

## ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERS INTERNATIONAL – PHILIPPINES (ACEIPI)

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### JANUARY – DECEMBER 2007

##### ACEIPI – NCR (National Central Region)

1. Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) at Center for Restorative Activities and Development Learning Experiences (CRADLE), with priority on Dorms 1 & 2 that house 20-45 CICL (Children in Conflict with Law)
  - Provided 49 Weekly Values/Spiritual Formation sessions and celebrated 9 monthly Masses on site Competency Development - weekly art classes/ design/paintings
  - Health and Sanitation - monthly supply of toiletries and cleaning materials; sulphur soap (Kati-alis) to help avert spread of skin disease; emergency medicines for 6 CICL, laboratory cost for 2 CICL and maintenance medicines of 2 CICL with liver and mental illness
  - Crisis Intervention - Parental counseling given by volunteers; one CICL was later given a job, and finally accepted by parent.
  - Facilitated home visits of 3 CICL who were due for release and who were eventually fetched by their respective parents;
  - All CICL in Dorms 1 and 2 were provided twice during the year with set of white-t-shirt and blue shorts that served as their uniforms
  - 30 plant boxes given for vegetable planting
  - Through ACE-NCR advocacy, CICL are now allowed to dine on tables at mess hall with proper utensils and wares (not plastics) instead of eating on the floor inside their respective dorms
  - BJMP staff now required to take seminar on proper treatment of children – no more reported incidents of physical violence or abuse inflicted on CICL by any person of authority as a result of constant coordination with designated authorities, and CICL are all allowed to play basketball and have outdoor activities 3 x a week
  - First batch of 29 CICL enrolled and 22 graduated from Building/Home Electricity Training Course (supported by Jaycees Manila)
  - Out of 12 computers received from CNET-Networks (through LBC Foundation), 5 were turned over to CRADLE for hands-on training of CICL (coordinated with DEPED and integrated to the Alternative Learning School system); 7 were used for Y4Y hands-on training
2. 10 Youth for Youth (Y4Y) Program:
  - In Lopezville, Paranaque City, ACE-NCR went to the squatters area, and supported 10 indigent youth members (1 college, 9 high school) with required uniforms and school supplies
  - Weekly values education with catechism sessions provided by designated parish-based seminarians (in partnership with ACE-NCR), Parent sessions held at least once a month; group counseling on issues and concerns directly affecting youth member and family

- Y4Y Program in Congress Caloocan City was coordinated with Office of the Chairman and Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay 173 ; Symposium held with 50 children, with Commissioner of Youth Commission as guest speaker
3. Indigent or abandoned children at the Missionaries of Charity Home in Antipolo City - Provided monthly supply of 2 sacks of rice, coupled with visitation of children
  4. Visited 15 elderly women inmates (68 years and older) at the National Correctional Institution for Women
  5. Financed Call Center training for unwed single mother, who is now employed

#### **ACEIPI -CAGAYAN DE ORO (CDO)**

Targeted CICL housed in “Tahanan ng Kabataan and malnourished children in 10 barangays (100 per barangay)

- Values/Personal Hygiene: Provided soaps and conducted sessions to the children once a week to talk about personal hygiene
- Invited pastors through Kiwanis International to give talk to children in Tahanan; distributed reading materials about the goodness of God
- Physical Fitness and Wellness:
  - Conducted Sportsfest (2 days) for children in Tahanan ng Kabataan; Donated sports equipment (basketball, ringsm volleyball, chess, bingo, Chinese Checker, etc
  - Served food mixed with Vitameal Rice as part of Feeding Program (in partnership with Kiwanis) to CICL
  - 100 children and 50 lactating mothers/barangay for 10 Barangays in Cagayan de Oro were fed with Vitameal 2 times a week
  - Literacy Program : Supported Accreditation and Equivalency Program for out of school youth (27 students) in partnership with Dept of Education for Accreditation and Equivalency
  - Supported E-skwela, a computerized learning program, in partnership with Commission on Information and Communication Technology, Rotary Club, Oro Chamber of Commerce. Some of the students were former CICL’s who are now reformed
  - Plans for Bio-intensive Garden Project initiated by Rey Lomardam, SHJMS Agriculture teacher tor CICL to plant and raise vegetables that they can eat (in cooperation with GREEN MINDS)

