

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERS INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES, INC. (ACE IPI)

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR A DECADE MARCH 2006 –JANUARY2016

*“We celebrate what we have become...
We become what we celebrate”*

- ✚ A close to 240 children-in-conflict-with the law (cicl) confined in CRADLE, a facility at Bicutan in NCR (until 2012) and another 200 kids (cicl and abandoned) at the Tahanan ng Kabataan in Cagayan de Oro were served thru regular Values Formation/Spiritual program, Art classes, Medical and Health projects including counselling and various forms of material assistance and other activities that promote their well-being and development.
- ✚ Advocated for the passage of Republic Act 9344, a landmark legislation that raised the minimum age of criminal responsibility of children (youth offenders) from 9 years to 15 years old, further penalizing acts of torture and ill-treatment of these children.
- ✚ Became an Affiliate of NANAY Inc. a highly recognized NGO based in Florida, USA that serves elderly persons.
- ✚ The 4-component-Youth for Youth (Y4Y) Program was fully implemented. This has been the flagship program up to the present. An average of 95 youth and parents remain as active Y4Y members
- ✚ Family Enhancement thru improved parenting skills and spiritual uplift was the main focus during the monthly sessions on Values.
 - ✓ Topics and learning methods are annually reviewed and assessed to respond to current needs and situations involving youth and families.
 - ✓ Cooperation of parents and guardians with their children was also highly stressed.

All these, to a significant extent, created, though gradually, a positive change in the behaviour and attitude of Y4Y members.

- ✚ Access to education in different levels (high school, K12, vocational and college) was provided to some underserved youth from poor communities within 5 mission areas namely Paranaque, Cagayan de Oro, Muntinlupa, Kalookan and Mountain Province.
 - ✓ From 28 youth in 2008, about 73 have eventually been supported every school year. A total of 45 youth were dropped from the program but were also replaced. An average of 17 qualified new ones were accepted each year.
 - ✓ Hence a net total of 107 youth were assisted, of whom, 71 are still enrolled for school year 2015-16 while 39 already graduated from vocational & college. Of these graduates, 24 are already employed. Some have been helping as Christmas program sponsors and Grateful Hearts' members.

- ✚ Special trainings i.e. Basic Computer Education, Art Classes, Academic Tutorials and Folk dancing among others, helped build capabilities and improve the competencies of youth members. These were conducted for 7 years during summer.

- ✚ Fund Sourcing:
 - ✓ Two major fund raising events were conducted: "Handog Mo, Kinabukasan Ko", a raffle project and "An Ace to a Bright Future", a golf tournament. Gross total proceeds for both events amounted to Php 817,000 with costs of product x-deals and giveaways included.
 - ✓ Direct solicitations from individual donors amounted to almost Php 2 million.
 - ✓ Specific Program support in NCR has been received thru partnerships with three (3) non-government organizations namely Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation, Jaycees Manila Inc. and South S.E.E.D.LPDH College. Total cash amount received was about Php 1 million, valuated scholarships worth Php 5 million and in-kind donations of Php 1.3 million. For Cagayan de Oro, there were also three (3) major partners namely, Green Minds, Sacred Heart of Jesus Montessori School and DIREHUSI.

- ✚ Annual Administrative cost has been maintained at an average of 6% of total net expenses.

- ✚ A remarkable boost in the spirit of volunteerism among youth and parent-members and ACE IPI friends has been noted as indicated by the ff:
 - ✓ Sharing actual services during sessions and activities and providing in-kind donations for programs and operations in general.
 - ✓ Active and continuing participation in parish-based activities.
- ✚ Made annual visits to Tahanan ni Maria in Cavite and provided at least 80 abandoned elderly persons with material assistance as well as to different Children’s Center with an average of 45 beneficiaries.
- ✚ Started the preparations for the printing of a commemorative coffee table book “A Decade of Grace” within the 1st semester of 2016.
- ✚ As a way of remembering our 10th year anniversary, special activities and outreach missions were conducted monthly in 2015.

Together, we achieve the extraordinary!

