

**ACE INTERNATIONAL INC. - NCR CHAPTER  
ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT  
16 MAY to 19 SEPTEMBER 2007**

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**I. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES at CRADLE;**

**A. VALUES/SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

1. Continuing formation sessions of the CICL-wards of Dorms 1 and 2 every Wednesday afternoon. An average of 40 CICL participated in every session.  
Note: Snacks of bread and juice are provided in every session. Also, to ensure a lively interaction, some group dynamics are being conducted e.g. with singing, watching a movie; review of lectures with prizes given to those who are able to answer well; sharing of insights/reflections and open forum are highly encouraged.
2. Provided 12 small posters of the Divine Mercy picture that were posted in every Dorm.
3. Invited Ms. Chit Briones, a former active prison volunteer who gave a spiritual talk and distributed bracelet- rosaries and some religious pictures.
4. Msgr. Bobby Olaguer presided the monthly Eucharistic Celebration with the cicl not only those from Dorms 1 and 2 but also from three other Dorms who were unable to attend the BJMP sponsored Sunday Mass. He pledged to do this every last Wednesday of the month.
5. Last August, we started giving simple gift items to all birthday celebrators of every month.

**B. COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT:**

1. Art classes every Friday still continue under Jess Gellada. The cicl are classified according to their level of skill in drawing and coloring.  
NOTE: 21 pieces of their selected artwork were properly framed ,labeled and displayed during the anniversary celebration of BJMP-NCR. (The CRADLE Warden was named the Best BJMP Female Warden in NCR.)

**NOTE:** The daily morning show on Channel 2, *Umagang Kay Ganda* is coordinating with us and expressed desire to cover the art classes at CRADLE.

2. A Basic Computer Education was provided by the BJMP utilizing our two donated computers. However, additional computers are needed.
3. SKILLS TRAINING: for CICL: We submitted a letter-

proposal to Mr. Randy Manaloto, former chairperson of the *Beyond Prison Walls Committee* of the Regional Chapter of the Philippine Jaycees, to support the conduct of a Training on Basic Electricity as proposed by BJMP and which is also part of our Plan for CRADLE. The Jaycees gladly agreed to fund the purchase of all the needed tools and paraphernalia, including monitoring expenses and stipend of the designated Trainer from TESDA..

The first batch will consist of 20 cicl- trainees. In case the trained youth would be released and there is an assurance that they would be able to use this skill to be able to earn a regular income, we would be willing to provide him with the necessary tools. The sessions will start as soon as all materials are purchased and actual schedules finalized.

**C. HEALTH and SANITATION:**

1. Provided Dorms 1 and 2 with supply of soap, detergent and toothpaste for June and July.
2. Provided some medical aid to 5 inmates- regularly to 2 with TB and emotional depression; 3 others for chest x-ray and skin infection.

**D. OTHER SERVICES:**

1. Met with the assigned DSWD Social Worker and 3 CICL who have been released by the Court but have yet to be fetched by their respective immediate family members. A home visit to one of these boys residing in Malabon was by ACE volunteer Boy Marcelo. Two weeks after, said boy was finally fetched by his brother. We also contacted also the parents of 2 CICL who needed to be visited.
2. Provided sets of uniform (shirt and shorts ACE printing) to 18 cicl- players of the Sports Tournament.
3. Donated 4 large drinking water- containers for the 2 dorms.
4. Donated 30 pieces of plant boxes as requested, for vegetable planting.
5. Conferred informally with the cicl re some of their personal needs and problems, e.g. contacting their parents.

**E. COORDINATION EFFORTS:**

Attended two meetings called by the Warden with all volunteer groups primarily to discuss the changes in the schedules of formation sessions and other volunteer activities as a result of the ALS-DEPED daily morning classes of the CICL. The Warden also clarified, in reaction to the article on the internet as posted by PREDA, that CRADLE will not be closed soon and that there

is no 8- year child confined there. Other concerns discussed during these meetings were:

- a. Those CICL who were transferred to another dormitory should still be invited to attend the values formation sessions conducted by the volunteer group assigned to their first dormitory, for purposes of continuity of lessons and also to enable the volunteers to assess possible changes in their behavior.
- b. Group dynamics instead of plain lectures should be used by the volunteers, since most cicl are usually sleepy in the afternoons.
- c. Incentives, usually in the form of food items shall be given to the wards of the most behaved dormitory This is a project of BJMP-CRADLE, on a monthly basis.
- d. After-care interventions, i.e. post release follow-ups should also be a concern of volunteers and NGO's.
- e. BJMP is presently implementing a new policy, i.e. a formal case shall be filed in court against any minor who is found to have initiated trouble among cicl.
- f. Volunteer groups are requested to help support Sports Tournament needs.

