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Christmas Wish 2007

Gugma Sa Kabataan, Inc. (GsK) has always Santa Claus generous to provide the kids' wishes.

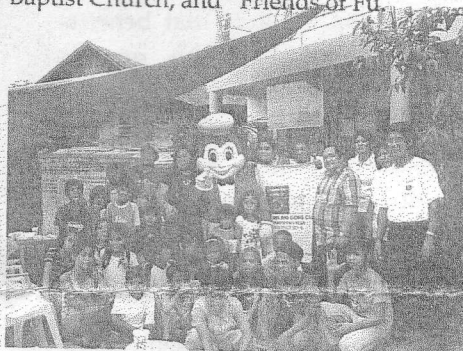
Abegail, a new client, was very grateful to have a rewarding Christmas 2007. "Sukad nia ko sa GsK dinhe lang ko nakakaon ug lechon. Naa man nanghatag sa ako ug sinina pero mga gisi (It was only here in GsK when I became a client that I ate roasted pig. I received clothes but they were almost rotten). Ten (10) year old, Vincent recalled that, "kami ang amo pagkaon sa Pasko pan ug coke ra (All we have at Christmas is a loaf of bread and bottle of coke). Together with the other kids of GsK, they were so amazed to receive many gifts and Christmas treats and dancing with the Mascots of Jollibee and McDonald.

Santa came to bring shoes, new clothes, new school bags, and new school uniforms, bag of lollies, toys, and food stuff that joy overflows. This Christmas Santa Claus was represented by Lions Club of Rio De Oro headed by the President, Mr. Philip Tamala; Rotary Club of North District, headed by the President, Dr. Jun Valentin; Liceo de Cagayan University High School Senior Class headed by Teacher June Pileño; Golden Coin Bakery of Mr. Raul Busa & Family; Mr. Val Sta. Ana; Gane Family (Carol, Jon, and Reef); Vjandep Bakeshop; Hon. Ramon Yap; Carmen Baptist Church; and Friends of Fu.

The thirty four (34) wards of GsK have realized that their wished is beyond material. This Yuletide Season 2007 they were able to have a community of peacemakers, thoughtful, and generous who came and extended the hand of fellowship. GsK ward Tyron noted that, "Ang Pasko mao ang panaghiusa (Christmas is unity)." While Sandy acknowledged the time spent with them. On the other hand, the benefactors expressed their wished to the children, "To Keep Their Hope." ☺



Mascots of Mc Donald's and Jollibee came to play with GsK children courtesy of Friends of Fu and Lions Club Rio De Oro



GsK kids happily show their Christmas gifts from Rotary Club of North District



Liceo High School brought boxes of gifts.



Gane Family shares their blessings to GsK children @ Mc Donalds.

OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE

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- Ace De Oro Commercial
- Action Medior Germany
- Almuate, Eng. Rose and Family
- American Express Europe
- Berger, Iris
- Bernhardt, Tim
- Brobo, Martina Dr.
- Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals
- Calabrian Children Foundation
- Carmelite Sisters
- Carmen Faith Baptist Church
- Erdle, Willibald
- Fernandez, Morena
- Fischer, George Rev. Fr.
- Fischer, Richard Dr.
- Friends of Fu
- Hon. Bingo Ebabacol
- Hon. Oscar Moreno
- Hon. Dante Pajo
- Hon. Ramon Yap
- Horelt, Jackie
- Gane Family (Carol Jon and Reef)
- German Doctors
- Gold Star Newspaper
- Golden Coin Bakery
- Ibs, Stephan
- Iskin, Sedef
- Keller, August
- Kiwanis International Rio de Oro
- Kloppelkinder von Neufhahn
- Klott, Hans
- Koch, Iris
- Knab, Jacob
- Kruegger, Stefan
- Kunz, Antje
- Lacre, Ed
- Lions Club Rio de Oro
- Magnocavallo, Millo
- Manlik, Gisbert
- Martin, Rosa
- Mercado, Vince and Family
- Mercado, Francis June and Family
- Mindy's Restaurant
- Moss, Frances Ellen
- Nethauz Internet Cafe
- Peters, Tim
- Pilayre, Verna
- Rama, Geertje
- Robins, Stanley
- Rosales, Cynthia
- Rotary Club of North District

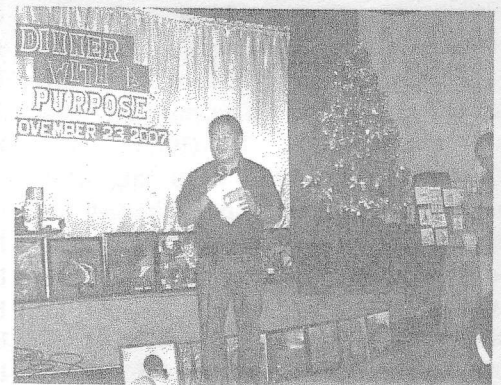
Councilor Dante Pajo Honored Guest at GsK Dinner

Hon. Dante Pajo was the honored guest during the Dinner with a Purpose. As the former Chairperson of the Sangguniang Kabataan in Cagayan de Oro from 1986 -1992, he was immersed in the predicament of the youth and children. In his speech, he underscored the need to support and protect the street children. He happily informed the community that a new financial assistance from the city government in the amount of eight hundred thousand pesos (Php 800,000.00) is allotted for the street children in the city. Hon. Pajo is a newly elected Councilor of Cagayan de Oro City and Chairperson of Committee on Health and Social Services.

