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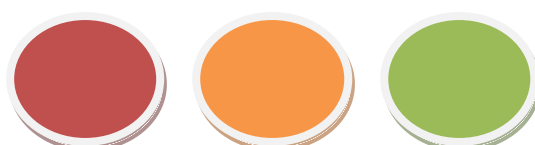
ALSA-BUHAY Program

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The Batch 2014-2015 Graduates and Passers!



Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.

Congratulations for passing the
ALS Accreditation and Equivalency Exam 2015



Kynitte B. Arabit
ELEMENTARY



Marjorie S. Martinez
ELEMENTARY



Christian John Luis Benedict Arabit
SECONDARY



Rhanla N. Cabrana
SECONDARY



Ma. Margarita A. Clores
SECONDARY



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Nelly Joy P. Lorenzo
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Mary Joy R. Rabino
SECONDARY



Rina D. Renzalis
SECONDARY



Sean Keith V. Rollon
SECONDARY



Andrea D. Zarco
SECONDARY



Mary Joy R. Rabino
SECONDARY



Glynneth B. Banda
SECONDARY



Ma. Leonora Theresa R. Rocha
SECONDARY



Manuel D. Blazo
SECONDARY



Congratulations to the ALSA Buhay Learners who passed the Accreditation and Equivalency Examination (A&E Exam) last January 25, 2015.



Elementary Level



Artiaga,
Edward S.



Eugenio,
Gloria O.



Marvella, Ma.
Dolores



Monte, Alvin
P.



Navarrosa,
Michael N.



Villorente,
Alexis

Secondary Level



Estrada,
Wela T.



Laudes,
Veronica



Lopez, Ma.
Vanessa S.



Mallari,
Zenaida E.



Mendez,
Merlita



Nidao, Merry
Grace C.



Ragmac, Eva
Anne D.



Regala, Mary
Ann

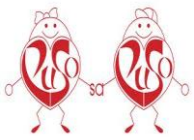


Zabay, Noriel



"Ang kahirapan ay hindi hadlang sa pagtatagumpay"





Payatas Monthly Mass for April 2015
(April 10, 2015)



"The stone rejected by the builders become the cornerstone" as the Friday mass Responsorial Psalm stated, Jesus arises this Easter after His passion and death and seated at the right hand of God Father. Jesus is our cornerstone. As the foundation of our strength and faith, we depend on Him even when we continuously rejected His presence and ignore Him as part of our lives. Last April 10, 2015, learners and staffs of ALSA-BUHAY gathered together at Payatas Youth Center to celebrate the Monthly Friday Mass. It was headed by Fr. Lando Jaluag, a Parish priest of Kristong Hari. The mass started at exactly 10:45am with the entrance song "I Love to Be in Your Presence" sung by ALSA-BUHAY Payatas Choir. The Holy Gospel came from the Book of John 21:1-14.

The homily of Fr. Lando started by recalling the holy Gospel of how Mary Magdalene found out that the tomb of Jesus which is covered by big stone is mysteriously open. He relates that on how Jesus removed the stone that hinder our faith and obedience in His teachings. Fr. Lando also made the mass more enjoyable and engaging by inserting the famous expression in the Philippines "Push mo yan" which literally means "you push it" and pointing out to "go ahead or do it". He also used the word "PUSH" as an acronym in internalizing the gospel. The letter "P" which he said stands for having "penitent heart". Regardless of our sins and shortcomings, Jesus always shows His grace and merciful heart to those who are willing to repent. On the other hand, the letter "U" stands for "unlimited faith". With our confidence to God, He provided us unlimited chances and opportunities to nurture our soul towards Him. Following that, the letter "S" means "space for God". Fr. Lando narrated on how Jesus gathered all of His apostles in a place called Galilee. This place is very symbolic to the lives of twelve apostles as this sets on how Jesus changed their lives and used them as a tool for spreading the word of God. In similar way, we should nurture our Galilee experience. Recalling the first time that we recognized and felt God and how He incessantly helps us especially in our most sorrowful time. Also, he added that ALS center is like Galilee which enriches their hopes and aspirations as a youth. Lastly, the letter "H" stands for "help Jesus". Though God is powerful and might, people should help Him in spreading His word and share the goodness of life and be part of mission in uplifting our Christian lives.

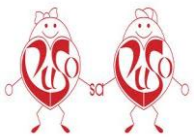
Before the mass end, Fr. Lando handed over five laptops with five new charger and mouse to Sr. Frances that will be very useful for the learners. It has been donated by the friends of Fr. Lando at St. Michael Parish in Honolulu, Hawaii. The staffs and learners were very grateful for these blessings. It can also encourage learners to be computer literate as it is vital in our digital age for everyday use.

