



Dear <<First Name>>

Thank you for your ongoing interest in, and support for the Australian Foundation for Fostering Learning in the Philippines. Many members have already taken out scholarship sponsorships for next year and for that we are most grateful. If other members would like to continue their support for AFFLIP they can do so by making a donation to AFFLIP or choose a one, two, or three-year scholarship. A reminder also to existing sponsors who have not yet renewed their sponsorships, they are now due for the 2020-21 school year. AFFLIP is a 'Deductible Gift Recipient' charitable organisation. All donations are fully tax deductible, and all donations over \$2 will be issued with a tax deduction receipt.

You can respond via return email to roger.saunders@afflip.com or go to the [AFFLIP website](#).

\$100 scholarships are provided to at-risk students in grades 4, 5 and 6. The funds provide basic school supplies and the opportunity to engage in leadership programs while keeping students at school.

In this edition of the newsletter we take a moment to focus on AFFLIP's Scholarships Program and asked some of our members to reflect on their involvement as sponsors. We reached out to Steve and Helyn Southwood and the Maitland Rotary Club of South Australia, Carol Pearce and the Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens and Janice Inducil, Kandila Company to tell us a little about why they have made a commitment to support at risk students.

MAITLAND ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



AFFLIP Chair receiving a cheque from Steve Southwood

With so many great causes to support, why is Maitland Rotary so supportive of the AFFLIP Scholarships Program?

The Rotary club of Maitland financially supports local, national and international organisations. AFFLIP's benefits for students and the organisation's transparency, reporting, information and updates about the students and programs reassures the club members that the funding commitment is fully utilised for the scholarship programs.

What attracted you / Maitland Rotary to this cause?

Ali Douglas is known to many members, having worked and resided in Maitland. His commitment & record of achievements for service & fundraising projects when a member of the Maitland Apex club and fundraising for the Maitland Golf club has left a legacy that Ali's commitment, enthusiasm & dedication for organisations will achieve exceptional results. When Ali personally presented the AFFLIP organisation portfolio to the Maitland Rotary club, there was no hesitation from members to agree that the club support AFFLIP and especially the scholarship program.

What would you say to someone considering sponsoring an AFFLIP Scholar?

The AFFLIP organisation does deliver results by giving students a positive future in improved education, nutrition and security. AFFLIP provides sponsors a comprehensive report, not only about the sponsored student, but also about the current projects, the financial costs and benefits for the students and schools.

What do you think other people should know about the Scholarships Program?

The AFFLIP organisation which includes student sponsorship has been created by people from South Australia, who have worked in the education system in Australia, and now with the sponsored schools assisting in teacher training. Their goal is to create an organisation that not only financially assists these schools, but also provides direct input and training to achieve an improved education, well being and life style for the children. The sponsorship is an amazing investment in a student's education and is fully appreciated by the respondent. Correspondence from the student and school reports on their process, achievements are appreciated by contributors to the AFFLIP scholarship program.

A Membership gift and or Student scholarship voucher that could be utilised by current members to give to family, friends and organisations that would hopefully encourage the recipient to continue with the membership as well as sponsoring students. The form would need to have all the details of the recipients so that the when the renewal is due it is directed to the “Gift voucher” member.

ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE TORRENS INC.



Scholarships for Girls

ZCAT is a local club affiliated with Zonta International (ZI). ZI began in The United States of America in 1919 with the belief that people can make the world a better place by empowering women and that this can be done by working in a supportive community of like-minded professionals from diverse countries and cultures. Today, ZI is a global organisation of more than 28,000 members in nearly 1,200 Zonta clubs in 63 countries. Zonta stands for women’s rights. Members advocate for equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence, as well as supporting projects for women in aviation and other normally male-dominated focus areas.

ZCAT is an Adelaide-based club of 22 women who advocate for women’s rights and raise funds for a range of charities and support groups, the main projects being:

- Breast cushions for Burnside hospital to support women who have had mastectomies
- Birthing Kits for the Congo, the Philippines and other countries where women need health support during childbirth
- An orphanage in Vietnam
- Baby baskets for Malvern Place, Catherine House and several other charities that support young women
- Sanitary items, toiletries and household items for Malvern Place, a safe house for women 25 years and under who are pregnant or have small children and are homeless
- Days for Girls, that provides washable sanitary items for girls in a range of African countries

Our members also belong to a Service and Advocacy group of Zonta Clubs. The current topic is Women and Poverty. We are also advocating for political support and legislation related to Women and Domestic Violence. So, the scholarship programmes developed by AFFLIP fit into the beliefs, advocacy and service promoted by Zonta. As AFFLIP already has the structures in place to ensure that funding directly supports particular students and there is tangible evidence that the girls receive the benefits, our club is enthusiastic about providing financial support. We know that girls who are well-educated make a positive difference to their own lives, and that of their families and their communities. ZCAT's intentions are to support a minimum of two girls each school year.

KANDILA CO.



Janice Inducil, Kandila Co.

www.kandilacompany.com

Kandila Company creates artisan soy candles and donates 50% of their profits to organisations that provide education to children in developing nations. Every year, they select an organisation registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission to support.

Kandila currently sponsors 21 kids for 3 consecutive years.

With so many great causes to support, why is Kandila so supportive of the AFFLIP Scholarships Program?

I got interested in AFFLIP since they are run mostly by volunteers and are very transparent with how they use the funds to help children in the Philippines. They provide updates via their website, social media and newsletters and up-to-date financial reports which I think are very important especially to someone who wants to be a sponsor.

What attracted you to this cause?

particularly the most vulnerable, by sponsoring children's education. We believe that education is the best weapon to combat poverty. Moreover, it promotes critical thinking and empowers someone to make informed decisions for the country and the planet.

What would you say to someone considering sponsoring an AFFLIP Scholar?

AFFLIP's scholarship program really changes lives. I'm impressed by the amount of work that they put in to ensure that their programs are rolled out in the schools that they support in Davao. They have been hands-on and always kept me posted about the children that we're sponsoring.

What do you think other people should know about the Scholarships Program?

To maximise the impact of your sponsorship, I would recommend sponsoring a child for 2-3 consecutive years. This would ensure that the child has constant support for that entire period.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

Yes! I have recently been interviewed by SBS Radio regarding the impacts of the global pandemic on small businesses. The interview was conducted in Tagalog / Filipino but it would still be amazing if I can share this with your wider audience as I'm pretty sure you have Filipino-Australian followers who can understand the language. Here's a link to the interview:

<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/english/audio/adjusting-to-the-new-normal>



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