



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
From	22	Sept	2022	To	21	Set 2023

### 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
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
None	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

<b>Type of adviser</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

**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).

**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, 32 concerts have raised more than Php16,000,000.00 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.

In this picture is one of TCC beneficiaries who was given a wheelchair by Akay Wheelchair donor group; TCC works with our organisations who for partnerships in providing assistance to the medically ill individuals in the community who can't afford basic necessity. Source: The Cordillera Connection facebook group post dated 18 March 2023.





TCC-Israel beneficiary Jake Cabuhat, 2y/o, and whose mother comes from Paracelis and Barlig Mt. Province, Philippines receives his P30,000.00 for his chemotherapy. Jake is a jolly boy who was diagnosed with leukemia. His mother, Margie Bannawe Cabuhat, was accompanied by her aunt Julita Fiat-ong and an uncle. (Source: Post on our TCC Facebook group 16 November 2022). TCC-Israel are group of Filipino Overseas Workers in Israel who are supportive of our works.

**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-** TCC and its partner Baguio Integrated Junior Police have conducted the 4<sup>th</sup> Clean Up and maintenance drive in June 2022. They cleaned up the area and replaced the trees that did not survive. TCC did not do similar activity in 2023.







(Photo from last year)

## 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.



**TCC CHARITY WORKS CONTINUE DESPITE COVID 2022 – TCC –** Montreal volunteers Clarita M. Tamaken , Grace Marcos and Priscila Arcita sponsored the gift-giving activity to 10 families in Green Valley, Baguio City, Philippines. Each family received a half Cavan of rice and pack of groceries worth P2500.00. TCC-Montreal are group of Filipino Overseas Workers in Montreal, Canada. Source: 4 October 2022.

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.

Meanwhile, while we hav not organised as many fundraising as the previous years some TCC Sponsors abroad (Cordillerans working abroad) continued to support those in need, including our scholars.



**ONGOING PROGRAM-** We have continued to support our scholars for the school year 2022-2023. Individual sponsors and TCC Chapters continued to provide support to our scholars. In spite of challenges after the pandemic and the current market crisis, 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. Some scholars have also graduated this school year.

Our supportive Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), mostly Cordillerans, based in different countries continues to make 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.



*"Thank you so much TCC family, grateful for the opportunity to be one of your scholars. Thank you also for those who extended their help financially which I used for my tuition fees and allowances. Hopefully I can pay my matulungan yu nga padak. God bless TCC!"*-Facebook comment of Ms Crijorie Tamiray, one of TCC's scholars in Philippines who completed her degree in June 2023.

After the pandemic, there has been continuous flow of OFWs and local donors who have been sending their financial support for students who come to seek support for financial aid for their education. TCC is proud to be a medium between generous donors and the students who are having financial difficulties for their educational needs. The funds though do not come thru TCC-UK accounts. They are given thru our TCC Philippines team.

**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.

During this period, TCC was not able to organise relief activities due to lack of funds and fundraising initiatives. Most of our funds are now to pay the COVID-19 loan.

### **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. TCC was not able to organise similar activities the few past years.

## **Section D**

## **Achievements and performance**

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## 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 GDeclaration

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	04 July 2023	



Charity Name <b>THE CORDILLERA CONNECTION</b>	No (if any) <b>1152344</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start <b>22-Sep-22</b>	To	Period end <b>21-Sep-23</b>
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
22 September 20- 21 December 2020 (Bank)	-	-	-	-	278
22 December 2020- 21 March 2021 (Bank)	-	-	-	-	819
22 March- 21 June 2021 (Bank)	-	-	-	-	1,533
22 June- 21 September 2021 (Bank)	-	-	-	-	9,629
Balance Last Year	592	-	-	592	
Cash on hand	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	1,592	-	-	1,592	12,259
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	1,592	-	-	1,592	12,259
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
22 September- 21 December 2020	-	-	-	-	200
22 December 2020- 21 March 2021	-	-	-	-	600
22 March- 21 June 2021	-	-	-	-	1,249
22 June- 21 September 2021	-	-	-	-	3,109
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	5,158
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-	5,158



<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	1,592	-	-	1,592	7,101
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	1,592	-	-	1,592	7,101

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

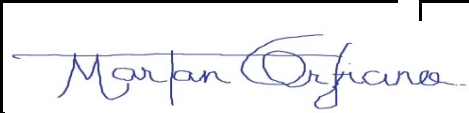
Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Endowm ent funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
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	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowm ent to nearest
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
	Gangsa Set	General	700	800
	PA Systems & Music	General	2,200	2,200
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total Value</b>		2,900	3,000



**B5 Liabilities**

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Marben Orfiano	04-Jul-24