PHOTOS:



Sr. Frances receiving laptops from Fr. Roland Jaluag





**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON INC.
ALSA BUHAY PROGRAM**



**Fire Disaster Response of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. and the Impact to the
ALSA-BUHAY Beneficiaries**

(April 10, 2015)

Last April 10, 2015 around 9:00 in the morning, Parola staff conducted special meeting with the parents of foundation beneficiaries whose victims of the past fire tragedy. The discussion focused on **"UGNAYAN TUNGO SA PAGTUTULUNGAN"**. It was attended by 70 parents, 40 from *Eskwelahan ng Buhay* and 30 parents came from *ALSA- Buhay learners*.

While waiting for the coming of other participants, ALSA-Buhay Staffs' presented some video regarding the programs of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc.

The formal general meeting started with welcome remarks given by Sr. Mila Singap, FLP. It was followed by an opening prayer with the background song entitled "Come Holy Spirit." After that, Parola staff has been introduced and the programs also of our foundation.

Before discussing the important matters, ALSA-Buhay staff divided the participants into seven (7) groups. Sr. Mila Singap explained clearly the pointers to discuss.

The first activity is a group sharing; every participant was given a chance to express their experiences during the fire incident, what the lessons they have learned are and their plan for the future.

Participants were also asked about their major priority needs. Through consensus and sharing activity, we were able to found out that the majority needs of the families are construction materials for the rehabilitation of their temporary shelter. Some families expressed their needs for livelihood assistance and financial assistance to be able to rent a small room while they are processing the application and complying for the requirements needed by the National Housing Authority (NHA).

Two beneficiaries of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. disclosed that they will be relocated on April 14, 2015 in Cavite, since they already complied with the requirements needed by NHA.

Listed below are the feedback from the victims of fire who are beneficiary of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. in line with the immediate response of the organization.

1. They were very thankful to the Pusong Pusong staff and the organization, since they felt their presence and empathy as they directly searched them in the area/evacuation center after the incident of fire to give comfort and food assistance. They appreciated the help extended by Pusong Pusong and accordingly it really helps them to start a new life.
2. They appreciated the commitment of Pusong Pusong staffs and volunteers in the education of their children and youth in the community of Parola.
3. The existence of ALSA-BUHAY Program (ALS Program) was recognized by one of the parents because accordingly, there is no ALS (Alternative Learning System) program implemented in other community.
4. Some also expressed that they (victims of fire) must be the main actor in coping with their present situation. They must not depend on the assistance given by other people.
5. Some of the families to be relocated have to think about some probable negative scenario, since they will be away from their work, school, and ALSA-BUHAY program where they get free education.

6. Majority of the parents expressed their love and gratitude towards Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. in their life and also expressed their commitment to support and pray for the continuity of its operation to educate, empower and mobilize the people in the community of Parola.
7. Some of them also expressed that they will not demand for something big from Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Accordingly, they will appreciate and shows gratefulness for the extended help given to them, and they will value and used it properly.

Result of the Assessment

These are the following needs arises during the group sharing.

| Name of group | Priority Needs |
|--|---|
| GRUPONG MATATAG | shelter (construction materials, financial, food, and livelihood – Sari-sari store) |
| TROPANG PAGTITIWALA (12 members) headed by Ma. Vanessa Lopez (a former ALSA-Buhay student) | Livelihood assistance- (3) Financial assistance for renting- (2) Construction materials-(6), School supply specifically, uniform-(1) |
| TEAM SUNOG | Medicines, goods, housing materials, school supplies, drums and kitchen wares |
| TEAM TAGUMPAY | construction materials to build their temporary house |
| PLAZA FIRE VICTIMS led by Mrs. Artega, parent from Eskwelahan ng Buhay | Construction materials, shelter, capital, livelihood assistance, medicine and education. |
| FIRE VICTIMS initiated by Rose Anne a former ALSA-Buhay student. | Construction materials |
| BATUHAN FIRE VICTIMS | Medicines and food, financial, livelihood, shelter and education |

Construction materials and food is the major needs of the beneficiaries

Enlisted below are the necessary needs of the fire victims:

- Financial assistance and Livelihood
- Medicines
- Education- dilemmas for the Alsa Buhay learners who will be relocated.
- School supplies
- Utensils-

After the agreement, the leader of each group expressed their deep gratitude towards PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.

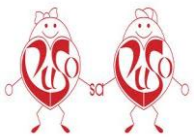
The general meeting with the parents of Puso sa Puso beneficiary who are victims of fire was ended around 11 in the morning.

Closing remarks was given by Sr. Mila Singap in behalf of the organization followed by the closing prayer with the background song "Pananagutan". It was then followed by the distribution of relief goods to the participants.

Photos:



The photographs was taken during the meeting and orientation with the parents of beneficiary



BROTHERS FROM THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE OPEN DOORS



Last April 13, 2015, Jennifer Basconcillo, community social worker and Lucy Lachica, Livelihood coordinator of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. went to Barangay 20, Tondo Manila to set an appointment with their chairman to propose and communicate the community exposure activity of Kenyan Brothers under the supervision of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. in their area of jurisdiction.

On the same date, the team of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. headed by Sr. Mila Singap, FLP together with five Kenyan volunteers from Community of St. Paul Apostle conducted a courtesy call and area visitation in Gate 1, Parola Tondo Manila in line with the proposed activity.

