!

UK



Volunteers at the London **coin collection event**, to count coins donated for Florentino Ameghino School, Argentina. Thanks to everyone who gave coins, arranged collections and helped to count all the small change! We raised £450.



Jana and Ling at the **book wrapping** event at Waterstones, Milton Keynes. Thanks to Jana for arranging this.



Yitao, Diana and Yiwen at the **Clothes Swap at University College London**. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out!

UCL Clothes Swap – thanks to Tori (right) for arranging for students from the UCL Conservative Society to volunteer.



Yan and Marie-Lise at the London **Chinese Tea Party Fundraiser**. Thanks to everyone who took part, and to Yitao Quian for holding another event in London and to Diana Rodwell for promoting the fundraiser in Sydney, Australia. We raised £440 for our projects in Shanghai.





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Argentina



Deputy head, Gladys, and teacher, Cecilia at **Florentino Ameghino School**, with the new music equipment, bought with a donation from CHW.



Gabriela Zambrano, a physiotherapist at **Bethel**, an organisation CHW supports. She will now help all of our projects in Argentina, through collecting donated items, and has introduced us to two new schools. Her sister, Alejandra Zambrano, will help, along with other volunteers. Cecilia Gonzalez Biatturi, of Florentino Ameghino School, which CHW also supports, will give advice to Gabriela for the school projects.



Donation of school items:
Thanks to everyone who gave school items to CHW's founder, Catherine, before she visited Argentina. They were given to **Florentino Ameghino School**. Here is a photo of some of the items and Cecilia, a teacher at the school, sorting through them.



House 5 at **Bethel** is for children and adults with disabilities. CHW's donation was used for the larger sized nappies for the children and adolescents there. Physiotherapist Alicia stands with the nappies.

Some of the organisations, like Bethel, have rules about not publishing photos of the children, but you can still see the donations, even if not the children themselves!



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China



Donations to the organisations we support in Shanghai:

The **Baobei Foundation** used our donation to help pay the medical fees for an operation for Baby Rose (above left) who had teratoma. The **Shanghai Bo Ai Rehabilitation Centre** was able to buy some special sensory toys (above right).



Ghana



Our donation to **Sankofa Mbofra Fie** went towards teachers' salaries and food for the children at the orphanage.

South Africa



Rita Benjamin (pictured), the founder of **Seawind Educare** bought new resources to open a second crèche from CHW's donation.



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Romania



Children from **Casa Mea** singing at a Pie Festival! CHW's donation sponsored a carer at the Home. Thank you to Ottilia Saxl, and everyone else, who made this possible.



Thanks to Sarah McGee for giving CHW baby clothes for our projects in Romania. Baby Delia, pictured with her sister, received some of the clothes.



The carpentry workshop project for **FAST** has been making great progress! Many thanks to Steve Parkinson and Ottilia Saxl for their very generous donations, and to everyone who contributed or fundraised to make this possible. All the photos of the progress are in this album:

https://picasaweb.google.com/107880882723298292188/FASTCarpentryWorkshopProjectRomania?authkey=Gv1sRgCMG9_I2W7_vj8gE



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