### **JAN – DECEMBER 2008**

#### **ACE-NCR (National Central Region)**

##### **A1. CICL Program:**

- CICL confined at Center for Restorative Activities and Development Learning Experience (CRADLE) has decreased from 120 in 2007 to 38 by the end of 2008
- Conducted values formation on 48 Wednesdays, focused on principles of Restorative justice and active non-violence
- Monthly masses on 2nd Fridays from June to December
- Art/Painting Clases- 11 CICL did hand-painted artwork designs for about 1,800 Christmas cards and 100 money envelopes; P10,500 given to the kids as part of the earnings to share with their families
- 22 completed Basic Building Electricity training

- Average of 25 minors received supply of bath soaps and detergents on a regular monthly basis
- Distributed gifts (P300 per set of toiletries, towel, busicuites, slippers etc) during Prison Awareness Week, in partnership with Junior Jaycess of Manila
- Sports tournaments twice a year
- Individual counseling to about 10 CICL
- Home visits to 3 CICL families and 2 released CICL
- Emergency medicines to 12 CICL
- NOT ACHIEVED: Basic computer literacy for CICL not completed due to unavailability of licensed Computer teach and lack of interest. As a result, ACE pulled out all computers assigned to CRADLE, to be used instead for the Youth 4 Youth Program
- OVERALL OUTCOME: Positive change in behavioral patterns and attitude of CICL; ACE-NCR nominated as one of the Outstanding NGO's

#### **A-2. YOUTH 4 YOUTH Program:**

- 19 public high school youth provided with required school supplies; 15 with daily traveling fares, 2 in public college provided with tuition-free support
- 10 Values formation sessions in Paranaques, 8 sessions in Kaloocan, and a minisymposium with Barangay 173 Sanguniang Kabataan
- Monthly sessions on basics of Personhood (14 per session in Paranaque, 10 in Kaloocan), conducted with parents 5 times during the year
- Advent Recollection with 36 youth and 19 parents (from Paranaque) – partially funded by NJMP
- 24 youth graduated from Basic Computer Education
- Art Workshop/Classes for 12 youth (Kaloocan) and 11 youth (Paranaque)
- Livelihood project for 11 mothers (training on production, repacking, marketing of detergent powder, dishwashing liquid etc)
- 4 youth tutored each other in Science and Math (with supervision by assigned Area Coordinator)
- Visited homes/families of members to follow up on child's progress
- Individual counseling to problematic members and financial assistance on special cases
- OVERALL OUTCOME: Improved attitude among participants

#### **A-3. ADVOCACY and NETWORKING**

- Free medical consultations and basic medicine to Y4Y families through Filipino-Chinese Community Clinic in Pasay City
- Partnership with Philippine Jaycees (Manila Chapter) since 2007 through their Abot-Pagasa Project for CRADLE Activities
- Partnership with COVENANTS for supplementary program-support in CRADLE
- Membership in PRAISED, PAYO; Partnership with Episcopal Commission on Prison Pastoral Care, Asso of Parish Secretaries, Our Lady of Unity Parish, Sikap-Buhay Livelihood Task Force, Bases Management Holdings, PHINMA Foundation, DSWD for interfaith service provisions
- Monthly support of one sack of rice or money equivalent to the Missionaries of Charity Sisters in Antipolo
- Emergency medical needs of two family members of volunteers

#### **ACE-CDO PROGRAM (CAGAYAN DE ORO)**

The limited number and volunteers has crippled CDO Chapter's accomplishments for 2008. In Feb 2008, the Literacy Program with Tahanan ng Kabataan was put into an indefinite halt. The following programs were accomplished in 2008:

- Milk Feeding Program and Endowment of School supplies to 342 Grade School studies of Kiabo Elementary School (in cooperation with Green Minds Inc., Nestle Phils, Sacred Heart of Jesus Montessorry School)
- Co-hosted dinner with Balay Canpssa Foundation to house abandoned and neglected children and elders, ages ranging from 3 – 55, who need special care
- Assorted school supplies given to 9 indigent children with special needs through “Adopt-a-Child” project held in Dec 2008 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Montessorry School
- Milk Feeding Program and Endowment of School Supplies given to 140 children aged 3 – 6 years in four different venues Malitbog, Bukidnon, at least 7 kilometers apart
- Christmas gift-giving at Tahanan ng Kabataan (with 57 children aged 9-18, 13 elderly and mentally ill aged 16-78)
- Weeding and cultivating Cassava garden during the 2nd day of milk feeding
- Biointensive Garden project not implemented; funds released instead for the feeding program in coordination with Green Mind

### **JANUARY – DECEMBER 2009**

#### **ACEIPI - NCR (National Central Region)**

- A total of 168 cicl served during the year.
- Y4Y Program remains the crime prevention program of ACE IPI as it tries to improve the quality of lives of indigent youth in Paranaque and Kalookan
- A total of 68 indigent youth benefited from the educational assistance with one college student graduating already in March, 2010
- Through the 26 certificates provided by DATAMEX, 5 youth members were able to avail of the vocational training at a highly discounted tuition of P4,000 per semester, facilitating their eventual employment
- The Annual Advent Recollection and Christmas Fellowship includes also the participation of the youth members from Kalookan City, not just Paranaque City.