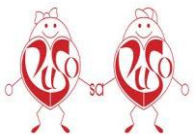
Right straight and deep from the heart, Brother Eric and Brother Stephen of St. Paul the Apostle offered an opportunity to the primary students to study and gain knowledge even if it's already their vacation. It was made to befall on Friday, April 17, 2015 at exactly one o'clock in the afternoon till three and was conducted at the Multipurpose Hall of Parola.

"Getting to know each other" was the first activity that the brothers launched in their first meeting too. As usual, students with their parents individually introduced themselves to the best that they can give. Since there are only 14 attendees all in all, one by one they've found out that some of their classmates are related to each other yet having gap of ages, the eldest is 12 and the youngest is 6.

Lately, the brothers made it clear that it was a tutorial program that will somehow help the students to program their minds, mold it into something better than usual and to further improve their skills too.

As the tutorial move forward, foods were allocated for the learners to eat after the said activity.

The tutorial program is scheduled every Mondays and Fridays only. On Monday, Brother Erick and Stephen is in charge in teaching and on Friday, Brother Ambrose, Bryan and Steven will take over.



PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON INC. ALSA BUHAY PROGRAM



DISTRIBUTION PROPER

Last April 22, 2015, Fr. Artur, the President of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. went to the livelihood center and proceeded to the selected stores to transact and settle the payment for the said distributions to the beneficiaries who were victims of the fire crisis.

In line with the intervention of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc., on the fire disaster, we have come up with the actual distribution of goods to each beneficiaries.

Last April 23, 2015, the first batch received the household materials worth of 10,000 to each family. Pusong Pusong Edukasyon staff and volunteers were deployed in different stores in Divisoria. The following are the names of the stores:

- Citadel Merchandise
- Good Sun General Sales
- Murkatis Glassware/ AM Glassware
- Puregold Jr. (Juan Luna)
- Goddess Rice Center

Daren Ilarina, in coordination with the two German volunteers, Fabian and Daniel were assigned in Citadel Merchandise. Ma'am Mylene Erpe was in charged in Good Sun General Sales. The purchasing started around two o'clock in the afternoon. Michael and Lucy Lachica take charge in Puregold Jr, while Jennifer Basconcillo, Social Worker is assigned to do the monitoring and documentation of the activity.

The distribution of stubs first arrived in the activity done at the Livelihood Center facilitated by Jennifer Basconcillo, Social Worker. After receiving the stubs, Michael and Lucy Lachica proceed to Puregold to purchase groceries that they will give to those who received stubs.

There are 40 recipients gathered divided into two. The first 28 recipients was allocated to purchase in Citadel Merchandise where in they can avail plastic and kitchen wares worth of 6000 pesos. 12 beneficiaries assigned in Good Sun General Sale to purchase Plastic wares and Murkatis Glassware amounting Php 6,000.00. On the next day, distribution of rice was done in Livelihood Center.

SELECTED STORES WHERE THEY CAN PURCHASE THE STUFF





CITADEL MERCHANDISE AND MURKATIS GLASSWARE



ADVANCE PAYMENT IN THE SELECTED STORES





STUB/ VOUCHER DISTRIBUTION





PURCHASING OF GOODS





Learner from fourth batch together with his mother expressed their gratitude to Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. by receiving a stuff worth of Php 6000.00



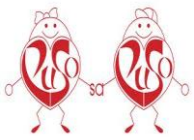
One of the learners from Eskwelahan ng Buhay happily received the assistance from Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc.



Distribution of one sack rice to 40 beneficiaries from First batch that will be relocated



One of the German volunteers actively engaged in Rice distribution



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Thanks Giving Mass @ Livelihood Center Parola
(April 24, 2015)



After such busy and tiring days, we gathered into a meaningful fellowship in thanksgiving to our God for His goodness and presence, especially to our fire victim beneficiaries. Our 3rd monthly mass was held; it started at around 9:00 in the morning in the Livelihood Center of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Parola Center. The center was filled by both Parents and learners, which made it very crowded; each of them didn't even care about it because of excitement for the Spiritual blessings that they are going to receive. Fr. Francis, a priest from the Community of St. Paul, the Apostle, one of the religious communities working with Puso sa Puso, Presided the Mass together with his companion Fr. Steven, a Kenyan priest from same community concelebrated with him.

