

ACE INTERNATIONAL(Phils.)INC.
Advocates for Childern and Elderly

Summary Report of Accomplishments for 2006

Introduction:

It all started with a desire... an ardent desire to help uplift the plight of children in prison. A group of concerned professionals headed by Dr. Joy Bruce met and visited two of the most congested jails in Metropolitan Manila- Kalookan and Malabon City Jails, particularly to personally see the situation of the children-in-conflict with the law. Visibly moved by an undeniably inhumane condition, the group finally decided to form a non-stock, non-profit organization called ACE with offices to be established also in Florida, USA and in 2 key areas in the Philippines i.e. in Cagayan de Oro province and within the National Capital Region. The first set of Officers was elected and ACE was registered with SEC.

Activities:

1. Helped facilitate ACE registration with SEC and the DSWD-NCR. Discussed with the assigned DSWD Social Worker on the plans and programs of ACE for the year.
2. The incorporators visited, together with Fr. Yabut, Priest Coordinator on Prison Ministry of the Diocese of Kalookan, the requested site where a proposed Center for Juveniles would be constructed with funding assistance from the Japanese Embassy. This is a joint project of the said diocese and the local government units particularly KalMaNa. The group also visited Molave Youth Home in Quezon City and donated an equipment for a livelihood project. (Note: I assisted also the Diocese in coordinating with concerned Mayors, DSWD head Social Workers and CASPAR, a Japanese agency promoting child welfare.)
3. As requested by Chee Garcia, President, drafted two project proposals, both concerning the funding for the construction-purchase of a lot included-of a Center for CICL with a one-year-Budget for Operational/Programs and Administrative Support. Total estimated cost of proposed projects was P24Million.

4. Distributed to the CRADLE at least 10 water containers, short pants for every juvenile and various medicines worth about P_____ including detergent bars and bath soaps.(with Dr.Chee)
5. Attended a forum on the features of the recently enacted Juvenile Justice Welfare Law and a symposium on its Implementing Rules and Regulations.
6. Facilitated the conduct of a Medical/Dental Mission by the Pasay City Fil-Chinese Charity Health Center at CRADLE. With about 30 doctors, including their volunteers, the mission was able to cater to the needs of juveniles. Served also bread to all the CICL who were treated. Gave Certificates of Appreciation to all the mission doctors and sponsors/officers.
7. Distributed snacks to about 240 cicl with Virgie and 2 other supporter-friends during the two visits to CRADLE.

From 01 to 17 January, 2007:

1. Dialogued, over lunch with CRADLE officers to synchronize ACE plan with that of the BJMP. The Warden, Amy Talento and her staff are very grateful to ACE for our presence and support.
2. Conducted the first in a series of Wednesday sessions on Personhood, with all 48 cicl in Dorms 1 and 2. The session lasted for 2 hours only. The participants were surprisingly attentive and most of them actively joined the discussion and shared their own sentiments. Snacks were also provided.

Note: Please separate Financial Report

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