



## CRF News-update

Once again the needs of the 30 abandoned/neglected, orphaned children in the custody of Papa John Centre have been met. The CRF wishes to extend their sincerest gratitude to all the donors and sponsors. The children are very happy and grateful to all the people who have been helping them in their studies. Most of the children accepted for temporary shelter at the PJC were illiterate when they first arrived. For the school year 2003-2004 we have 2 elementary graduates and one from the day-care programme. Part of the intervention being done is to bring them into the mainstream. They're experiencing being with children from "normal" families at their local school.



With that, they learn to appreciate the people helping them at the PJC; in the absence of their biological parents their basic and emotional needs are being provided for. By being shown that they are important and loved, they are more inspired to do their best in life.

Thirty children have a home and a very large family because of the generosity of donors and sponsors!

## Highlights of the PJC

March 29, 2004 – Graduation Day held at Batasan National High School: Bae Emilio and Romar Aguirre graduated from elementary. The graduation was attended by some government officials. After the ceremony, we had a small celebration at the centre, special food was served for the children and a thanksgiving speech was delivered by the two graduates.

April 14, 2004: The annual PJC outing was held at the Grotto Vista Resort, San Jose del Monte Bulacan. Upon arriving there, the kids have devotion and discussion on the safety measures in the swimming pool. One of the objectives of the activity is to have fellowship with staff and children and to break the monotony of being confined to the centre. The children as well as the staff enjoyed not only the swimming but also the food prepared.

April 26-May 1, 2004 – The staff held a 6-day Vacation School (VS) in Papa John Centre. The children were divided into 4 classes. Everyday, the gathering began with a general assembly. The kids availed their time in studies, snacks, arts and crafts. They also learned new songs and verses. The last day of VS was the graduation day. It was indeed a happy moment for the kids because they were given certificates and gifts for those with awards and special snacks as well.

June – The children and staff were busily looking for the children’s class sections for the coming school year. The children were accompanied by the staff for their enrolment and in order to meet with their teachers. This School Year, the PJC has 3 second year high school (H.S.) students, 2 first year H.S. students, one (1) grade VI, three (3) grade V, three (3) grade IV, seven (7) grade III, seven (7) grade II, one (1) grade I, and 2 in preparatory levels. The elementary students are presently enrolled at the Batasan Elementary School while the High School students are enrolled at the Batasan National High School. The PJC has been blessed in having its schools in the nearby vicinity. We are very grateful to our donors for providing the children with the coming year’s school supplies, fees and allowances.

## The long-awaited opening of the PJC day-care centre



We are very thankful as our prayers for the expansion of the day-care centre were answered. We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to our donors, especially to Lamborghini, for granting the amount needed to the CRF for its construction. Even though we do not know you personally and you have not seen the project, we are proud that you have been one of the pillars of the day-care centre which is presently helping 65 children from the community and from the PJC as well. Day-care is part of the service that the PJC is rendering to the community. The parents in the surrounding community are asked to pay a minimal amount for the salary of the teachers and for maintenance of the day-care centre. For this year, we have to secure all the materials needed inside the classroom

such as a playhouse, a see-saw, mats, and cabinets; fees that were collected goes to materials and other needs. At least the day-care program became self-sufficient in terms of securing needs. As of now, we are also working for the accreditation from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the space is big enough and could accommodate 25 children in one class.



We have 3 sessions in a day for the nursery, kinder, and preparatory levels. Thru the day-care program the PJC

was able generate some funds in order to meet some of our needs. Two needs that have been met is that the PJC was able to purchase a coloured television and another refrigerator.



Community – Based:



Papa John Centre continued its mission for the 25 malnourished children at the Payatas dumpsite. The program started last April with “operation timbang” to 30 children ages 2 to 12.

Twenty five (25) of them fall under the category of 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree malnourished. The feeding is done 3 times a week, consisting of a complete meal. Ba-

sic literacy and parents’ education are also part of the program. ACTION Philippines is one of our partners in this endeavour.



Vacation School was also conducted at the Payatas area on May 3-7 2004, one good thing that happened in this activity was the special participation of the 5 high school students from the PJC temporary shelter. They helped to teach the children, passing on to them the hope that they themselves have been given for a better life and another chance to make their lives productive and dignified. These children are the ones growing up in this situation, and someday they will be better qualified teachers than those who have only studied and read about the children’s predicament.

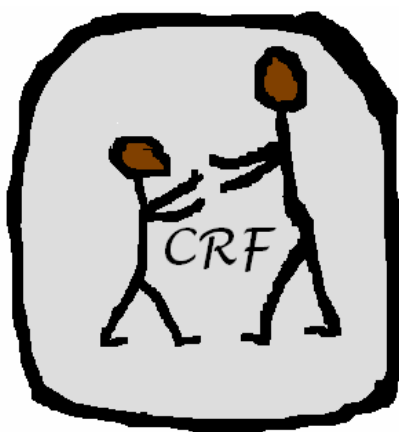


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## Come puoi aiutarci

Le Nazioni Unite hanno definito i bambini di oggi il futuro di domani. Questa è una realtà che non può essere ignorata. In un mondo devastato da guerre, epidemie, povertà e siccità, i bambini sono la speranza per un domani migliore. Se diamo loro affetto e serenità e riusciamo ad insegnare loro ad amare le cose belle del mondo, allora forse potranno a loro volta insegnare ad amare ai loro figli ed ai figli dei loro figli. Intervenire tempestivamente quindi è essenziale e se non lo facciamo noi oggi, chi lo farà? Dare una possibilità ai bambini di strada funziona ed è importante: ricevono un'educazione ed hanno una casa. Stanno imparando che il mondo "là fuori" non è lì soltanto per sfruttarli. Per la prima volta nella loro vita pos-

sono essere chi realmente sono: bambini.

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