We experienced peace, joy and the glory of God. Before the start of the Mass, Fr. Francis asked everyone to pause for a while to prepare ourselves for the celebration and to offer our thanks giving through silent individual prayers. The reading of Word of God was done by one of Parola Staffs, Ma'am Lucy, from the Book of Acts: 9, the story of the conversion of Paul, how he became an apostle, from being a prosecutor of Christ to being a follower of Him. Fr. Steven explained it very well and relates it in our present situation today. That Paul, Saul who intensified to prosecute and destroyed the belief of Christians in Damascus during Apostles time met personally our Lord Jesus Christ. Through his experience, he emerged into a follower of Christ from being a prosecutor. He became an apostle of Jesus Christ and He testified the goodness of God where ever he goes. Afterwards, Fr. Steven asked each and every one of us if we also experience how God makes a miserable life turn into a meaningful one. Norma, one of the parents answered, "Yes, we experience God in our daily lives, especially during trials and problems. God gives us strength and wisdom to pass through a certain obstacle". He recognized Norma's answer, however he put emphasis on his words that we must experience and meet God in a deep and biblical way like Paul has experienced Him. We must strive to meet God's presence and strengthen our faith through continuous reading and listening to the word of God. He challenged the learners and parents to spend much time in attending Spiritual gatherings and prayers. In addition, he also said that we are going to experience a full and real conversion if we accept Jesus Christ in our life. While the homily was being delivered, we observed silence and attentiveness among the parents and learners.

Lastly, thanks giving and intention prayers were done and the choir sung an offertory song entitled, "Lord I Offer my life to you", which was very relevant to the message of the mass. All of us felt blessed and went home with joy and happiness in our heart.



ALSA Buhay Parola Choir singing the entrance song



The crowd was in great silence while offering their personal prayers to God.



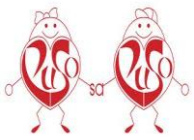
Singing of the Lord's prayer, "Our Father"



Fr. Francis with Fr. Steven giving the final blessing after the mass.



Sr. Mila thanked all the attendees of the mass and recognized the goodness of Fr. Francis and Fr. Steven and their Brothers for sharing their precious time in celebrating the Mass with the Puso sa Puso learners and staffs monthly. She also explained briefly the message of mass in Filipino for the crowd for them to understand, internalized, and it will remain in their hearts and mind.



**PUSONG PUSONG EDUKASYON INC.
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General Orientation for the Second Batch Recipients
(April 24, 2015)

Last April 24, 2015 around 2:00 in the afternoon, Parola staffs' arranged a short orientation held at Livelihood Center for the second batch of fire victims whose beneficiary under Pusong sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. a total of 55 attendees came.

The orientation was spearheaded by Sr. Mila Singap, ALSA-BUHAY staff, volunteers from the previous batch and the German volunteers (Fabian, Michael and Daniel).

An opening prayer was lead by Rose Anne Calixtro, one of the ALSA-BUHAY learners from 5th batch.

A welcome remark was instigated by Jennifer Basconcillo, a social worker of Pusong sa Pusong Edukasyon, Parola Center followed by Lucy Lachica for her warm greetings for the attendees.

The main scheme had been tackled clearly. Rules and regulation were also acknowledged including the arrangement and the process of distribution, the Do's and don'ts. The voucher/ coupon had been explained. Each of the beneficiaries will receive a stuff worth of 10, 000 pesos which classify in three categories which are; CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS for the improvement of their shelter that cost of Php 4, 000; FOOD to sustain their immediate needs that cost of Php 3, 000 and lastly the KITCHEN AND PLASTIC WARES that cost of Php 3, 000.

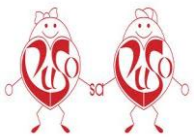
Pusong sa Pusong Edukasyon Inc tied up with the known supplier in Divisoria Market, the AM Glassware, Good Sun General sale, CM Recto for the needed household equipments of the beneficiary.

Some clarification with the former beneficiaries of Pusong sa Pusong Edukasyon Inc included in 3rd batch had been encountered, on the other hand, it was easily dealt by the ALSA-BUHAY staff.

PHOTOS:



Orientation for the second batch that will remain in Parola



**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON INC.
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RECOGNITION CEREMONY: Basic Home-based Education Program
(April 24, 2015)



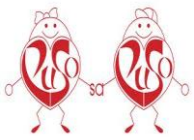
The Basic Home-based Education Program continuously supporting the preschool-aged children of Payatas by providing basic skills and knowledge for free and rendered by the international volunteers partnered with Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Last April 24, 2015, the class of Sr. Marthina together with other staff gathered together to celebrate their one year learning and experiences.

The program started at exactly 2:15 in the afternoon with the opening prayer "Ama Namin" (Our Father) sang beautifully by the children. It was followed by Sr. Frances' opening remarks that invite children to be more engaged on the said program. The children then performed an intermission number with the tune of the hit OPM song - "Chinito". Everyone enjoyed their very charming and innocent dance number. We also prepared games for the kids including "Trip to Jerusalem" and "Pinoy Henyo". The kids also sang "Let it Go" afterwards. The kids also had the chance to express the things that they learned from Sr. Marthina. They said that they learned how to write, read, recognized alphabets, good morals, being helpful to others and pray. We also distributed certificates to all children with the help of Sr. Frances and Sr. Marthina. This attests that they finish the one year program. After this, two kids namely Erika Shane and Cris Angel gave their thank you message to Sr. Marthina while one parent name Shirly Remandaban also expressed her deep gratitude for this kind of program and she hopes that it will be continue with other children in Payatas. In response to these messages and gratitude, Sr. Marthina also expressed her thoughts and feelings about this event. First, she expressed appreciation and thanks for all the kids and parents who support and trust our program. She hopes that the kids will be a good example to others and all of their learning will be put into practice. She also looks forward for the kids to be enrolled in formal school. Following that, a video presentation has been shown for kids which composed of pictures and memories that they have shared together throughout the program. The children were very happy seeing their selves in the video and they also recognized former volunteers like Ela and Ola from Poland. After the video, children then blessed the food by means of another prayer. They enjoyed eating Jollibee meal which consists of spaghetti, chicken and soft drink. We resumed the program by giving gifts that was sponsored by former volunteer Ela Agnieszka and her friends.

