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CCV is one of the Best NGOs

08 Mar 2018, Batasan Hills, Quezon City – In February 2016, during the 65th founding anniversary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) CCV was recognized as Best NGO (non-government organization). To repeat the same feat, but this time on a national level, is indeed something that the CCV management can truly be proud of.

On the 8th of March, Executive Director Ms. Che Naval & Treasurer Ms. Rosemarie Villa-Real attended the awarding rites at the DSWD Central Office in Batasan Hills together with several other representatives from NGOs nationwide. Three other NGOs received similar awards.

There were several criteria for an NGO to qualify for such an award. It was CCV's existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with a Local Government Unit (LGU) that

clinched the deal. CCV's partnership with the local provincial government of Cavite was one of the deciding factors for the DSWD awarding body. Another plus feature is the chairmanship position of ABSNET (Cavite Cluster) currently being held by Ms. Che Naval. ABSNET or the Area-Based Standards Network is a group of partners of NGOs, People's Organizations (POs) and LGUs that require licensing and accreditation

by the DSWD. Most of all, having a DSWD Level 2 accreditation mattered a lot.

Well whatever the reason, the CCV Management humbly dedicates this award to all its benefactors. We salute each of you for your commitment to the Foundation.



Earthquake & Fire Drill by BFP

06 Mar 2018, Silang, Cavite – The heat is on! As the entire nation observes Fire Prevention month, CCV is one with the Bureau of Fire Protection in its vision of a fire safe country.

On the 6th of March, despite having a jam-packed calendar, three brave lady firefighters from BFP Silang granted CCV an earthquake and fire drill for the employees and some of the youth. To start with, a brief lecture was alternately given by the three brazen ladies who have entirely different background professions. After making sure that everyone understood the lecture, it was time to put everything into practice.

And sure enough (as the old cliché goes) practice makes perfect. And the ladies' verdict? CCV just passed the combination earthquake and fire drill with flying colors. CCV was later on issued the all-important Fire Safety Inspection Certificate.



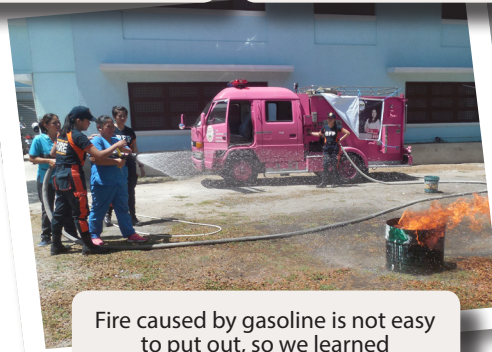
"Preventing fire is our first job", according to the firefighters



The lady firefighters showing what to do in an earthquake



The CCV youth and staff are all attentive during the lecture session



Fire caused by gasoline is not easy to put out, so we learned



A group photo with the lady firefighters and their pink firetruck

Priority Needs

COOKING OIL
FRESH MILK
OATS (QUICK COOKING)
POWDERED MILK
PROMIL KID (FOR 1 TO 3 YEARS)
PEDIASURE

BABY DIAPERS (XL)
ADULT DIAPERS (M & L)
CLEANING & DISINFECTING
AGENTS
DETERGENT POWDER
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Summer Jaunts

On the 3rd of March, a trip to the largest mall in Metro Manila, the Mall of Asia (MOA), signaled the onset of the sizzling summer season for most of the teens and young adults of CCV. They were chaperoned by Mr. & Mrs. Tony and Rosemarie Villa-Real and their friend Ms. Annie Garcia, the President of Shoe Mart Super Malls. Generously sponsored by Ms. Garcia the highlight of the MOA trip is the spectacular fireworks display that lasted around 30 minutes. The fabulous pyrotechnics show was in fact a competition between Australian and Canadian

pyrotechnicians which the teens and youth immensely enjoyed as they usually get to see fireworks only on New Year's eve.

On a similar trip, on the 19th of March, the teens and youth enjoyed a dinner treat in a nearby favorite fast food chain in Silang. The dinner outing was a birthday treat for the teens and youth whose birthdates fall in January until May. This dinner treat was benevolently subsidized by Mr. & Mrs. Tony and Rosemarie Villa-Real.



On behalf of the teens and youth thank you so much Papa Tony, Mama Rosemarie and Mama Annie for making the trips possible.



Europeans are Coming Home

Jillian



Jillian at 7 years old with her Swedish parents



Jillian's reunion with Mama Ecat after 4 years



Jillian and parents during her discharge in September 2013



Jillian at 11 months old

24 March 2018, Silang, Cavite – After four years of living in Sweden Jillian has not changed much. She is petite as ever and still eats little of all sorts of food (according to Mommy & Daddy). But this time she speaks fluent Swedish (and some English) and is very much a social person at 7 years old. She is now called Melda Jillian Alva.

Jillian was barely 3 years old when she first met her adoptive parents. During this time, she was withdrawn and would not say a word in front of them. Yet she accepted the strange couple in front of her without showing anxiety. Most of all she seemed to know that something significant was going on.

On the 24th of March, Jillian and her Swedish parents Magnus and Matilda came to the village in Silang for a short visit. The family flew from Sweden for their second adoption in the Philippines.

Jillian and her parents were given a tour of the village and along the way when asked if she remembered something, she said there were parts of the village that she remembered from the photos. If there was one person who was more than overjoyed to see her, it was Mama Ecat, the caregiver / nurse who took care of her since her admission. Words were not necessary while Jillian and Mama Ecat engaged in a long hug after 4 years of separation. It was just like the old times. It was as if four years had not separated them at all.

For the rest of the family's brief stay in the village, Jillian played with a 1 year old toddler named Teresa who exactly matched her personality when she was of the same age. Teresa would normally stay with her cottage mates but she hit it off right away with Jillian. When it was time for Jillian to go, Teresa just cried her heart out, sad to lose a friend she just found.

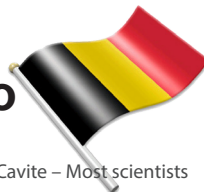


Melda Jillian Alva at 7 years old and her Swedish parents



Jochen and his Dad Rudi

JC Carlo



After 20 years, Jochen & Ms. Che are reunited



JC Carlo learns to walk with an assistive device

31 March 2018, Silang, Cavite – Most scientists spend their whole lives searching for answers to the endless questions about the world around them. But one does not need to be a scientist to discover what is unknown. It is simply inherent in man to know what is not known.

This is what Jochen Mertens had so fervently conveyed to Ms. Che Naval, the social worker who had facilitated his inter-country adoption two decades ago. Jochen related that ever since he turned 16 years old, he had wanted to go back to his home country to look for his biological mother, to know his roots. But due to some factors, no trip ever occurred. Not until today.

Now 21 years old and already working as a Project Manager for a company in Antwerp, Jochen is close to discovering his roots. Armed with high hopes and scant information about

his birth mother, Jochen flew (with his adoptive father) from Belgium to find an all-important missing link in his heredity.

Jochen Mertens is known as JC Carlo 'Shao' prior to his placement to Belgium. Originally from Misamis Occidental, he was admitted to Chosen Children in March 1997 4 days shy of 5 months old. Jochen was eventually declared abandoned by the Philippine government as his birth mother was diagnosed with chronic schizophrenia and therefore incapable of raising her son.

Jochen was in no rush to leave the village, finding simple joy in the hacienda with Michael as his tour guide. Prior to leaving the village, Jochen promised everyone he is certainly coming back.

Jochen, your CCV family wishes you the best of luck in what you have set out to do.



Jochen gladly receives a token from the CCV youth