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CHOSEN CHILDREN VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

CCV's URGENT NEEDS

Oats
Pasta (spaghetti and macaroni)
Cereals
Powdered Milk /
Chocolate drink
Sugar
S-26 Milk (0 to 6 months)
Promil (6 to 12 months)
Diapers: Adult (size: M)
Socks and Underwear for all ages

2016
HAPPY NEW YEAR

CCV Annual Board Meeting

The working Board and Honorary Members met in the Village in Silang, Cavite on the 16th of January 2016 for their annual meeting. Intensive fundraising campaign was the focal point of the annual assembly of the nine-member governing Board.

This year Mr. Marc Xavier Dumetz became a regular member of the Board and Mr. Peter Stevens was nominated to be a regular member for 2016. Mr. Dumetz is a retired Accountant and Lawyer and a former banker. In the same manner, Mr. Peter Stevens, a veteran hotelier, is the incumbent Executive Director of Hospitality Innovators, Inc. Mr. Stevens is not a neophyte to the Foundation as he is a former President of the Board.

Mr. Guenter Taus, the current Managing Director of JEC Phils., has been the Chairman / President of the Board for 4 years in a row. Mr. Taus' latest achievement for the

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Ronald Fullerton (Founder & Former President),
Guenter Taus (President), Ma. Rosario Ortoll
(Member),
Carmelino Alvendia Jr. (Advisor & Former
President)

standing from left:
Rosemarie Villa-Real (Treasurer), Che Naval
(Executive Director), Otts Taus, Ma. Angeles
Fullerton (Founder & Member),
Marc Xavier Dumetz (Member), Margie Stevens
(Advisor),
Peter Stevens (Former President & Member),
Elsie Colombo (Advisor)



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Immersion of Psychology Students from CEU Makati



the Psych majors with Ms. Villanueva



with Ms. Che Naval, Executive Director



with CCV Founder Ms. Lita Fullerton



a game of Jenga with CCV teens

The Psychology Department of Centro Escolar University (CEU) Makati under the tutelage of Ms. Angelina Villanueva has been supporting the Immersion Program of the Village for more than 10 years. Each school year, Ms. Villanueva brings at the very least 3 batches of Psychology students as part of her requirements to finish the course. This month

of January, a total of 110 Psychology majors came to the Village on three different dates and immersed in the residential department for a day. In those 3 days, the different batches of students were deployed in the cottages, were given a lecture relevant to the course, actively participated in a BINGO social, and engaged in indoor games with the teens and

young adults of the Village.

CCV salutes Ms. Angie Villanueva and CEU Makati for their invaluable support to the Foundation all these years!



As part of raising funds for the Foundation, CCV Founder Mrs. Lita Fullerton organized a BINGO for both the employees and the nearby community on the 17th of January 2016. As a longstanding CCV tradition, the BINGO is always held on the Feast Day of Sto. Niño. Since it was a Sunday, several mothers and (a few) fathers from the neighboring community enjoyed playing the game of chance together with the CCV staff and CEU students who are currently immersing in the Village. All the lucky winners were in high spirits with the prizes that they received.



a lucky CEU student wins prize #1



Ms. Lita Fullerton facilitates the BINGO



another lady wins prize #8

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Terence finds a home in Switzerland



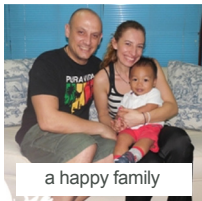
Terence finally meets his adoptive family



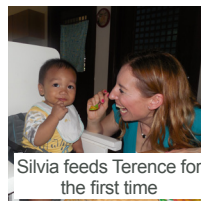
Terence upon admission



Javier & Silvia sign discharge papers



a happy family



Silvia feeds Terence for the first time

Javier and Silvia will now be the Papa and Mama of Terence Del Rosario, a toddler who has been under the care of CCV for 1 year and 2 months. The couple has one 3-year-old biological daughter called Valeria. Javier and Silvia are multilingual Spanish who have been living in Switzerland for 3 years now. The Spanish family shuttles between Spain, their original home, and Switzerland.

