

Friends of Three2Six Newsletter





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JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Three2Six would like to wish a blessed and prosperous new year to all its friends and supporters! We thank you all for your incredible and continuous support in 2018 which had an impact on 325 refugee children's lives throughout the year. We look forward to our continued collaboration in 2019!

Three2Six resumes its activities in January 2019 with fewer learners.

A new year started off. Our staff is back at work and the Three2Six children of our three campuses, Holy Family College, Sacred Heart College and Observatory Girls, returned to school (see pictures above). This year, we have sadly only been able to fund 225 children, reducing the number of our learners by 100 children. We however still hope to go back to our previous number of learners later in the year. Bringing education to refugee children is our mission and our passion, and we will continue to work to make this happen.





December Holiday Program – two weeks of educational and recreational activities for the Three2Six children.

From 3 - 14 December, the Holiday Program took place at Sacred Heart College, welcoming about 230 children from the three Three2Six campuses and about 100 enthusiast volunteers (both international and local). Our international volunteers joined us from Brazil, Germany, Italy, the UK and Australia. The first week of activities focused on art. The children were assisted and guided by local artists, volunteers and teachers, in making paintings which will be compiled in an artbook.

During the second week, the children enjoyed different types of activities such as science classes, yoga, robotics, swimming, drama, craft, reading sessions. Our zoo excursion was also very popular among the children as well as our disco that wrapped up our two weeks.



<u>Elaria Rizkalla – an Australian Volunteer from the Australian Catholic University (ACU):</u>

Elaria came all the way from Australia to volunteer for the first time in our holiday program. She summarises her experience with us as meaningful and filled with love. "I am currently reminiscing about the times I showed a child how to write the word "love" and then being given a letter that says, "I love you."

The love that I've been given by these bright, intelligent and loving children is out of this world and I am so so grateful for this experience".

The program was a real success for everyone and will surely remain a great memory for us all!

Misean Cara visits Three2Six:

On the 11th of January, our funder Misean Cara which has been supporting the project for several years visited us at our Sacred Heart College campus. Five representatives of the organization from different geographical regions sat down with us and discussed various topics related to the project, our fundraising activities and migration in general.

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After this discussion, we visited together the Observatory Girls Primary School campus where our visitors were able to join two classes and ask questions to the learners. Before saying goodbye to our visitors, we had an open discussion about the project and the communities benefiting from it and distributed to them our "Talking and Thinking about Refugees" resource.

It was a pleasure to answer their questions and to share with them how passionate we are about our project.



Three2Six Staff Update:

Since our last edition of the newsletter, we've had a lot of goodbyes and hellos!!

We've recently welcomed a new group of both local and international staff. Charlotte from France as our program manager, Eulenda to take up our finances, Bongi has taken the Monitoring and Evaluations internship position and Jimmy the IT internship position.

Sadly, in December we had to say goodbye to our long-term development coordinator Bec Bromhead who returned to Australia. Sofia, our holiday program volunteer, also left the project to return home, in Italy. They will be missed.

We wish them well and hope to see them soon!