All the kids went home very happy but there were moments in the program that they got emotional and cried because they found out that Sr. Marthina is leaving for a vacation. It was nice to know that they are really attached to her and they were able to create a good connection and friendship. This is only the beginning of many successes and recognitions for these kids in the near future. We are very optimistic that with proper guidance and authentic love, these kids can make a difference not only in the lives of their loved ones but for the whole nation and into the world. Congratulations!

PHOTOS:





“Understanding the Importance of Child Protection Policy”
(April 25, 2015)



Parents, guardians and learners of ALSA BUHAY Payatas gathered at Sagrada Familia Chapel for the monthly formation facilitated by Sr. Mary Adeline Abamo, SDS. For the introduction, all attendees were asked to recall their realizations as well as the changes in their lives on the previous formations about children's rights and human dignity. Two learners shared about their improvements wherein they became more careful in text messaging. Another learner shared that having extra marital affairs has violated and disrespected the legal wife's rights hence she stopped seeing the married man. Sr. Abamo commended those who shared their experiences and expressed that God wants to see how we change and does not look at our past mistakes.

Two contrasting videos were shown where one video has shown children living in broken homes and the other video showed kindness that is being passed on. The second video has shown the ideal environment which everyone including Pusong sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. wanted for children and that violence is not tolerated by the institution.

Sr. Abamo proceeded with the rationale for coming up with a Child Protection Policy (CPP) that Pusong sa Pusong has. Having a CPP shows an organization's commitment to children's rights and recognition of duty of care for all children they work with. The CPP protects children, the staff and the organization itself. Child abuse is never acceptable and there is a call for zero tolerance for all forms of violence against children.

Learners and their parents, guardians were engaged in a workshop where the learners have to identify which experience and part of the ALS Center made them feel uncomfortable/unprotected and suggest ways on how they'll feel safer. The parents and guardians on the other hand, will write down their suggestions so that the learners will be protected while they are studying in ALSA Buhay. Learners identified the comfort room's dysfunctional lock, learners who bully and disrespect staff as well as unsafe environment within the community (outside the ALS Center) as experiences that made them feel unsafe. Parents expressed that staff should remind the learners to go home directly after class. As well, faith in God is a strong protection since the parents could not be present all the time. Sr. Abamo suggested that it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that the lock don't get destroyed all the time. Issues outside the school cannot be controlled by ALSA-BUHAY staff and learners are advised not to go home alone especially when going home late.

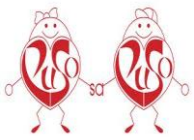
Bullying is a form of abuse and this may prevent other learners to return to school. Hence, incidents of bullying must be reported to staff and action must be done. The learners were also advised to take special care and to communicate with each other when there is any misunderstanding.

The formation ended with a closing prayer at 11:30 AM.

PHOTOS:



Learners and parents share their experiences during the workshop.



**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON INC.
ALSA BUHAY PROGRAM**



**Distribution proper for the 45 beneficiaries of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc
included in second batch**
(April 27, 2015)





Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. beneficiaries are well served by the store owner herself of Citadel Merchandise where they purchase the Plastic and Kitchen wares.

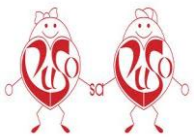




*Distribution of construction materials to the 45 beneficiaries of **Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.***



Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. staff and German volunteers facilitated the Distribution of one sack of Rice to the 45 Beneficiaries



**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON INC.
ALSA BUHAY PROGRAM**



“Orientation with the Last Batch of Beneficiaries”

Last April 28, 2015, another orientation was given to the third batch of beneficiaries conducted by the facilitators headed by the undersigned Social Worker and their Livelihood Coordinator.

As it moves along, it was clarified to the 17 beneficiaries that everyone will receive an assistance coming from the Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. The assistance that will be allocated to the beneficiaries includes house materials like kitchen and plastic wares and groceries with the same package of the first batch.

Prior to the assistance they received corresponds rules given by the authority. The Social Worker expected that each beneficiary will be responsible and well disciplined.

In connection with the orientation befall, they figured out that some families will soon be relocated but due to some financial constraints, the process of complying the requirements had been postponed and might not be able to start yet.