Dinner with a Purpose becomes a traditional advocacy activity of GsK. In November 23, 2007 Gugma sa Kabataan Executive Director Iluminada Domingo, presented the programs and services that benefits the street children who are in custody of GsK. The thirty four (34) kids are victims of poverty, dysfunctional family and neglect. Also, it was an opportunity to market their art works and crafts like fashion apparels, batik shirt prints, water color painting and all occasion cards. The objective to be self-reliant is slowly being achieved by thirty (30) clients who invested on savings at First Community Cooperative (FICCO).



GsK Children singing
"We Are the Children..."



Hon. Pajo inspiring the GsK children to carry on their dreams.

During the presentation of the life story of the children Hon. Pajo got impressed on the spontaneity of the drama. It portrayed the cultured of the children living in a social milieu of violence, marginalized and exploited. He recognized and commended the programs and services of GsK that facilitates to the transformation of values of street children. ☺

GOOD SAMARITAN/S MAY SEND THEIR GIFTS OR DONATIONS TO:

Spenderkonto:
Balay sa Gugma e.V
Kontunnummer 139 998
BB Bank Karlsruhe
BLZ 660 908 00

Gugma sa Kabataan Inc.
Philippine National Bank
Dollar -SA
345-705216-1
Peso -SA
345-814204-0

The Meeting of the East and the West

The meeting of the east and the west was an opportunity of a "teaching-learning" experience. International volunteers Bernhardt, Wilke and Godinez were moved to tears as the children bids farewell to them. On the other hand, GsK Kids will always cherish the patience, kindness, care and concern expressed by the volunteers in teaching them particularly on Communication Arts in English and Mathematics.

The three (3) international volunteers came at different times at GsK. Ms. Angela Godinez came in June for a month voluntary work teaching GsK kids in English. While on a school vacation it is her goal to do something BIG before she graduated from the university. Ms. Godinez is pursuing a 4th-8th degree on Education at the Houston University is expected to received her Bachelors degree this March 2008.

Mr. Philipp Bernhardt has his ways of teaching and learning as a volunteer in GsK. Coming from a family of artist in the field of music, he is gifted in "hip-hop." For almost two (2) months immersion with GsK, he enhanced the skills of the kids in rap music. On the other hand, he listened from few GsK kids whose pain and suffering as a victim of neglect and poverty were expressed in rap. The production of promotional material, e.g. GsK CD presentation, has been his contribution to advocate the program of GsK. His being a traveled youth from the continent of Europe, Asia and Africa has motivated him to study a degree on non-government organization in developing countries.

After two (2) years of school work in Germany, Mr. Albrecht Wilke is back to GsK. Mr. Wilke is working on his doctoral dissertation Case Study of Street Children in the Philippines: Gugma sa Kabataan, Inc. In August 2002, Mr. Wilke came to gather data from GsK clients. During his visit in August 8 - 31, 2007, the GsK respondents on his case study where moved to tears from the questioned asked different from 2002. He asked them to sing a song of joy and to draw a picture of a happy family. It was too difficult for Lito to sing a song of joy when until now he remains in Boys Town - alone and no family to turn to. His visit was beyond his paper work. GsK children in need of medical assistance were brought to German Doctors Hospital.

The wall that divides of the so called "First and Third World" has been broken. International volunteers - Angela, Philipp and Albrecht in their own unique way have come to be a part in the giving of life to the children of Gugma sa Kabataan. ☺



Philipp Bernhardt and Albrecht Wilke spending quality with the GsK children.



GsK children listening attentively to Angela Godinez.

GsK Expressions of Solidarity

Hooray! You did it again GsK member Raimund Haber. Raimund is a GsK member from Spain who works for American Express - Europe. An amount of US\$ 1,000.00 was pledge to GsK programs to include the Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) in Lumbia and Provincial Jail.

Congratulations! GsK Secretary Mr. Valentin Gella, Jr. who was appointed as Public Information Officer of Barangay 17. The involvement of Mr. Gella in GsK and his appointment to the local government unit (LGU) has revitalized the link between the government and non-government agencies. Very recently Mr. Gella got involved to protect a child who was trafficked on his way to Manila. Brgy. 17 is the pilot barangay in partnership with GsK for community development.

Let us rejoice with Lito and Fritzie Estoque to the new member of the family. In December 20, 2007, baby boy Sam was born. GsK member Prof. Fritzie is the Director of Community Development Office of Liceo de Cagayan University is a very active GsK member. GsK became a service learning community of student on the job training through the office of Community Development.

Job well done! GsK member Philipp Bernhardt has moved friends and families from Spain, Germany and London to reach out GsK kids. Ten (10) benefactors pledged for the monthly fresh milk supply and one (1) time cash gift of two hundred pesos (Php 200.00) per child.