**NOTE:** ACE NCR is also preparing for the celebration of the Annual PRISON AWARENESS WEEK/NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK as declared jointly by the Church and government on October 21 to 27, 2007. We have started gathering in-kind donations. Shorts with printed ACE name for all the cicl in our assigned dorms are still being specially made.

## **II. THE YOUTH FOR YOUTH (Y4Y) PROJECT:**

### **A. LOPEZ AREA. PARANAQUE CITY**

1. Formally launched Y4Y at the Our Lady of Unity Parish, Paranaque that benefits 10 youth-members- 9 high school students and 1 first-year college student. These members, their parents and guardians, ACE NCR Officers and Project Coordinators attended the Eucharistic Celebration presided by Fr. Lambert Legaspino, Parish Priest who also lauded the Project.

Initially, Virgie gave a brief orientation and inspirational message. She also prayed the rosary with the youth members together with their parents, and attends the Sunday masses.

The youth members (mostly with their parents) attend the Sunday morning Mass and the Catechism class led by an assigned Seminarian. Their parish participation and school attendance are being monitored by the Project Coordinator.

2. Purchased and distributed to all the 9 students about 80% of the required school supplies; also granted financial support (P2,500 tuition) to the first year college student enrolled in a public university.

However, due to distance and lack of traveling means, most of them are unable to go to school. Hence, we decided to provide those in high school, their round-trip jeepney fare starting the last week of September 2007.

3. Drafted the pro-forma intake/information sheet/form for every Y4Y beneficiary-member for profiling and immediate reference of ACE.

#### **B. TAAL and BOTONG in BATANGAS:**

1. Conferred with the Botong Coordinator, Ms. Mayette Fajardo who initially agreed to have her place as venue for the possible conduct of the computer education of the selected beneficiaries. Unfortunately, we could no longer reach her after that first meeting.
2. A soft launching of the Program was held at National Taal High School where about 45 students (who are scholars of NGO's) were oriented.

**NOTE:** However for health reasons, the implementation of the Y4Y Project in Batangas is temporarily suspended. In the meantime, preparations are underway in starting the Program at Urduja area in Caloocan City. The target youth members, about 12, are residents of one specific Barangay only. At the time of this writing, Tess G. is scheduled to meet with an Assistant Director of the DSWD for possible partnership.

#### **III. Other Assistance Extended:**

1. Provides monthly support of two sacks of rice to the Missionaries of Charity in Antipolo for the children and elders.
2. Gave financial assistance to Ailyn Roslin, an indigent young unwed mother of an 8-month-old baby who is presently sheltered at Hospicio de San Jose. ACE paid the tuition for her one-month-call center- training under the auspices of the Q.C. government. She can eventually be employed and earn a living to enable her to support her child. She was referred to us by her sister, Sr. Charisse, a religious of the Servants of the Holy Eucharist which is still a small pious union.

#### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:**

- A. Coordinated with Cecille Hontiveros on the delivery of computer units. (Please see In-Kind Donations Received); sent an official acknowledgement of her donations. All CPU's were checked by two

technicians (one of them is the son of Tess Gomez) and found out that 9 out of the 10 have hard drives, the remaining one has no power supply as well.

- B.** Paid all required dues in Quezon City Hall; secured all required documents from SEC; submitted General Information Sheet for 2007 and the Financial Report of 2006. Other major documents that require the original signatures of all concerned ACE Board Members shall be personally hand carried by Virgie Bruce on her trip to U.S. She is scheduled to leave on October 4.
- C.** We are still looking for a small office space to serve as “bodega” also and skills training area for Y4Y members..
- D.** We had two more ACE tarpoulin-banners with vision-mission-logo and programs on them.

#### **IN-KIND DONATIONS RECEIVED:**

1. Cecille Hontiveros- 10 computer units, 27 pcs. of used clothes, 8 board markers, 7 toys and 2 ballpens.
2. Randy Manaloto- 13 pieces of backpacks/traveling bags and one t-shirt
3. Glo Andres- 27 pcs. of toiletries and some candies for prizes, including gifts for Bday celebrants at Cradle.
4. Tess Gomez- 3 Bday gifts-a t-shirt and 2 shorts.
5. Virgie Bruce- meals during meetings

#### **PROPOSED SMALL FUND-RAISING PROJECT:**

Sale of Christmas and all-occasion cards with the CICL’s ORIGINAL ARTWORK as design. The back of the card will have a promotion label of ACE. Proceeds of sale will go to a Children’s Trust Fund, a part to ACE as revolving fund to defray the expenses for the continuing ART Classes; possibly an incentive fund to those whose artworks have been selected.

