

**2015 SUMMARY REPORT: GUGMA SA KABATAAN ,INC.
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INTRODUCTION

It is our 11th year working hand in hand with the survivor street children in Cagayan de Oro City to enjoy their Rights to Development, Protection and Participation. The children work hard to be achievers in their own endeavours. Many of them have enhanced their self-esteem by doing well academically, socially & emotionally matured, capable to handle problems and make decision and deepened their spirituality in relationship to self, family and God.

At present we have a total of 40 children with 10 male and 30 girls. They are categorized as abused (physically and psychologically), neglected and abandoned. We have new 12 children who are in need of special protection referred by the school guidance counsellor, neighbours and local government.

OUR THRUST PROGRAMS

I. EDUCATION

Continuing education. Six university students are working on Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, Education major in Special education, Psychology, and Industrial Engineering. This school years 2015-2016 two students will receive their degree in Bachelor of Arts in Social Science.

There are 16 students from the 7th to the 10th grade while 16 are in the elementary grades between the ages of 8 to 14 years old.

Five children received elementary diploma. Robinson Galon received the second highest academic award as Salutatorian and garnered awards in Leadership, Best in Science, Best in Communication Arts, Best in Mathematics.

Tutorial classes. In partnership with the College of Education, Liceo de Cagayan University student teachers in Secondary and Elementary and Special education provided Saturday Tutorial classes. The classes intensified the learnings in the field of mathematics, science, and communication arts.

Capacity building. A leadership camp was organized in May to enhance life shaping skills on communication, handling emotions, conflict, problem solving and decision making. Students in the College of Law of Xavier University have deepened the knowledge of the children on their Rights and the child related laws. The Rotaract organization, facilitated a seminar on Human Sexuality to prevent teenage pregnancy. The children need to understand the parts of their body and how to care and protect them.

Educational assistance is a preventive intervention to discourage school dropout. School uniforms (bag, shoes and clothes) , school allowance , school supplies like pens , papers crayons are provided.

Christian education & Nurture on Saturdays have deepened the spirituality of the children on their relationship to self, others and God.

Exposure/field trip to Drug Rehabilitation center provided opportunity for the children to observe the process of recovery & integration of a drug victim.

II. HEALTH

Medical & Dental assistance. Poor dental care is the common problem of all children. A 15 year old boy was assessed to have abnormal pituitary gland whose height and weight is not normal to his age. Five children were diagnosed suffering from pneumonia and abdominal disease .

Psychological interventions like art therapy, psychological test, counselling were facilitated to help the abused (physical, sexual, verbal, emotional) children. The psychological test helped the staff to assess and identify the behavioural issues and corresponding interventions while the art therapy helped the children to express feeling.

Rehabilitation of Malnutrition. Daily lunch from Tuesday to Saturday is provided to rehabilitate malnutrition. All the children are coming from poverty stricken families and are assessed as having food poor (not healthy and not nutritious). There are 11 children who are in the state of severe malnutrition; 3 underweight. Majority of the children are now in the normal weight.

Hygiene. To observe and practice body hygiene all the children are provided weekly hygiene supplies.

III. LIVELIHOOD

Craftsmanship has provided the opportunity to children to identify their interest and skill. The kids group themselves according to the variety of crafts like thunder sound maker, painting shirt, bag, frame painting, miniature Christmas decors – manger, bead angels. Every child gets 30% from the total cost of every item sold which they invested in the commercial bank.

IV. COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Individuals and groups are organized to participate in addressing the children's issues and needs. As a member of the community – academe, religious sects, commercial establishments, government, non-government, and civic organization shared their resources as their corporate social responsibilities.

Volunteers. Local and international volunteers are organized. Two lady volunteers came from Germany do their internship. Two lady dentist have provided free dental care. Two universities – Liceo de Cagayan University and Ateneo de Cagayan have regularly provided volunteers to help the children's in different area– legal, academic and behavioural/psychological.

Collaboration/referrals. The limitation and scope of our services are provided by local government and non-government organization. Youth with a Mission House have accommodated 3 sexually abused victims while police, barangay, city social welfare & development, public high school, national bureau of investigation have helped to rescue the children with special needs.

Sponsors. In various occasions of the year like birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and Christmas are celebrated with the kids. Also, business and government organizations observed the mandated Corporate Social Responsibility. It was an empowering teaching-learning experience both from the kids and them as our benefactors.

Our gratitude

For and in behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff and children, we are very grateful to your commitment to support us. To quote the song that our children used to sing before the grace, thus

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat
Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you God for everything

The abundance of your love have provided a world that is so sweet to the faith journey of our children in the process of becoming an achiever.