#### **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT and the Y4Y PROGRAM**

Following the wholistic approach of addressing the concerns of the human person, i.e. his body, mind and spirit, ACE IPI continued, through its 4- Component- Youth for Youth Program to “invest” its resources in undertakings that would ensure the physical, spiritual-moral, intellectual, social and even the economic development of selected underserved youth and their families in target areas namely, Lopez, Lovewin, Napoleon and Riverville in Paranaque City and Magdalena/Hillcrest area in Kalookan City. Each of these areas has a Coordinator who assisted us in monitoring school attendance and the overall situation of the youth beneficiaries and their families.

For the Educational Assistance-component, a total of 28 qualified youth members received about P1,000/each worth of required school supplies while 24 of them were supported with their daily transport fare and about P350.00 each worth of P.E. uniform. A total of 5 college students received each a P5,000 annual support and another 5 availed the DATAMEX vocational course-certificates. These youth members were also given access to the internet facilities of ACE office for their research assignments. About 7 of the youth members and their parents were engaged in dialogue/counseling sessions in an effort to resolve either family issues or academic concerns. We always stressed to the beneficiaries that education is the best weapon against poverty.

For this component, we were able to get about P100,000-total support from various individuals and the Manila Jaycees.

Under the Competency Development component, ACE IPI conducted the Annual Summer Computer Training Workshop that produced 16 graduates for Basic and another 16 for Advance. A 10-session- English Proficiency program was also conducted by a volunteer English Instructor, Rina Lim. However, of the 35 attendees, only 19 completed the sessions. A painting class facilitated by Mr. Gellada also was opened and 16 youth were able to finish the 16 sessions. All these considerably contributed to building the capabilities of these young minds. A simple “Araw ng Pasasalamat” was henceforth held in recognition of those who completed the trainings with special gifts to those who excelled.

During the first quarter of the year, ACE IPI President Virgie Bruce herself handled separately the meetings-cum- formation with about 26 youth and their parents in Paranaque. But by the second half of the year, ACE IPI significantly adopted a key strategy – targeting the parents of our Y4Y members through the conduct of a Family Enrichment Program as the core module of our Values Formation Y4Y Component. This series of input-discussions and interaction initially offered a good opportunity for both single and couple-parent-participants to rekindle intimacy in their relationships with their spouses, the positive effects of which, such as love for God and each other, respect and open communication would eventually be experienced by their own children. These children could inevitably learn to develop these same virtues and values in dealing not only with their siblings and parents but also with their peers, co-students, persons in authority and the community at large. The Program was started in June and once-a-month thereof on weekends and jointly attended by an average of 28 parents and 25 youth. We are fortunate to have as resource persons two trained pastoral formators- Mr. & Mrs. Rey and Mel Sangalang who gave their free volunteer services. Meanwhile, Tess Gomez facilitated all the 11 sessions for the youth and parents in Kalookan.

Aside from these sessions, about 7 to 10 Y4Y members and their parents, from the Lopez area, Paranaque actively participated in worship and devotional activities in the parish. Every December, ACE IPI facilitates an Annual Recollection with Christmas Fellowship for all the regular Y4Y youth members and their families. For 2009, a total of 95 people attended this much-awaited whole day gathering with the theme “ Pasko: Salo-Salo sa Pamilya”. A Holy Mass was also celebrated by Fr. Legaspino. A total of 23 youth, 14 individual parents and 4 couples were given certificates of recognition and simple gift-tokens for their perfect attendance. Gift packages worth P550.00 each were distributed to the 43 regular Y4Y member-families. As a way of acknowledging their services and supplementary support, we gave annual gratuity tokens to all 31 of our regular volunteers, resource persons and donors.

Noticeably, the regular youth participants of formation activities from the two cities have become more open in sharing their appreciation of each other; apparently more ready to forgive those who have hurt them and no longer shy to speak in small and big groups. We have also started delegating some tasks to certain Y4Y members identified to have the time and talent including the potentials of being leaders in their own way. Some of them assisted in simple documentation of activities while others took the initiative of leading and directing younger children during special parish activities. Some mothers also helped out. At the height of Typhoon Ondoy, three of our youth members personally tried to save lives and properties. These are all part of the Community Action/Volunteerism component of Y4Y.

