

SMALL MIRACLES

CHOSEN CHILDREN VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

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May Jean at Sweet 16



MJ with Niño as her first dance



MJ with her cottage mates and the toddlers



MJ with her bouquet of flowers

25 April 2016, Silang, Cavite – It's official! May Jean or MJ is 16 years old! Just like other girls anticipating their coming of age, MJ was as excited as any girl celebrating her 16th birthday.

MJ's CCV family prepared a simple dinner party for her, with some of the Mamas and Papas in attendance. From her sisters (cottage mates) MJ received 8 gifts while the boys gave her 8 roses to complete the 16 gifts. As it turned out, the gifts from her sisters were mostly accessories which MJ loves to wear every day. The boys took turns in dancing with MJ as part of the ritual of her coming of age. She became a bit emotional when one of the boys serenaded her with a love song.

At 16 years old, MJ has become a responsible young lady, a big help to her Mamas and her cottage mates. Only time will tell if MJ can be another junior employee of CCV. We will keep our hopes high!



INDUCTION OF MS. NAVAL AS PRESIDENT OF ABSNET



MS. NAVAL, AS THE NEW ABSNET PRESIDENT, SPEAKS BEFORE THE OTHER ABSNET MEMBERS

14 April 2015, Silang, Cavite - Ms. Che M. Naval, CCV Executive Director, was inducted into office as ABSNET President during their cluster meeting. ABSNET (Area-Based Standard Network) is a group of partners of NGOs (Non-Government Organizations), POs (People's Organizations) and LGUs (Local Government Units) that are requiring license and accreditation by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). ABSNET as a whole are partners in the promotion of the welfare of the disadvantaged population by promoting public accountability, transparency, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of social services. (source: website of Province of Laguna)

Congratulations, Ms. Che Naval!



"LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD"

FIRE DRILL WITH BFP SILANG, CAVITE



THE LADY FIREFIGHTER
CITING THE PARTS OF AN
EXTINGUISHER

05 April 2016, Silang, Cavite - The month of March is also known as the Fire Prevention Month in the Philippines. As March is the onset of the summer season in the Philippines, most fire disasters start happening during this month due to the extremely hot weather (and at most times due to carelessness).

As staff development is a continuing agenda in CCV, the management requested a fire drill / training from the local fire station of the Municipality of Silang, Cavite.

As a prompt response of the fire station, two lady firefighters were sent by the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) to give a fire (and earthquake) drill to selected CCV employees. In essence, the lecture focused on preventing fire as this is one of the most destructive disasters that can claim many lives and bring widespread damage to property.

Similarly, a brief earthquake drill was integrated in the fire drill. To conclude the drill and put into practice what was learned, the staff were taught the proper use of the fire extinguishers using the parking space of the village away from the residential area.



THE CCV EMPLOYEES READY FOR THE DRILL AFTER THE PICTORIAL



15 & 16 April 2016, Silang, Cavite - Re-connecting with children. This was the theme of the two-day webinar called Empowered to Connect (ETC). Simulcast from the USA, the webinar featured leading speakers such as Dr. Karyn Purvis, David Cross, Amanda Howard and Daren Jones (a Social Worker). Dr. Purvis is the Founder of TCU (Texas Christian University) Institute of Child Development. She was an advocate for "children from hard places," a phrase she has coined to describe children with backgrounds of abuse, neglect and trauma. Dr. Purvis lifelong mission is to empower children to overcome trauma for them to thrive and reach their fullest potential in life. Lamentably, Dr. Purvis recently passed away due to a terminal illness.

Empowered to Connect was founded by Dr. Karyn Purvis together with Michael and Amy Monroe to provide online resources and parent training designed specifically for adoptive and foster parents. (source: ETC workbook)

A total of 19 delegates from various child-caring agencies which were mostly ABSNET members attended the much-awaited webinar at no cost to them. The delegates consisted of Center Heads, Nuns and Social Workers to name a few. Similarly, twenty staff from CCV were able to attend the webinar. Free meals and helpful workbooks were provided to each participant.

Chosen Children Village and Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP) would like to thank Ms. Ellen Warnock (of Catholic Charities of Baltimore) and the following Foreign Adoption Agencies in the US who have generously and jointly sponsored the 2-day webinar:

- 1) Bay Area Adoption Services
- 2) Catholic Charities of Baltimore
- 3) Christian Adoption Services
- 4) Hand in Hand
- 5) Holston Home
- 6) Madison Adoption
- 7) Sacred Portion
- 8) Wide Horizons for Children



THE FACILITATORS INTRODUCING THE SPEAKERS



PARTICIPANTS ARE FROM DIFFERENT PROFESSIONS ALL WORKING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN

Donors' Corner: Dow Philippines / Rohm & Haas Philippines, Inc.



MS. CHE NAVAL (3RD FROM RIGHT) WITH THE DONORS FROM DOW PHILIPPINES, INC.

15 April 2016, Silang, Cavite – Selected staff from Dow Philippines / Rohm & Haas Philippines, Inc. paid a visit to CCV to endorse its check donation for the daily operations of the village. The chemical company has been providing monetary support to CCV for 3 years now.

Thank you so much, Dow Philippines, for your selfless support to CCV's cause!



MS. CHE NAVAL RECEIVING THE CHECK DONATION FROM DOW PHILIPPINES, INC.

Chillin' at Josephine's Water Camp Resort

21 April 2016, Kawit, Cavite - Summer is synonymous to swimming! And when the word swimming is mentioned, the CCV teens and young adults know only one place to chill at summertime—the user-friendly pools of Josephine's Water Camp Resort in Kawit, Cavite.

This year, Trends Travelmart International Corporation generously sponsored CCV's summer swimming escapade. CCV is especially thankful to the generosity of Ms. Jina Comanda.

With lots of energy powered by good food only from Mama Bing's kitchen, the teens and young adults and the staff did not seem to get tired from dipping in and out of the various types of pools that can only be found at the water camp. Even though the summer getaway was (as always) overly crowded with water lovers (most were picnicking and not swimming), the CCV teens and young adults had so much fun and made the most of their day.

Once again, thank you Trends Travelmart!



THE CCV YOUNG ADULTS WITH THEIR MAMAS & TEACHERS



ATTACKING THE FOOD UPON ARRIVAL!



ENJOYING THE WAVE POOL



HAPPY TUMMIES EQUALS HAPPY FACES

Electric fans
Dishwashing Liquid
Detergent Powder
PediaSure
Promil (for 1 to 3 years)
Adult diapers
Toddlers' Shoes (1 to 3 years)
Sugar
Water dispensers
Multivitamins (chewable /syrup / drops)



Fun Run

JEC (Jardine Engineering Corporation) Phils. Inc., under the directorship of Guenter Taus, in partnership with Pepsquad Events, sponsored a Fun Run on the 20th of March 2016. The sole beneficiary of the Fun Run is none other than Chosen Children Village Foundation, Inc. This is the second time that JEC Phils. Inc. and Pepsquad did a joint fundraising event for CCV. Thank you so much, JEC Phils. and Pepsquad for your continuous support to our mission!

Erratum in March 2016 Issue of Small Miracles:

Our sincerest apologies to Pepsquad... The 3rd sentence in the article (Fun Run) on the right should read:

This is the third time that JEC Phils. Inc. and Pepsquad did a joint fundraising event for CCV.

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