



editorial

Pascal Breton
President of ANAK-Tnk

Dear Friends

We often talk about the foundation's family spirit, and indeed that is what best characterizes it. However, there is another spirit which represents its atmosphere, and that is Team Spirit! It continuously drives staff on the field in Manila, as well as the volunteers in France and in the 10 other countries in which we raise funds. Everyone brings their individual skills, but it is the Team Spirit which often offers the greatest success. We can observe it at work daily in each of our centers and in all the varied

professions that the foundation holds.

This

"This united family reaches out to all of you"

solidarity feeds our collective energy which also continues to bring the best out of everyone in the long run. This includes the children, too, who, in their own way, on the streets and in our centers, regularly offer examples of teamwork which inspire us. This united family reaches out to all of you, donors and benefactors, telling us that we can believe that the best is always possible. ●

Saved by love !

Father Matthieu Dauchez
Head of the Foundation in Manila

These few words printed on all the children's t-shirts to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the foundation obviously evokes the summary of past years, but also the challenges of the years to come.

They are both the wonderful realization of the mysterious action at work in the souls of the children – bringing their hearts back to life, hearts which we cannot master, but which continuously amaze us – and the urgent task which we must never ignore, which consists of preparing these hearts for the resurrection. Needless to say that the mission with the children on the streets and in the slums thus goes far beyond the solely material, or even human question.



"If God shall dry our tears in the celestial Jerusalem, as one Dominican father put it, these tears remain inseparable from the joy received in the love of God contemplated in Redemption".

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Tears of suffering, of fighting, but assuredly also tears of joy and peace. All these tears remind us that the most important certainty resides in the love we give. Each smile returning, each heart which starts to beat again are victories which the foundation celebrates in these simple words: **Saved by love !** ●

ANAK-Tnk, an international team

Alexandra Chapeleau
Coordinator for Former Volunteers Network

As you know, ANAK-Tnk is one big family. First, it is a team at work in Manila working closely with the children. Next, we have ANAK-Tnk branches made up of volunteers spread over 5 continents, supporting the work and raising funds. Even though our main branch has been in France since 1998, other branches were created over the past 10 years: in Singapore, Germany and USA to name but a few. And they are active branches! How do we all work from a distance, in different time zones, and with a busy personal and professional life for all? The key is loyalty and the link to what is going on out on the field. These two elements have found their place: a monthly video-conference at 7:00 AM. Not because we are early birds, but because this time enables the greatest number of participants all over the globe. Our meetings begin with an update on the situation in the field in Manila by the local team. Next, we review current projects by country, for the promotion of the foundation and fundraising, thus sharing good practices to continue to improve and move forward together. Locally, the teams also meet regularly. In Paris, we have a team of a dozen volunteers. We try to maintain a monthly evening meeting, either by video, or preferably in person around a meal. Think-tank groups on cross-divisional topics are also being created. Essentially, we need to continue to source our energy from the field regularly: with meetings and, for those who can, with monthly visits to Manila: this is what helps us remain loyal and continue with the momentum of day 1. ●



a mustard seed

Gloria Recio - Deputy Head of Manila for 26 Years

In the slums, the most important thing is to create a relationship of trust with the families. We start with full immersion in the field to go and truly meet the families.

This can only work by interacting with the various actors: our 'Community Worker' Mothers (5 designated ones for each center), our social workers working with the local barangay (district authority) and the area's Public Health Center.

Every Thursday, we carry out a weekly immersion, a door-to-door survey to check on the families, identify the difficulties, talk together. When a child becomes a beneficiary (access to our kindergarten, meals and health), we establish a moral contract with the families. The stake is to make them understand the need for their children's long-term education. **Motivating the parents to have great dreams: it is possible!** Yes, we can bear witness to it, and have for more than 25 years. Our day centers in the slums are places to recharge, get inspired, and find protection for all these families. They are like a mustard seed, so tiny... the fruit of which are huge and do not belong to us. It is our role, however, to care for this seed... ●



Admin in... a Small Beehive

Rosalie Encinas
Secretary in Manila for 2 years,
previously House-Parent for 4 years in a home for street children

I started to work at the foundation as a House-Parent (home employee) in one of our homes for street children, then I was offered a job as secretary as I have professional training in this field. I was deeply touched and honored by this promotion. Nonetheless, it was difficult leaving the home as I was truly happy to take care of the children every day. Today, I am part of the small 'Admin' team. I welcome visitors, employees, partners, answer phone calls, and take care of admin documents. There is a lot going on-, it's like a small beehive, a place for formal and informal encounters, it's the heart of the foundation's movement. Each day brings its own surprises and the atmosphere is lovely. **I am happy to know my work has a direct impact on the children's wellbeing.** I am also personally grateful as I am a single mother, I have been in a precarious situation myself. So this job, which is so meaningful, and which was offered to me, is also a wonderful opportunity, it's providential." ●

On the street

Life stage of a street child and members of the foundation

Vulnerable on the street



Encounter by day to create a first contact



Street Educators

"Big night" encounter by night offer to leave the street



Social Worker
Driver

Heading to the foundation



Growing, Serving, **Blooming**

Charles Cruse
Human Resources Manager in Manila

In our homes, the children are also taught to grow and improve by following the older brother or older sister's education. Similar to the educational model of scouts, the eldest protect and help educate the youngest. Growing, serving, and being responsible. The foundation encourages this interaction in the homes, but also throughout the foundation.