- The bio-intensive garden yields various vegetables and corn;
  - Through the daily activities, the children somehow improved on their behavior and actuations, i.e. they now started to call each other by their first names- a manifestation of respect.
- c. The Family Day celebration is one of the most memorable and important activities of CdO. The TNK hopes to conduct this every year or as often as it can.

## **JANUARY – DECEMBER 2010**

### **ACE-NCR (National Central Region)**

- A 30% increase in educational program sponsorships
- A 22% increase in the value of in-kind donations
- A 7% increase in the number of youth beneficiaries.
- A fund-raising campaign for 2011 “Handog Mo, Kinabukasan Ko” was launched.
- All regular programs and services, (except the dance competition) including special occasion-activities were provided for CRADLE’s children in conflict with the law(CICL) that averaged 60 per month; however, disposition of cases is rather slow since there is only one designated government Social Worker handling all the CICLI cases.
- Y4Y Program is also a crime prevention measure and Educational Assistance remains its flagship component. To date, 59 youth from Paranaque and Kalookan are being assisted.
- The Values Formation sessions were no longer conducted separately for parents and children but jointly- this being more effective.
- Instead of just one, 3 Centers for abandoned children and elders were visited and extended assistance by ACE IPI; notably, washing machines and electric fans aside from other basic essentials were donated to Tahanan ni Maria.
  - A total of 40 weekly values formation sessions were conducted: 32 sessions specifically with the Personhood- Christian Life modules, 7 with Catechetical lessons and one (1) Recollection. Tess Gomez, Glo Andres and Bro. Bobby Choy served as Facilitator-lecturers. Snacks were regularly provided.
  - A total of 34 ART classes were conducted by Teacher Jess Gellada. The lessons included basic and advance painting, on acrylic and on canvass. All the required materials used by cicl were provided by ACEIPI. Snacks were regularly provided.
  - A total of 13 Holy Masses were celebrated by regular priest-volunteer Fr. Simplicio Roxas and ACE IPI’s spiritual adviser, Fr. Lambert Legaspino.
  - All special occasions from Valentine’s, Easter, Summer, Prison Awareness Week to Christmas were celebrated with good meals and valuable gifts from regular partners such as the Our Lady of Unity Parish Prison Apostolate, Holy Family Marriage Encounter, Parañaque Chapter and Marian Cenacle groups, the COVENANTS Inc. with the Ladies of Charity, Manila, Mr. Manny and Carol Rios and the Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Adorers including personal friends of Virgie Bruce and Fr. Legaspino.
  - Monthly provision of toiletries e.g. bath and laundry soaps, toothpaste including cleaning aids for the facility.
  - One-on-one counseling was also provided to about 10 cicl.

### **The Youth for Youth (Y4Y) Program:**

This year saw ACE IPI exerting more efforts to cope and adequately respond to a higher demand for its services, as more and more indigent youth from the target communities came to

apply for assistance- this despite the amended and stricter set of guidelines developed and started to be implemented this year.

### **1. Educational Assistance:**

a.) A total of 46 youth members benefited; 34 from Paranaque City and 12 from Kalookan City. The target areas in Paranaque are still Lopez, Lovewin, Napoleon and Riverville, and the areas of Magdalena and Hillcrest in Kalookan. Of these totals, 22 are in secondary level while 7 are in vocational school and 5 in college. The number of beneficiaries increased by 8 youth members who later were accepted for SY 2010 -2011.

b.) A total of 16 qualified and deserving youth members received about P1,300/each worth of required school supplies while 22 of them were supported with their daily transport fare and a projects-support not exceeding P400.00 for the school year. A total of 5 college students received each a P7,000 annual support and another 2 availed the DATAMEX vocational course-certificates. All these youth members based in Paranaque City were also given access whenever necessary, to the internet facilities of the ACE IPI office for their research work and other school assignments.

c.) Started this year, an annual projects support of not more than P400.00 for students' assigned projects e.g. term papers, projects in Science and the Arts ; non-compliance of which often adversely affect the overall standing/grades. All the 34 Y4Y beneficiaries availed of this support.

### **2. Competency Development:**

a.) Paranaque City:

Summer classes started as scheduled on April 19, 2010 for the trainings on Basic Computer with 12 graduates; 9 for Advanced Computer Education; 12 graduated from the Math Tutoring Class under a new volunteer Teacher, Aiko Rivera a Y4Y member who is a graduate of Information Technology and a former ACE IPI Educational Assistance beneficiary. Another 12 graduated from the English Tutorial sessions while 9 members completed the Art Painting Classes.

b.) Kalookan City:

Math tutorial class was also held for 45 days, with 9 out of 11 Y4y member-graduates.

c.) The annual "Araw ng Pasasalamat" in both areas which serves as the recognition day for all the summer class graduates and Y4Y member graduates of SY 2009-2010 were also held. The Computer Education graduates also made their respective powerpoint presentations as their final exams.

