

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERS  
INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES, INC.  
National Capital Region Chapter**

**SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
*for the Year 2007***

**TARGET MISSION SECTORS and AREAS for the year:**

- A. The **CHILDREN-IN-CONFLICT-WITH-THE-LAW (CICL)** at the CRADLE or Center for Restorative Activities and Development Learning Experiences, with priority on those at Dormitories 1 and 2 that houses a maximum of 45 and minimum of 20.
- B. The **YOUTH for YOUTH members:** A selected number of indigent young persons ages 13 to 18 years, high school level in education and residents in Paranaque City and in Kalookan City.
- C. Others: The indigent and some abandoned children at the Missionaries of Charity Home in Antipolo City

**PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

**A. VALUES/SPIRITUAL FORMATION** with sessions on:

- 1) Personhood- self-awareness, relationship with God, family and society
- 2) Understanding Violence
- 3) Prayer and praying
- 4) Appropriate insights on selected Scriptural passages
- 5) Introduction to the Basic Sacraments
- 6) Mother Mary, the rosary and the youth
- 7) Other values related to character building and behavioral change
- 8) How to Communicate

NOTE: a. All sessions conducted are coupled with open forum, group and/or individual sharing, group dynamics and singing; snacks were always served.

b. Individual counseling services also rendered.

**B. COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT**

- 1) ART Classes- teaching to draw and paint/color
- 2) Skills Training courses
- 3) Basic Computer Education

**C. HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**D. CRISIS INTERVENTION and other Support Services**

**E. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE for Y4Y Members**

**F. COMMUNITY ACTION AND VOLUNTEERISM of Y4Y Members**

**G. ADVOCACY and NETWORKING**

## **KEY STRATEGIES**

- A. Partnership/Linkage- Building and Networking
- B. Integration of Restorative Justice Principles in formation sessions
- C. Response with sense of urgency and prayerful discernment
- D. Strengthening Organizational Capability

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS PER MISSION SECTOR:**

### **I. CRADLE:**

#### **A. Weekly Values/Spiritual Formation:**

- A total of 49 sessions were conducted and 9 Masses were celebrated once-a-month. Mass stipends also given to the priest-presiders. Two more volunteers helped out in giving the talks.
- Reading materials provided include Tagalog New Testaments and religious articles and posters.

#### **B. Competency Development:**

- Weekly ART Classes by Jess Gellada, a professional Artist  
A total of 46 sessions were held. The designs/paintings by 4 cicl-students were selected and which were eventually used as the cover artwork of the ACE-printed Christmas gift cards. Some of their other artwork were framed by ACE and displayed at CRADLE and promoted during special BJMP occasions/
- Building/Home Electricity Training Course conducted for the First Batch of 22 cicl- graduates; Project fund support came from the Jaycees Manila thru the efforts of Mr. Randy Manaloto, former Manila Chapter President.
- A total of 5 functional computer units were turned over to CRADLE for the hands-on training of the cicl; coordinated with DEPED re module integrated to the Alternative Learning School system for the cicl.

#### **C. Health and Sanitation:**

- Regularly provided (without fail) on a monthly basis, the required basic toiletries and cleaning materials; gave sulphur soap, as needed, to help avert the spread of skin diseases.

#### **D. Crisis Intervention:**

- Supported the emergency medicines of 6 cicl; the laboratory cost for 2 more and the maintenance medicines of 2 others with special medical needs, i.e, with liver and mental illness.
- Facilitated home visits of 3 cicl who were due for release and were eventually fetched by their respective parents.

E. Supported Special Projects:

- The Annual Prison Awareness Week Celebration with food, game/ prizes
- The CRADLE-BJMP initiated Sports Tournaments and contests
- Christmas gift-giving and lunch.