In each home, the children help, each to his own age level: groups of small, junior (medium), and big. Gradually, the children take on responsibilities (supported by educators) for the the home's life, which includes taking care of the youngest and new arrivals. With this system, the foundation's family values are carried out. The sense of service is also instilled in the young ones, to whom we ask to give some of their free time to help the daily life of the foundation. Our young students thus give a helping hand in distributing weekly meals, taking the children to their activities, organizing games.

The foundation also encourages cross-generational encounters, not only by organizing special days for children and elderly at the foundation to mingle, but also by giving some of our disabled youth a mission to help the teams in charge of our elderly residents. These are just a few examples of our family-spirited mutual support, which is part of ANAK-Tnk's DNA and which helps all our youth grow, bloom, and prepare for the outside world where mutual support is not as common. ●

"The children take care of the youngest and the new arrivals."



Street Educator : Team Work

Domer Pajarillo - Street Educator for 18 Years

The TYPICAL WEEK of a Street Educator

4 Days of street visits: 12pm-9pm

A team made up of Street Educators alone

The educators leave in small groups of 2 or 3 all over Metro Manila, divided into districts. They go and meet the street children and the street families. It is fundamental work, and a huge fieldwork mission which helps identify the children in danger who might join our homes.

1 "big night" (night street visits): 3pm to midnight

Versatile Team: 1 Street Educator, 1 Social Worker, 1 Volunteer, 1 Driver and his van.

It is the culmination of the week. The Educator leads the big night. It starts with a short meeting where he lists the places where they have identified children who would like to join the homes (previous days' work). The team then arrives on location; the evaluation, supported by the Social Worker confirms the urgency with local authorities, and we can then officially and legally welcome the child to our homes.

Convincing a child to leave the street is a true challenge. It takes time for an abandoned child to trust an adult again and for them to understand they can have a better life ahead. Our work is that of a whole team; everyone's support is necessary. We always go to meet the officials, social services, and local town halls who know us and support our mission. The coordination of all these disciplines is essential to help the street children. Once a child has joined the foundation, we continue to support the children in the framework of the foundation in partnership with the heads of the centers (center coordinator) who keep us updated. If a child does not return home, the center coordinator contacts us, and we immediately go looking for the child. ●

At the Children's Home (drop-in)

Stage 1 of the Welcoming, a roof, a meal



Bridge class and activities



Care



In a Home

Once stabilized, the child lives in a family spirit and goes to the local school district



- Psychologist ○
- Health Team: Nurse & Caregiver ○
- Coordinator & home employees (House-parent) ○
- Teaching Team: reception class ○ Teaching staff: school support/workshops ○

Communicating or Sharing ? At School with the Children

Élise Cruse

Communications and Partnership Manager

All those who are working for ANAK-Tnk, both near and far, are the spokespeople for the children and their magnificent life lessons. By serving them, we learn a lot from them. This is truly an essential point both in our communication and with our partners who support the foundation. The assistant and the assisted are not always the ones we think they are; we have a lot to learn from the poor. **The poor offer not only the opportunity to serve but also unsuspected testimonies of resilience and hope which carry an echo in our own lives.**

“Saved by Love” is a universal slogan for the beneficiaries of ANAK-Tnk and for each one of us. It is in this spirit that we have made our communication tools evolve and become more unified, and that we support our teams of volunteers. Now in 11 countries, they share the messages of the children and raise essential funds. By visiting Manila in the field, with monthly video conference meetings, and by organizing various events in their own countries, these volunteers show they can move mountains with all their great energy. We are so grateful as not only do we see the fruit born here, but it is also of immense moral support to all of us. We truly feel the family atmosphere of the foundation spread through all the actions carried out throughout the world. The children know it and draw great comfort from it too. They suffered from the greatest indifference on the street, now they are loved by a huge family. ●



More Than a Job, It is a Mission

Ana-Liza Asiquia

Human Resources Assistant in Manila for 12 Years

Today the foundation in Manila employs 220 staff, for whom it is important to create and maintain a strong relationship between all of them, a beautiful atmosphere, and share with them this energy of service and attention to others. It is not just any job, one that pays the bills. It is much more than that, as the children give us the opportunity to serve.

“I have this desire to help the children, not only by feeding them, but for them to become good people”

Before the foundation, I worked in a large international company of food and micro-finance. I made good money but I wasn't happy. I realized I was working for the rich to become richer and at the same time, I could see abandoned street children, everywhere in Manila. I felt this desire to help these children,

not only by feeding them, but wanting them to become good people for the well-being of society. I found all of this when I came to work for ANAK-Tnk.

The aim is of course to help the poorest, but not only that. The vision is to help these children grow so that they may bloom and become loving, caring people, who commit to society. It's the domino effect, and this is how we support the employees of the foundation. We organizing dozens of training periods, 'team building' projects, throughout the year depending on their mission: social workers, educators, hosts... With varied themes such as crisis management, organising educational activities, updating the children's documents, legal information... In the same way, and this is important, the foundation takes care of its employees, with decent salaries which evolve with time and implication, social security... and all this is considerable in The Philippines. ●

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