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### FUNDING 36-2009-10 # INDONESIA "Sponsoring Education for Children"



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### **SPONSOR NEWSLETTER, PROJECT 36-2009-10 # INDONESIA, MARCH, 2014**

Dear Sponsor

After sole-managing this project for a number of years, PP Bill Bonner has elected to retire. We are deeply appreciative and very grateful for his dedicated service and enthusiastic commitment to the administration of Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia. We wish him good health and enduring happiness for many years to come. It will be difficult to replace him.

Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia was initiated fifty years ago by PP Cyril Richarde (deceased), a charter member of the Rotary Club of Southport (1945). He visited Indonesia numerous times to establish contacts and formulate ways to assist impoverished children and orphans lacking basic funding for their education. Cyril Richarde died in July, 2013 aged 100. PDG Alan Still took over from Cyril and ably managed the project for fifteen years before handing the reins to PP Bill Bonner. On Bill's retirement the Rotary Club of Southport has resumed management. To facilitate this transition we are seeking your cooperation and assistance as we endeavour to streamline and upgrade operating systems and communications. We also hope to provide you with more information and allow you to be better connected to the child you sponsor. Importantly, we hope to reduce administrative costs — in particular stationery, postage, printing, banking and receipt issuing processes. To this end we would like in future to:

1. Except where necessary, issue all documents, invoices etc in .pdf format by email
2. Receive all payments by Direct Debit; internet banking; RAWCS online; or PayPal (Note: Payers registered with RAWCS online or PayPal may use credit cards)
3. No longer issue Tax Receipts, unless you specifically request one. (Note: ATO no longer requires you to have a Tax Receipt as long as you can provide evidence of payment.)

Our goal is to implement many of these improvements by the time you receive your next invoice. Please register your email address and mobile phone number (for text messages only) at Rotary Club Southport website: [www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=7970](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=7970) click on "Communication to Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia" and type in your name and details; or by email to: [Lambert Wang <mailservice@clubrunner.ca>](mailto:Lambert.Wang@mailservice.clubrunner.ca) Please provide your name; club; or ID Code. If you haven't already done so, Rotary Clubs with a website or using

Clubrunner should set up a permanent or generic email address for the Secretary of the Club. This will redirect emails to the secretary's personal email address when a changeover occurs. Please notify us if any of your details are incorrect; and whenever there are changes. Ultimately it is our aim to put up our own web page where sponsors will be able to login with a secure password to update contact details and access the profile of their sponsored child.

We intend to introduce more stringent surveillance and auditing processes in Indonesia, using Rotary International and other networks, to ensure that children we sponsor are benefiting from your generosity and support, in compliance with the aims of the project. In particular we wish to establish that children sponsored through this program are bona-fide students, regardless of age, attending a recognised school or further education institution. Of course, one should not expect, nor presume, that donations will be expended exclusively on children who are sponsored, to the detriment of other less-privileged children living in the same home, but rather monies remitted will benefit all children in the family or home. We hope to expand this program into Timor Leste as well as broadening our outreach into further outposts in Indonesia.

Thank you for becoming involved and sponsoring needy children in Indonesia. We sincerely trust that we can rely on your continued generosity and support for this worthwhile project. We will try very hard to sift out errors, correct data and do everything possible to bring about not only improvements in our system but to also more beneficially ease the plight of the children we support. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information, or comments, concerning this project.

Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia is currently assisting 328 children with the support of 222 sponsors. More sponsors are needed. We have received a new batch of application forms for children awaiting sponsorship. There are a number of children currently in the system whose sponsorship, due to age or other reasons, is about to expire. If you are agreeable, we will substitute another, younger child, to replace your matured one. If you know of other people who may wish to sponsor a child please put them in touch with us. Your donations to RAWCS Ltd, Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund (ABN 21 388 376 554), are tax deductible for Australian taxpayers and are "GST Free".

You may care to publish this newsletter in your Club Bulletin. It may be downloaded in .pdf format from Rotary Club of Southport website:

[www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=7970](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=7970)

Again, thank you for your support.

Yours in Rotary

*P Lambert Wang (Manager, Project 36-2009-10 # Indonesia)*

