



Bali Children's Project

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Education Rocks

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Working together in an extraordinary partnership, Education Rocks and BCP are giving poor children in many areas of Bali an opportunity for an education and a better chance in life. Partnerships are created with students educating each other about their culture, their families and their dreams, while developing the skills of leadership and empowerment through global contribution and communication.

Children in an Education Rocks program in Florida, led by Geri Grocki and Linda Lake, are working to create opportunities for Balinese children which are facilitated through BCP. This year has begun with 54 children in 5 villages - a very exciting adventure for all of us!

[Watch a video of our children and their Education Rocks sponsors!](#)

International Theater and Literacy Project

www.itip.org



Carlos Fittante teaching an ITLP class

Many thanks to the International Theater and Literacy Project (ITLP) for its workshop in villages around Bangli. The children of two schools were given the opportunity to put on performances for their schools and, in the process, polish their English and enhance their creative skills. With the dedicated work of Marianna Houston (Director) and volunteers Jeanette Horn and Kerry Glamsch, the children learned to write poetry and express their feelings and ideas verbally and with dance. It was a very different experience for them and allowed them to develop fresh language skills in new ways. The students and their teachers enjoyed the experience immensely. The group was also treated to a day-long workshop with Carlos Fittante of BALAM Dance Theatre, NYC - a real privilege which allowed much individual dance instruction from a highly renowned dancer who was performing in Bali.

[Read a letter of appreciation from ITLP](#)

Sponsorships

Since its inception some twenty years ago, the support of individual needy children has been the core program of the Bali Children's Project. We initially sponsored children in just two communities — the Ubud area and the mountain village of Munduk. Since then we have gradually been able to reach out to other communities as the number of our sponsors has grown. Our recent collaboration with Education Rocks has enabled us to double the number of children we support to around one hundred individuals.

We hear all too often reports of well-intentioned attempts by visitors to Bali to provide support for children that end unhappily through greed (and sometimes outright fraud). Over the years BCP has evolved protocols that have proved effective in ensuring that money donated goes only to individual children and schools, and is not misdirected elsewhere. This close supervision of funding month by month is labor-intensive but effective in ensuring that the generosity of our sponsors is not abused or squandered.

We are always delighted when sponsors come to Bali and are excited to meet the children they support, visiting both their schools and their families. It is particularly exciting when sponsors come with their own children, as close friendships and understanding often develop.

[Watch a video produced by sponsor Kathryn's kids](#)

Micro Investments

This year families in Rosalie's community in South Australia donated money for ducks and chickens to be given to impoverished families in the mountains of Bali.

Pencils for Kids

Thank you once again to Loretta Jitner and Pencils for Kids (PFK) for their great generosity towards our children. Backpacks and uniforms for so many children in all our kindergartens and also a primary school brought much joy.

Children's Gamelan

The two gamelan orchestras donated by Hammerax are flourishing. They not only give great pleasure to the children and the audiences they play for, but are important in helping to maintain Bali's rich musical heritage.

[Click here to see Children's Gamelan video.](#)



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Delivering Duckings to Poor Families

BCP Volunteer Program

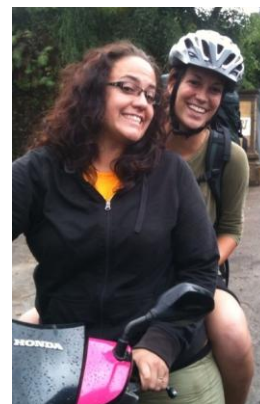
Once again we offer our profound thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Rosalie, Candy, Brice, Yann, Tim, Elizabeth, Marisa, Sam, Kathryn and her family, Francie, Ankadiuz, Anna, Coy, Jon, Megan, Lourine, Diana, Clem, Anne, and Diane – for all their help and generous support. Some came for only a week or two, but nevertheless accomplished a great deal. Others stayed for many months and helped both in the classroom and with teacher training. More gardens were established at kindergartens. ESL classes continued at many levels; in both schools and in after-school programs. Many volunteers brought valuable materials for teaching, and some raised money for the school before they arrived or after their return. Volunteers also taught English, French and German to local guides and organized classes in health care and organic gardening. In addition to the existing pre-schools and kindergartens in Munduk and Wanagiri, this past year BCP has also created new ones in Kayuputih, Gesing and Gobleg thanks to Iluh, Nyoman, Project Help and our volunteers. Special thanks are due to Rosalie from Australia. This was her third year of tireless, inspired teaching and innovative, generous support.

Be sure to read:

[Diana's end of semester report](#) and
[Rosalie's donor report and chicken farm story.](#)



Rosalie Teaching



Volunteers Elizabeth and Anna

Passages

We bid temporary farewell to our wonderful manager Kadek, after seven years of dedicated service to BCP. She is currently in California with her husband, and although we are already missing her greatly, we are grateful for her continued long distance involvement with BCP. Also, we welcome Sang Made Puja, who takes over from Kadek. He also works intensively with the *Education Rocks* program.

BCP continues to expand its activities in the rural mountain communities that lie beyond the financial benefits that come with tourism. Our growing presence here has been helped immeasurably by Iluh and her efficient management of the office in Munduk. She has cheerfully helped a continuing stream of volunteers integrate with schools and villages, often under challenging conditions.

We extend a big thank you to Nyoman Witama, who, although no longer a director, continues on as a treasured advisor. His wise counsel and support is invaluable.



Kadek with a graduating class wearing their backpacks donated by Pencils for Kids.

Joyce, our founding director and several volunteers were able to help Iluh celebrate her marriage in a magnificent three-day ceremony. As a highly original wedding gift, Rosalie, a long-term BCP volunteer, gave Iluh and her husband Gede a chicken farm.

Finally, we would like to thank Melvyn and Jacqueline for their continuing generosity, in particular their commitment to BCP with the ongoing availability of Purna as a BCP House in Ubud. Thanks are also due to Carolyn, a visiting photographer, who contributed pictures of BCP classrooms and children.

And thank you to all of our sponsors and donors, without you Bali Children's Project could not exist!



Joyce with Iluh at her wedding

With best wishes for the holiday season and the coming year.

Linda, Joyce & John

The Bali Children's Project
"Escaping poverty through education"
a tax-exempt non-profit corporation

Your tax-deductible year-end gift will:

- Provide educational sponsorships for village children
- Help establish new kindergartens in rural areas
- Provide traditional music and dance instructors
- Create school gardens and playgrounds
- Support programs for teacher training and ESL
- Contribute to salaries for Balinese staff and teachers

Any and every amount helps

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