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The attendees are enthusiastically listening to the explanation of Ma'am Lucy Lachica

Distribution Proper



Distribution of goods to 17 beneficiaries from Last batch that will be relocated

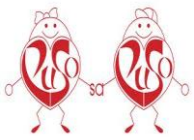
With all these blessings we received for our Fire victim beneficiaries, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the sponsors of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., donors, friends, families and relatives of our German and Kenyan volunteers, and individuals who extended their help for our fire victim learners. Sincerely, we thank you and pray that God will bless you and your family circle, in return for your good heart and kindness.

The successful disaster response was made possible with the efforts and hard work exerted by Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS the Founder and President of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.



Maraming Maraming Salamat po, Pagpalain po kayo ng Diyos!

“To God be the Glory”



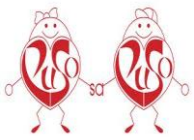
Payatas Monthly Mass for May 2015
“God is King of All the Earth”
(May 15, 2015)



It's another month of commemorating God's love and blessings. At exactly 1:00pm on May 15, 2015, a monthly mass was conducted in our center by our resident priest and steadfast supporter of our programs, Fr. Roland Jaluag. It was a special day not only for us but to Fr. Lando as well since this was the day before his birthday. At the same time, Catholics all over the world are also celebrating the feast of San Isidro Labrador, the patron saint of poor and animals.

The Gospel of holy mass was come from the book of John 16:20-23. To better understand the gospel, Fr. Lando further elaborated and conveyed it to us. He said that our life in this world is full of sacrifices. He also added the quotable line “No pain, no gain.” According to him, we should not be fear of pain and be brave enough of facing a lot of it. Pain and sacrifices challenge us to change ourselves to be better because in the end, these sufferings lead us for many possibilities and opportunities. He reminded us also that if we give up on our problems, opportunities also give up on us. He then emphasized that if we find ourselves in difficult situation, we are in the right track and we should never ever underestimate our capacities as God provide us the gift of strength.

The mass ended with recessional song “God Still Loves the World” sung by ALSA-BUHAY Payatas choir. But before Fr. Lando left us, we greeted and sung him with a “Happy Birthday” song. He was delighted and thankful for our small gift though he contributed countless efforts especially in the spiritual lives of our learners.



“Laws Protecting Women and Children”
(May 16, 2015)



Sr. Mary Adeline Abamo, SDS, facilitated the monthly formation participated by the parents and learners of the ALSA-BUHAY Payatas. The formation was conducted at Sagrada Familia Chapel.

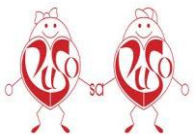
After a brief introduction, the participants were engaged in a short film-viewing entitled “Red Leaves Falling”. They were also tasked to analyze the experiences and abuses to children in the short film. After watching the short film, the abuses on children, reasons why people do not help as well as ways to help abused and trafficked children were discussed. Insights discussed include: reporting of abuse incidences, consulting children during decision-making as well as treating children equally.

The laws protecting children and women are the following: Republic Act (R.A. 7610) “Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse; R.A. 8505 “Act Providing Assistance & Protection for Rape Victims”; R.A. 7658 “Act Providing employment of children below 15 years of age”; R.A. 9344 “ Juvenile Justice Welfare Act”; R.A. 9208 “ Anti-trafficking in Persons Act” and R.A. 9262 “ Anti-violence Against Women and their Children”.

PHOTOS



Learners and parents listen and interact as Sr. Mary Adeline discuss the different laws protecting women and children.



**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON INC.
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3rd Monthly Mass in Parola
(May 22, 2015)



The 3rd Mass of ALSA Buhay, Parola, held at the Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Parish, Delpan Street, Tondo, Manila on May 22, 2015, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning. Our Mass celebrant was Fr. Francis, one of the priests of Community of St. Paul, the Apostle, a community working with the Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., as volunteers. It was the second time of Fr. Francis, a Malaysian priest to celebrate Mass with the ALSA-BUHAY learners in Parola, and his first time to say Mass in Filipino but delivered his Homily in English which was spontaneously translated by Sr. Mila in Filipino. The Gospel Reading was from St. John 21:15-19, the story of Jesus speaking to Peter. In his homily he reflected on two things. First, on the question of Jesus, "Peter, do you love me" and, second, on His challenge to Peter, "Feed my sheep".

On the first part, he explained that the Pope in Rome, Pope Francis takes the seat of Peter on earth. Jesus speaks and asks the Pope, do you love me? However, he elaborated further, that Jesus is not only speaking to the Pope, but also to bishops, priests, deacons, religious, all kinds of leader in the society, head of families and baptized people. Jesus is asking us all, do you love me? And, if we say, "Yes", like Peter, we are being called to "Feed His sheep". As we always heard it being preached by many priests/pastors that we cannot love God without loving our fellowmen; that we cannot serve God unless we serve our fellowmen. At this point, Fr. Francis addressed the parents; made clear that the words of Jesus, "feed my sheep" means "to take care of their children". But, it does not only mean that they feed their children, dressed and give them shelter; it goes beyond that, it includes educating them, teaching them good values, forming them into a good Christian, and teaching them practical things such as, hygiene, cleanliness and orderliness inside and outside of their homes; instructing them on the proper disposal of garbage. He took as an example the Cleanliness and orderliness he observed inside and outside of the Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Church.