**V. SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT as of 15 September 2007:**

Cash on Hand, 16 May 2007(per last report)	Php	38,837.70	
Add: Contributions/Donations Received/Deposited:			
June: Dr. Joy Bruce	Php	33,660.90	
Dr.Chee Garcia turnover		67,575.00	
Deposit at PSBank*		10,502.00	
Cathy Bertulfo		10,000.00	
c/o Trining Wong		2,500.00	
July: Dr. Joy Bruce		22,504.65	
Aug: Dr. Joy Bruce		<u>22,183.25</u>	<u>168,925.80</u>
Sub-totals			207,763.50
Less: Expenses/Disbursements:			
A. CRADLE:			
17 May to 30 June		23,051.29	
July		13,625.00	
August		8,693.75	
01 to 15 September		<u>9,428.25</u>	( 54,798.29)
B. Y4Y Program			
June		12,363.35	
July		-----	
August		5,000.00	
01 to 15 September		<u>-----</u>	(17,363.35)
C. Administrative			
17 May to 30 June		4,875.69	
July		-----	
August		1,820.00	
01 to 15 September		<u>-----</u>	( 6,695.69 )
D. Missionary Sisters of Charities			
17 May to 30 June		5,600.00	
July		2,800.00	
August		<u>2,800.00</u>	( 11,200.00 )
E. Others: :			
June: Funeral aid to Artist Jess		1,000.00	
August Ailyn Roslyn (educ.aid)		<u>3,300.00</u>	( 4,300.00 )
Sub-Total, Cash Balance			113,406.17
Add: Interest Income			<u>32.10</u>
<b>NET TOTAL CASH BALANCE, 19 September 2007</b>	<b>Php</b>		<b>113,438.27</b>

\* ACE-NCR account now maintained at Security Bank, Sucat Branch

Notes:

Payables: August and September toiletries for cicl	Php	3,200.00
Budget for keyboards, etc.to make CPU's functional		10,000.00

**ACE INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES, INC.**  
***THE Y4Y PROGRAM***  
**( Youth for Youth )**

**1. INTRODUCTION:**

Republic Act No. 8044 declares that “YOUTH” is the critical period in a person’s growth and development from the onset of adolescence to the peak of mature, self-reliant and responsible adulthood comprising the considerable sector of the population from age fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years.” With this definition, the estimated youth population based on 2004 figures is about 23.4 million and generally concentrated within or near metropolitan areas.

Generally, our young Filipinos feel that, regardless of their gender and type of residence, they should be able to do something about the issues, concerns and government decisions that directly affect their lives. Some of these primary issues are health and education and peace and order. What most of our youth lack are access to basic services and involvement and influence in community affairs concerning these issues.

As citizens of the Philippines and more so as Christians, our young persons have also roles and responsibilities to fulfill in order to contribute to national development starting from their own respective families and communities. And no matter how humble and seemingly small their participation would be, our youth can well serve as important agents of change.

**2. RATIONALE and IMPORTANCE of Y4Y:**

The 2005 to 2010 Medium Term Youth Development Plan presents a psycho-social definition of “youth”- as young persons who in their adolescent phase already have “an integrated image of themselves as unique persons” trying to construct their personal identities, and who in their early adulthood phase are starting to ready themselves into “forming close and lasting relationships and into developing career commitments”. It is in this stage of their lives when they feel that peer groups are becoming increasingly important.

And it is also during this stage that ACE International Phils. believes that as a “youth serving organization”, it can create opportunities for empowering these young persons residing in poor communities into becoming more enlightened, confident and physically, mentally and spiritually healthy. But the task does not end there. These young persons should be ready to share their abilities and creativity for the good of other young persons as well. Therefore, they too are in effect, stakeholders in the development of their own sector.

With the increasing number of youth who could have the potentials but are unable to continue with their schooling, deprived of any form of

training, vulnerable to committing crimes, to drug abuse, to pre marital sex and to violence, school conflicts, feeling restless, discouraged and hardly, if at all interested in attending socio-spiritual activities, there is indeed a need for government, church and private sectors to collectively intensify their efforts towards providing more access to information and promoting youth involvement in character building and community development activities.

With appropriate orientation and organized formation, these young persons could be intellectually and emotionally equipped and prepared to make small decisions and participate, in their own humble ways, in specific community concerns like helping the youth express themselves in avenues available to them and preventing them to commit any form of violence.

### **3. PROGRAM CONCEPT and OBJECTIVES:**

Y4Y is a gathering of groups of young persons from poor communities/Barangays. They are either in-school-youth who are in the high school level or out-of-school youth but are unable to continue their high school education.

Trained Y4Y members act as Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Kuya/Ate) and who, by their actions, words and behavior are setting good examples within their families, school and neighborhood and serving in many ways, as community volunteers-as youth helping the youth and even children. Within the big group, there shall be core teams, each composed of at least 4 to 10 members only who would have become trained peer counselors or mediators (as in *Kabataang Tagapamayapa*) and youth advocates of non-violence and crime prevention.