Terence's background of alleged abandonment by his biological mother a few days after his birth is similar to that of other hapless stories of hundreds of children housed in most orphanages in the Philippines. At CCV, children like Terence are given a second chance at having a normal life with a family.

Terence was admitted to CCV in November 2014, another referral from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Imus, a place in Cavite which only became a city in June 2012. The local DSWD in the city, having no facility to place a newborn baby like Terence, referred him to CCV for eventual placement with a family.

Fourteen months after his admission to CCV, Terence's most awaited moment finally came!

Terence's Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) came to the Village on the 18th of January 2016 to finally meet the son they have long waited for. Javier and Silvia brought with them their 3-year-old daughter named Valeria. At 1 year and 2 months, Terence did not show the slightest anxiety when he first met his adoptive family. He readily went with them and during lunch time, Terence willingly let his Mama Silvia feed him for the very first time while his Papa Javier and sister Valeria watched fondly in the background.

On discharge day (20 January 2016), Terence's CCV family bade him goodbye. He will be truly missed by the Mamas and Papas who took care of him (and who had loved him) during his stay in the Village. Terence's CCV family will always have fond memories of him as a happy and cuddly baby boy who alternately loved to drink milk, snooze and watch TV!

The CCV Founder as Resource Person



Ma. Angeles Fullerton speaks before the delegates

Mrs. Lita Fullerton, CCV Founder, was a Resource Person in the recently concluded "Stakeholders' Workshop on Children with Special Needs." Mrs. Fullerton shared her insights and her experiences on working with children with special needs which she has long considered a lifetime mission. This workshop was held on the 28th of January 2016 at B Hotel in Quezon City. The event was a joint venture of Commission on Human Rights, European Union – Philippine Justice Program and the Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP).

On a side note, Atty. Gwen P. Gana (CCV Corporate Secretary) was one of the organizers of the seminar being the Co-Focal Commissioner on Children and the President of ACCAP.

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American School in Japan (ASIJ) visits CCV



a group photo after a game of volleyball



a happy photo before departure from the village

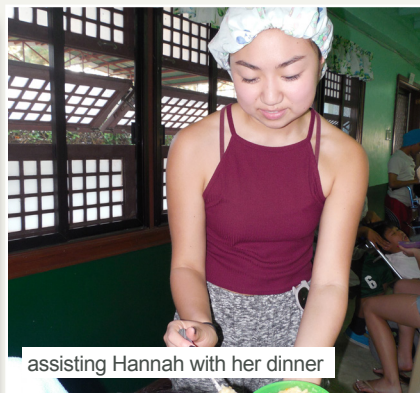
The swim team of the American School in Japan (ASIJ) composed of twenty-seven (27) High School students came to Manila for a swimming competition. The students visited CCV on the 14th of January as a service learning trip. The entire group was given a tour of the village facilities, played volleyball with the CCV teens and young adults and assisted in feeding the younger children. One of the students shares her thoughts below regarding her visit:

There are few things in life that are as valuable as the act of helping others. During our swim team's trip to the Chosen Children Village in Cavite, I had the opportunity to feed a child with special needs. He was around 10 years old, similar to my younger brother's age, and had visual impairments. He was in a wheelchair and as I touched the spoonful of porridge to his mouth, I talked to him. Initially, I

felt helpless while feeding him. Was he comfortable? Was I doing something wrong? My inability to understand how he was feeling made me very unsure of myself. However, midway through, I realized what mattered most was that I was able to help him face one of his everyday challenges. The experience made me realize that we often take the ability to perform everyday tasks for granted. We don't always appreciate the fact that we can feed ourselves without aid, or that we can express our feelings to one another with ease. Visiting the Chosen Children Village made me more aware of the fact that all individuals face different challenges. As members of a global community, it is important that we try our best to support each other in our own way, whenever possible. I hope that sharing my own experience will prompt you to do the same in your own life. - LAUREN SEKIGUCHI, Grade 11



playing with the toddlers



assisting Hannah with her dinner

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