In conclusion, he said, we need to be clean in mind and heart and, in our homes, so that the Holy Spirit can come in, dwell in our hearts and, in our family, to live with us and guide us in our daily life, especially in our dealings with our fellowmen.

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Sr. Mila Singap,FLP translated the homily of Fr. Francis in Filipino



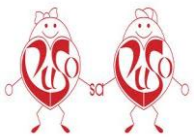
The singing of The Lord's Prayer.



Receiving of communion



Fr. Francis' Final Blessing



“Child Protection Policy”

(May 23, 2015)



“There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than insuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they can grow up in peace.”

Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. as an organization is working for the welfare of the children and Out of School Youth. Yearly, it provides seminar on Child Protection Policy to educate its beneficiaries on its program and to ensure safe environment for them. Last May 23, 2015, this seminar was first held outside the center. It was conducted in the Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Parish hall, with participants including 33 parents and 37 learner. It was facilitated by Sr. Adelina Abamo, SDS, one of the partners of this institution. The seminar started at around 2:00 pm headed by Sr. Mila Singap, FLP, the ALSA-BUHAY supervisor of Parola Center. She welcomes and acknowledged the presence of everyone, especially of the Parents and the support that they give to their children. The venue is big enough and can accommodate many people so the two seminars for the Parents and learners were fused together and held at same time.

Sr. Adel as a facilitator provided some important knowledge about Child Protection Policy, when it was created, its purposes and the benefits of this policy. She mentions that Puso sa Puso as an organization involve in the welfare of the children was compulsory mandated to create its own policy by the State. She assuredly declares that Puso sa Puso has its own Child Protection Policy not only in response for that mandate but to assure safe environment to its children. The Facilitator shows a short movie where the values of “what behavior and environment teach to the children will shape them to what they are.” The learners and parents have had discussion and have realized that the shaping and destiny of children is in the hand of the adult. Another short movie was presented by her and it is about “the chain of doing good” the good things we sow, we will reap. It reminded to the parents and learners to sow good things to others especially to the young because time will come they will reap and sow also what they have reaped.

For the benefits of the beneficiaries and organization itself, to improve in insuring healthy and safe environment for the children, facilitator ended the session with a question, "Is there any abuse, situation, things where you see that your children/yourself is not safe within the organization? And what are your suggestions about it? Parents are group into four groups while the learners into four groups by age bracket.

After group discussion, parents and learners are given time to report their insights. In the report, there are three situations where they found out that their children are not safe.

1. The problem of bullying- according to the parents most of the learners are bully which can offend other learners, so they suggest to highly implement and teach more moral values regarding bullying.
2. The problem in Parola Learning Center- it is located in Gate1, Parola, Binondo Manila wherein this place is risky because many big container vans, trucks and other transportation vehicles are passing where the learners who have no allowances for transportation keep on riding because they can ride for free. So they suggest to the organization to have its own service for its learners.
3. Lack of Communication- Parents want to know every day if their children are present in the class so they suggest that Puso sa Puso must inform them through text or any means of communication.

However, on the side of the learners instead of answering the given question, They shared their experiences and opinions where they can have safe environment against any form of abuses; some of the learners open up their problems with their parents particularly, on how they are being disciplined, that based on their sharing sometimes they felt over protected.

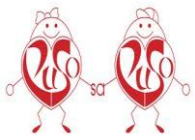
After the reporting of group discussions, Sr. Adel thank the learners and the Parents as well and the staff and encourage them to continue and improve ensuring safe and healthy environment for the Child



Sr. Mila Singap,FLP, welcomes everyone to the seminar.



One of the secondary learner's parent shared her observations in the present attitude of the children which is according to her environment have a big effect in shaping these attitudes so every one of us must be responsible to be a role model to them.



Accreditation and Equivalency Exam Results 2015

The Department of Education (DepEd) released the results of the paper and pencil test (PPT) which used to be known as the non-formal education test or the Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency exam or ALS A&E. It was administered in 17 regions nationwide by the Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS) of DepEd and the exam conducted in NCR on January 25, 2015 for Elementary and Secondary level.

The much-awaited examination results was first announced to be release on May 25, 2015 but the information was still not available in DepEd official website until we verified the results via phone call in BALS office on the same day. Out of 35 learners who took the exam for our institution in Payatas center, 18 among them successfully passed the test. This includes 2 learners from Elementary level and 16 learners from secondary level. This accounts to 51% passing rate in Payatas center that is much higher compared to the previous batch. On the other hand, for the Parola center, out of 42 hopeful examinees, 15 learners were able to pass this exam. These include 6 learners from Elementary level and 10 learners from secondary with percentage of passing rate of 38% and still much higher from the previous batch.

On May 26, 2015, the full list of passers from all over the Philippines becomes available in the DepEd's official website. Here's the link of the results - <http://www.deped.gov.ph/als-ae>.