Y4Y Program could also serve as a springboard from where the members may eventually find themselves fully integrated in society and actively participating in projects and programs of their Barangays and even Parishes.

More specifically therefore, ACE International will conduct activities and sessions for Y4Y members that would:

- a. Help them understand better their personhood- their relation to self, family, society, God and the environment.
- b. Help them gain positive attitude and behavior and through a healthy self-image, develop their self-confidence.
- c. Inculcate love of country and community
- d. Cultivate the culture of life.
- e. Promote and recognize the importance of social and civic responsibility and the spirit of youth volunteerism.
- f. Facilitate an understanding of the principles and values of restorative justice
- g. Further train the selected core group on critical thinking, skills on counseling and facilitating meetings and dialogues between and among the youth.



Y4Y also helps provide its members access to education and information through supplementary financial support, basic computer education and referral for college scholarship..

ACE International meanwhile also believes that a key strategy to success of Y4Y is anchored on the full cooperation not only of its members but of their families as well. Hence, their parents and/or guardians shall also participate in some of the sessions.

#### **4. FOUR Y4Y PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

- A. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE in the form of financial support for basic school materials i.e., notebooks and books. Note: For out-of-school youth in Barrio Butong, Taal, Batangas, ACE would like to initially provide free Basic Computer Education Course and other related short vocational courses.
- B. VALUES FORMATION through lectures, sharings and dynamics on psycho-spiritual development and self-discipline. Personhood and Parenthood are two of the primary areas of discussion.
- C. CAPABILITY-BUILDING- by developing their skills and abilities in counseling, active non-violence techniques and conflict resolution, healing and reconciliation
- D. COMMUNITY ACTION and VOLUNTEERISM –encouraging and coaching the youth members into engaging/involving themselves in various community volunteer activities especially those tasks that directly benefit children and youth.

#### **5. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

- A. Target Identification- Based on an agreed set of criteria, ACE International will select and form the group of young Y4Y members. Note: Initially, ACE will conduct program in 2 areas in Taal Batangas: Taal proper and Bo. Butong. The other is Butong in Lopez, Sucat, Paranaque City.
- B. Interview and Initial Assessment –in terms of the members’ willingness and enthusiasm to learn and get involved as well as overall capability to complete the program. Corresponding members’ information sheet and other pertinent forms/files shall be filled out and kept for reference and evaluation.

There will be Y4Y Coordinators per area who will facilitate the process. They shall be supervised by an ACE Officer.

- C. Family Participation- The respective families of the members shall also be informed of the Program and will be encouraged to cooperate.

They too will be provided with a few sessions on values and parenthood.

- D. Scheduling, Actual Conduct and Documentation. The sessions to be given will be based on agreed Modules and methodology, number of hours and days- 3x a month and at least 3 hours per session.
- E. Program Monitoring and Evaluation- Monthly meetings shall be held among the coordinators and trainers to determine if there is a need to improve or change methodology. A semi annual evaluation shall be made based on written and verbal feedback from members, trainers and team coordinators. Family visits shall also be conducted. An impact evaluation will be made every after 2 years based on agreed indicators.

## 6. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS:

NOTE: The Educational Assistance Budget is NOT included in totals.

A. FOOD Expenses, include those of the participants, trainers and coordinating staff in two areas, at least 2x for Batangas and 3x for Paranaque City.	
➤ 80 persons for Batangas/20 for Paranaque P20 snacks and P50 lunch	Php133,400.00
B. TRANSPORTATION for trainers and 3 staff:	
➤ From Manila to Batangas and back for 12 mos.	50,000.00
C. HONORARIA for Trainers at P500/session	36,000.00
D. OFFICE SUPPLIES/TRAINING MATERIALS	30,000.00
Note: This does not include provision of at least 10 sets of Computer units	
E. REPRESENTATION – during planning sessions and meetings with coordinators, trainers and volunteers and partners	<u>12,000.00</u>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>Php 261,400.00</b>

## 7. CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

- A. Since Y4Y Program benefits the young constituents of provinces and cities, agreements with the Local government units for joint sponsorships could be forged. Hence provisions for good venues as well as snacks or lunch could possibly be shouldered by Local Executives or the Sangguniang Kabataan with endorsement from the

DSWD which took interest in the Program. The National Youth Commission shall also be tapped as a Y4Y Partner.

- B. A Y4Y PARTNERS group shall be organized with members coming from former youth scholars who have become friends with most ACE Intl. officers and members. Through their regular pledges, most of the expenses could be covered. Those who would eventually graduate from the Y4Y Program will be encouraged to join the group and support other indigent youth from their community.
- C. ACE-NCR is optimistic that with the viability of Y4Y, we could invite sponsors and secure pledges from individuals, groups and even organizations with social involvement funds.