Let us commend Seniors Student from Liceo de Cagayan University. On the Job Training (OJT) students from Liceo de Cagayan University in the College of Education and Department of Behavioral Science were immersed in the community learning service at GsK. Twenty-one (21) student teachers in the Secondary and Elementary Education have performed very well during the 1st semester of SY 2007-2008,. Another five (5) psychology students were of great help in the psychological assessment of those clients having psychological needs and problems.

Our deepest sympathy to GsK members Mila Caseres Crisolago and Faith Caseres Gerona and their whole family for their father passed away.

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- Rotchacher, Susan
- Rye, Richard
- Sahir, Familie
- Schugg, Dietmar & Vilma
- Sta. Ana, Val
- Tamala, Philip
- Toussaint, Sylvie
- Valentin, Jun V. Dr.
- Vjandep Bakeshop
- Wagner, Sebastian
- Weber, Helge Thorsten
- Wndle, Barbara
- Wolfenstetter, Ann
- Valleja, Rodney
- Philippine Service of Mercy Foundation
- Toyota Philippines-Cagayan de Oro
- Wilke Albrecht
- GsK Incorporators, Board and Members:
 - ✓ Belarmino, Richard T.
 - ✓ Bernhardt, Philipp
 - ✓ Cooper, Jillian
 - ✓ Crisologo Mila
 - ✓ Domingo, Jonah
 - ✓ Estoque, Frtizie
 - ✓ Fortich, Loreto
 - ✓ Gella, Valentin
 - ✓ Gerona, Faith
 - ✓ Godinez, Angela
 - ✓ Haber, Raimund
 - ✓ Llana Lerma
 - ✓ Nemenzo Orlando
 - ✓ Rafal, Venancio
 - ✓ Silvosa, Armie Jean
 - ✓ Trillo, Deogracias Antonio
 - ✓ Trillo, Ma. Esperanza
 - ✓ Wendl, Thomas
 - ✓ Wolfenstetter, Stefan
- Liceo de Cagayan University
 - ✓ College of Arts and Sciences
 - ✓ College of Education
 - ✓ High School Department
 - ✓ Department of Behavioral Science
 - ✓ Community Development

newsbrief

Hon. Ebabacol Supports GsK

In two (2) different occasions Hon. Jericho Goldmar Ebabacol has expressed support to GsK. During the City accreditation process, Hon Ebabacol has vouched that GsK has met the standards required by the City Planning Committee. Secondly, he strongly recommended GsK to local benefactors who have the heart to support street children.

Hon. Ebabacol is newly appointed as the Youth Consultant in the City of Cagayan. As an outgoing Chairman of Sanguniang Kabataan in the City of Cagayan, he was instrumental in putting up a Center for the young people and to protect the children and youth on drug problem in the city.

Also, he served as Chairman of Sanguniang Kabataan in his own Barangay 17 where GsK belongs.

Abellanos A Pilot Community for Development

Gugma sa Kabataan, Inc. (GsK) launched a livelihood program in Abellanos (Brgy 17) for community development. A trisikad (three wheel bicycle) unit on GsK livelihood program - "Rent to Own" is acquired to help unemployed parent to earn for a living. For a period of seven (7) months it will be rented out daily for a minimal daily fee of Php 30.00. On the 8th month GsK ownership will be turned over to the tenant.

Edwin and Joy Bagajo are the parents of client Vincent. Joy is underemployed while husband Edwin is unemployed. Like most of the families in Abellanos area the children were out of school youth. GsK client Vincent is the 4th child of 8th siblings who quit schooling for four years.

GsK have chosen Abellanos area in Brgy 17 as a partner in community development. For three salient reasons: a) twenty-three percent (23%) GsK clients are coming from Abellanos b) perceived high in social problems e.g prostitution due to poverty ; and c) GsK belongs to Brgy. 17.

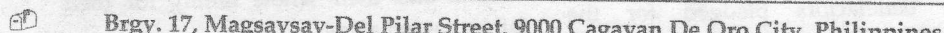
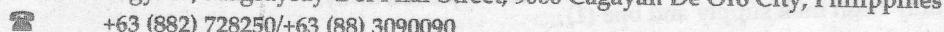


GsK Staff Trainings and Professional Development

Two (2) GsK staff has participated in trainings to hone the skills and keep abreast on the current issues as a Non-Government Organization. A seminar on R.A. 9344, Juvenile Justice Welfare Act sponsored by Cagayan de Oro Task Force Especially for Children in Difficult Circumstances (CDTFECDC). Fiscal Eldred Cole was the honored facilitator who explained fully the expectations and responsibilities of government and non-government agencies on Juvenile Justice Welfare act. GsK Executive Director, Iuminada SA. Domingo participated on the said seminar.

Toast masters International Oro in Cagayan de Oro convened a Seminar Workshop on Speech Development at Dynasty Hotel in October 20, 2007. Ms. Kathleen Ann Mercado-Castillon, GsK Technical Assistant and Bookkeeper were one of the selected few of twenty (20) participants. Ms. Castillon acknowledged the tough training yet rewarding for her skill enhancement as a front liner in the office.



"An alternative place for street children to be safe and to belong"

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