F. Other services/support extended:

- All cicl in Dorms 1 and 2 were provided twice in a year's time, with a set of white t-shirt and blue shorts that served as their uniforms.
- 30 plant boxes given for vegetable planting

**Expected Outcome Achieved:**

- 1) ACE efforts are highly appreciated by BJMP as the only NGO in CRADLE that implements a wholistic program, not only spiritual. Also, even as a young organization, it has already earned the respect of concerned government agencies.
- 2) The dorms/cicl whom we served are recognized by the authorities as most behaved in the Center.
- 3) ACE caused the following improvements:
  - Instead of eating on the floor inside their respective dorms, the cicl are now allowed to dine on the tables at the mess hall with the use of proper utensils and wares (not plastics). This gave them some kind of dignity and improved their eating habits.
  - The distribution and use of toiletries and other in-kind donations were closely monitored by ACE. We are allowed access to the BJMP logbook.
  - Insofar as treatment is concerned, there were no reported incidents of any form of physical violence or abuse inflicted on any of the cicl by any person of authority. (We have our way of checking) This is also the result of constant coordination with the designated authorities.
  - Clearly, there is a continuing rapport with the cicl who are able to express themselves without fear and in a very sincere and honest manner shared their life stories, relate their sentiments and needs, including some issues related to their confinement that required action and advice.
  - On a per dorm schedule, the cicl are all allowed to play the basketball or go outside of their dorms 3x a week every afternoon
- 4) Designated DSWD workers trusted ACE and often turned to us for support and advice, because they feel that we can be relied upon as shown by our prompt action/response to referred emergency cases and in facilitating home visits of families.

## **II. THE Y4Y PROGRAM:**

### **A. Lopez, Paranaque City**

- Initially, there were 10 youth members; one is in college, 9 in high school; to date, there are only 9, after one was expelled from a public high school. Each of the original 9 was supported with required uniforms and some school supplies which cost ACE about P16,000; P2,500 per semester for the college member.
- Weekly values education with catechism sessions were regularly provided by the designated parish-based seminarians. ACE meets them together with their parents at least once-a-month; gave a treat last Christmas. Group counseling is usually conducted following the discussion of issues and concerns directly affecting the youth member and his family. A Coordinator is assigned to monitor the concerned families.
- Coordinated with Fr. Legaspino re “Adopt-a-Child” project; provided support initially to one youth beneficiary who will also be a Y4Y member but he will be included in the formation to be given by the Our Lady of Unity Parish.

### **B. Congress, Kalookan City**

(Correction: The actual target youth are residents of Barangay 173 which is not within the territory of Urduja as previously reported)

- Coordinated with the Office of the Chairman and Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay 173; initial groundwork undertaken by designated ACE Coordinator.
- Submitted proposal to DSWD National Office for possible support; we are still working on the required modules.

## **III. Other Services extended:**

- A. Monthly supply of two sacks of rice to the Missionaries of Charity Home
- B. Visited 15 elderly women inmates (ages 68yrs.old and above) at the National Correctional Institution for Women.

## **IV. Partnerships/Tie-ups made with the ff:**

- A. Philippine Jaycees
- B. Our Lady of Unity Parish, UPS 5, Paranaque Ciy
- C. COVENANTS, Inc. ( an NGO in prison ministry)
- D. Barangay 173, Congress, Kalookan City

## **V. Administrative Work undertaken:**

- A. Bayantel wireless line installed.
- B. Website- undergoing revision
- C. BIR and SEC annual reportorial requirements completed and pertinent documents filed. However, filing of Amended Articles and new By-Laws not

yet completed as of end of December due to the problems in suggested name, ACE International.

- D. Provisional receipts printed and sent to ACE-CdO
- E. Coordinated with ACE-CdO re pictures for proposed brochure.
- F. Visited proposed office site.
- G. The total 12 donated computers were made functional.
- H. A volunteer admin worker was designated to help out.

**Note:** Special Fund-raising project: A total of about 6,300 out of 8,000 printed Christmas gift cards were disposed for sale to friends. Expected net profit would be about P20,000.00

**Note: Cash Position statement as of December 31, 2008 has been previously submitted already.**