



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	22	Sept	2019	To	21	Set	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE CORDILLERA CONNECTION

Other names charity is known by

TCC/ British Filipino Foundation (BFF)

Registered charity number (if any)

1152344

Charity's principal address

5 Rosemary Close

South Ockendon

Thurrock

Postcode

RM15 6JJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Marben Orfiano			TCC
2	Jenny Bastatas			TCC
3	Maria Victoria Pecson			TCC
4	Geralyn Luengo			TCC
5	Racquel Eustaquio			TCC
6	Christi Anne Opinion			TCC
7	David Sinfield			TCC
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Foundation/ CIO
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The operational name of The Cordillera Connection in addition to its acronym, TCC, is also British Filipino Foundation (BFF).

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Relief of poverty.

Protection of good health.

Advancement of education.

Preservation and advancement of arts, culture and heritage.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD HEALTH

Health is one of the basic foundations and make-up of an individual. Helping others, particularly the health-deprived and disadvantaged people will help them get onto their feet and be able to thrive. Helping to grow healthy individuals will create and promote a healthy world.

TCC's Concert for Life Series have been a success in helping our hundreds of beneficiaries who need financial assistance for their medical needs. From its launching in 2013, 30 concerts have raised more than Php15,0000,000.00 These monies raised were directly used by beneficiaries and no amount are submitted to TCC. TCC funds all the expenses such as talents, hall rents, ticket productions and others. Beneficiaries sell tickets and use whatever money they raise from selling tickets. Sponsors and TCC chapters and partners around the are the sources of funding for this big project. The current COVID-19 Pandemic that struck the world has unfortunately stopped the project and will hopefully restart when life goes back to normal.



TCC's last concert before COVID-19 Pandemic- Concert for Life 30 Held at the La Trinidad Municipal Gym in 15 December 2019.

TCC's Project Tree: TCC is also concerned with the environment in relation to its aim in maintaining a good health. Volunteers and its partner, Baguio Integrated Junior Police continued to maintain the ecological site in Baguio City that TCC adapted. Volunteers planted about 500 pine trees to the adapted site and is being maintained up to date. The site holds water source for the city.



TCC's Project Tree- Clean Up and maintenance drive in December 2019 and July 2020

Project Takkay- Another Project under TCC's goal in the protection of health is Project Takkay. Volunteer Medical Professionals headed by Dr Ruth Taguiling, conducts medical missions and health educations most specially for women.



Project Takkay- one of the seminars and health education program conducted by our medical professional volunteers Headed by Dr Ruth Taguiling.

RELIEF OF POVERTY ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION

We believe that poverty is one of the reasons of environmental degradation and the developing chaos in the society. Helping alleviate poverty and giving hopes to disadvantaged people thru provision of needed health services, livelihood, education, and community development will help create a prosperous and peaceful society and making the world a better dwelling place for humanity.

Every individual has the right to education. This will give them the opportunity for learning, development, and empowerment. It is our belief that helping out for the provision of education will give a room for people, most especially the economically disadvantaged, to improve and develop their personality, career, and everything that contributes to personal well-being and as community.

ONGOING PROGRAM- We have continued to support our scholars for the school year 2019-2020. COVID-19 Pandemic was not able to deter our desire to support scholars. Individual sponsors and TCC Chapters continued to provide support to our scholars. IN spite of challenges during the pandemic, both scholars and sponsors continued to make their commitments. Support given to the scholars ranges from sponsoring their tuition fees up to providing their school needs for home/ module schooling.

Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), mostly Cordillerans, based in different countries made a remarkable contribution in supporting scholars. Financially deprived students come to TCC to appeal for financial assistance. TCC then makes the appeal to TCC members and supporters who are willing to support these students. Almost in all instances, appealing students always find an OFW or a local member of the community who are generous to support them. TCC and its supporters have already supported almost a hundred students. Most of them have finished their education and are settled in their dreamed career and are supporting their families. TCC continues to support promising students as it strongly believes its members and supporters are always ready to give support to the Youngs who are the hope of the future generations.



Thru the efforts of individual sponsors and donors, TCC helped repair school facilities in day care center in La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines.