### **2. Values Formation:**

ACE IPI also believes that knowledge is important but knowledge without Faith is incomplete hence the Family Enrichment Sessions.

a.) Volunteer trainers, Rey and Mel Sangalang facilitated a total of 11 sessions some of which required the joint presence of both parents and the youth members. Communication- between parents and children, between and among the siblings-and ultimately understanding each other 's points of view were given emphasis- that even before family bonding could be appreciated, every individual child/youth and every individual mother or father must strive to get to know more about each other's outlook in life, needs and wants and be given the chance to also decide for themselves. BUT all these families must put CHRIST at the Center of their lives. Good rapport among family members is not enough. The sessions always reiterated that Faith must always be strengthened- that this is the ultimate foundation of a healthy, functional and happy family.

b.) More and more Paranaque Y4Y members joined the weekly parish initiated "Tambayan" (spiritual "hang-out"). This aims to invite the young people to be active in parish activities; to build lasting friendships among them and other youth as well and to encourage the youth to get

themselves more involved in prayer so that instead of hanging out on the streets, they can spend more time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

c.) An average of 20 mothers attend the weekly Marian Cenacle sessions.

d.) Ten (10) youth members participated in the team building- parish youth activity, "Youth Day Mission Possible 4".

e.) An average of 5 Lopez area youth members attend the regular Catechism classes and recollection facilitated by the Rogationist Brothers including Marian devotions.

f.) Values formation sessions in Kalookan were held monthly for the youth and only twice jointly with parents. Lessons stressed that perseverance, patience, love and respect for others are all based on love of and for God.

g.) Kalookan Y4Y members spent a half-day appreciating our natural resources and environment e.g. water dam, big trees at the Ecology Park in Quezon City.

h.) Majority of all Y4Y parent and youth members regularly attend Sunday Masses and other worship/devotional activities.

Note: ACE IPI also received reports and stories of more positive behavior and attitude among those, who in the past were considered problem-youth and families.

#### **4. Community Volunteerism:**

a.) Two (2) Y4Y youth from Lopezville joined the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting as poll watchers during the conduct of the Barangay election.

b.) A Y4Y member from Kalookan won a seat as member in the "Sangguniang Kabataan" at Barangay 173.

c.) Kalookan Y4Y members helped in cleaning the Chapel surroundings during weekends.

d.) Two Paranaque Y4Y parents and one youth member were coached and have started documenting what transpired in every family enrichment session that ACE IPI conducted.

#### **• CENTER-BASED INDIGENT ELDERS:**

This year, ACE IPI was able to visit 3 Centers for abandoned and indigent elders namely:

1. Tahanan ni Maria, Carmona, Cavite (2 visits) where ACE IPI volunteers interacted and socialized with about 80 elders; saw also about 8 who were then in critical condition and 6 eventually died. Thru the efforts and support of Atty. Jennifer Bruce, valuable donations were given i.e., ceiling fans and a washing machine including other essential goods, food, toiletries and basic items for personal use.

2. Children's Home of the Holy Spirit, Labak, Taal, Batangas where 29 children (orphaned & abandoned) are housed. They were also given a good lunch treat and other basic essentials.

3. Sagip-Buhay in Bauan, Batangas where 17 elders are housed. They were given clothes and various food items

#### **C. LIVELIHOOD PROJECT:**

Continuing production and selling of detergent powder, fabric conditioner, cleaning aid and dishwashing liquid. Total sales for the year did not increase significantly from that of 2009.

#### **D. OTHER SERVICES/INTERVENTIONS:**

1. Referred for employment two (2) Y4Y members who graduated from college and vocational course. One of them is now regularly working at BIT-Micro.

2. Counseled and gave goods to a national prisoner's family.

3. Occasionally rendered counseling to some Y4Y families and cicl.



# Advocates for Children and Elders—International Philippines (ACE-IPI) 2011 Activities

## OCT. 22, 2011 TEAM BUILDING SESSION & SPORTS CAMP CLINIC AT CRADLE



ACE IPI President met with Y4Y Youth and Parents, June 2, 2011 prior to distribution of school supplies

Distribution of School Supplies to Y4Y Members



## Y4Y VALUES FORMATION FOR YOUTH & PARENTS



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