Some of the many scholars who were supported by individual sponsors like Cordilleran OFWs working in different countries. Some are also supported by TCC Chapters around the world. TCC Philippines Chairman, Gregorio Taag, facilitates this project and he made successful appeals to sponsors in behalf of scholars, also for other beneficiaries with other concerns.

OPERATION HOPE: This is one of TCC's remarkable projects. TCC also responds to calamities during the calamities. Our sponsors, volunteers, chapters and organisation partners continued giving their commitment and support to our causes however challenging the situation during such situations. During the pandemic, TCC and its volunteers and supporters were able to provide humanitarian works to support communities who are affected.

TCC raised funds for the flood victims in Cagayan Valley and mobilised volunteers to conduct relief operation to the area. The area is about 12 hours drive from La Trinidad, Benguet where our volunteers are based. This was made possible by the effort also of a Cordilleran Medical Doctor, Dr Michelle Ganase Tugade who is based in Cagayan, helping in the identification of affected community and coordination with local officials.



TCC conducted relief operation for the victims of floods in Cagayan Valley.

Here in United Kingdom, the UK Government thru National Lottery awarded £9,000.00 grant to TCC to help members of the Filipino Community. With the grant, TCC COVID-19 Community Support Project was set-up and TCC Trustees and volunteers worked with several Filipino community and church organisations to reach out those who are in need. More than a hundred individuals and families were given support. The support ranged from providing essential goods up to granting financial financial assistance.



Some of the many members of Filipino Communities and organisations who were supported.



Financial assistance and relief goods to Families and COVID-19 survivor (with TCC Trustees and Volunteers).



Families of Frontline workers who were supported by TCC Covid-19 Community Support Project (with TCC Trustees and Volunteers).

ADVANCEMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Each individual always seeks for its belongingness. Helping people to maintain and take pride of their arts, culture, and heritage helps in the achievement of well-being. Collectively, maintaining and preserving arts, culture and heritage contributes to the celebration of world's diversity and giving privilege for future generations to experience and see.

ONGOING PROJECTS: ARTS, MUSICAL and CULTURAL SHOWS

Apart from the Concert for Life Series which also features music talents, TCC, thru its supportive chapters, volunteers, supporters and donors, is also organising events that features arts and cultural diversity. TCC again held the Binnadangan Cultural Festival in October 2019 to feature the Cordilleran Culture and their ways of leaving.





Indigenous Cooking Contest



Cultural Art Contest with some of the participants and winners.



Cultural Dance Contest

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

With TCC's track record and its commitments to its advocacies, the organisation was a nominee of the Search for Outstanding Volunteers of the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency.

Section D

Achievements and performance



Summary of Projects:

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Volunteers and staff are helping each other to raise funds for TCC's projects, they are kind-hearted Cordillerans residing in different locations around the world. Fundraising activities are thru events mentioned above. The proceeds plus voluntary donations are used to fund our projects and provide grants to our beneficiaries. Any funds left are kept as general fund to be utilised for the proceeding year's activities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section F


Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)			
Full name(s)	Marben Orfiano		
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee		
Date	05 January 2021		



Charity Name THE CORDILLERA CONNECTION	No (if any) 1152344
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start 22-Sep-19	To	Period end date 21-Sep-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowmen t funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
22 September- 21 December 2018 (Bank)	278	-	-	278	2,583
22 December 2018- 21 March 2019 (Bank)	819	-	-	819	498
22 March- 21 June 2019 (Bank)	1,533	-	-	1,533	408
22 June- 21 September 2019 (Bank)	9,629	-	-	9,629	1,612
Cash -on-hand		-	-	-	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,259	-	-	12,259	5,601
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,259	-	-	12,259	5,601

A3 Payments					
22 September- 21 December 2018	200	-	-	200	2,610
22 December 2018- 21 March 2019	600	-	-	600	
22 March- 21 June 2019	1,249	-	-	1,249	1,073
22 June- 21 September 2019	3,109	-	-	3,109	1,544
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,158	-	-	5,158	5,227


A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,158	-	-	5,158	5,227
Receipts/(payments)	7,101	-	-	7,101	374
A5 Transfers between	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	7,101	-	-	7,101	374

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				Current value (optional)
	Gangsa Set	General	800	800
	PA Systems & Music Inst	General	2,200	2,200
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Total Value		3,000	3,000

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two
trustees on behalf of all
the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		
	Marben Orfiano	05-Jan-21