Meanwhile, the Quezon City Division office posted lists of successful passers in Quezon City including their grades in objective and essay test in our Face book NGO group. The data shows that there are total of 1829 learners whom successfully passed in the said city. Here's also the file that we are able to obtain from the division <C:\Users\Jeremie\Downloads\2014 QC A and E Passers.xlsx>. According to the DepEd source, the overall passing rate nationwide is 39%.

This is the list of successful passers of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc.

Parola Center

Elementary

1. Artiaga, Edward
2. Eugenio, Gloria
3. Marvella, Ma. Dolores
4. Monte, Alvin
5. Navarosa, Michael
6. Villorente, Alexis

Secondary

1. Estrada, Wela
2. Mallari, Zhen
3. Laudes, Veronica
4. Nicdao, Merry Grace
5. Sabusap, Maria Vanessa
6. Mendez, Merlita
7. Regala, Mary Ann
8. Ragmac, Eva Ann
9. Zabay, Noriel
10. Delmiguez, Jaharra

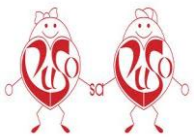
Payatas Center

Elementary

1. Arabit, Kynitte
2. Martinez, Marjorie

Secondary

1. Arabit, Christian John Luis Benedict
2. Banda, Glynneth
3. Blazo, Marnuel
4. Cabriana, Rhanía
5. Clores, Ma. Margarita
6. Dealca, Joan
7. Espino, Jick
8. Espinosa, Catherine
9. Lorenzo, Nelly Joy
10. Playda, Ronelda
11. Rabino, Mary Jane
12. Rabino, Mary Joy
13. Renzalis, Rina
14. Rocha, Ma. Leonora Theresa
15. Rollon, Sean Keith
16. Zarco, Andrea



Financial Education

(May 27, 2015)



Two sessions of Financial Education was conducted last May 27 and June 3, 2015 for secondary learners facilitated by Mrs. Lucy Casero Luchica, Livelihood Coordinator of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. On the first part of the activity, it was initiated by getting their expectation towards the topic, facilitator and co-participant. The synopsis of Financial Education was clearly explained to the learners. It was also included in the discussion the Importance of setting life and financial goals and practical money saving strategies

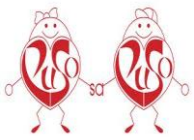
Another activity was given to the learners. The participants were divided into two groups. They were task to make their own expenses allotted for a week and each group has one representative to talk in front of the class. This group activity aims to enhance basic financial acumen and to improve financial literacy by promoting productive expenditure, greater saving and entrepreneurship among the beneficiaries of livelihood program under Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc.



Expectation Check



Discussion of Budgeting, Savings and Spending



Eskwelahan ng Buhay “Lakbay-Aral” at Museo Pambata
(June 3, 2015)



Students of the German volunteers from Payatas got the chance to explore Manila's Museo Pambata as part of their educational tour. Last June 3, 2015, at 7:30am, children, parent/guardian, German volunteers and Payatas staff of Pusong Puso Edukasyon, Inc. amassed at Sagrada Chapel ground. Attendance has been checked and a brief pre-departure orientation has been given to every attendees. All in all, 46 kids and 21 parents/guardians were the beneficiaries of the activity.

At exactly 9:00am, we departed from Payatas and rode in four rented jeepneys to accommodate all of us. Children were really excited as they are close to unveil the anticipated enjoyment of our journey. We all arrived at Museo Pambata at exactly 10:20am. Ate Anne, one of their staff, gave an orientation including the reminders and house rules of the establishment. She then accompanied and toured us in every room of the Museum.

Accordingly, Museo Pambata is the first hands-on delivery museum for children in the Philippines.

Kids can able to touch and play with most of the exhibits which can give them much more learning. It's an edifying experience of our history, culture, science and health, environment and career options. We went to the first room which they called “Body Works” and the tour guide introduced Ms. Big Mouth to the kids. They were indeed amused to the room as it is so much filled with things inside our body. It can able children to understand how our different organs work in harmony to keep our bodies functioning. We then proceed to the second room where kids can practice their entrepreneurial and budgeting skills. This is called “Pamilihan Bayan/Market Place”. It is loaded with different shops found in the market including meat shop, vegetable shop, drugstore, sari-sari store, barber shop, bakery, mini carinderia, a small “bahay-kubo” and big fire truck where they can act like a firefighter and wear uniform of it. On the 3rd room, children had the chance to wear different costumes, read books, check different paintings and Filipino comic characters. They named this room as “Paglaki Ko/Career Options” where children enlightened about what they want when they grow up. It helps them to discover the infinite possibilities and visualize the career that they will track in the near future. The 4th room which they called “I Love My Planet Earth” that we went through remind and teach children on how to take care of our mother earth by conserving water and energy. It also exhibits climate change and other

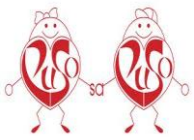
environmental issues. Other educational room that we had the chance to experienced was the "Maynila Noon/Old Manila" that took us back to turn-of-the-century Manila, their old lifestyle including their house and furniture, old miniature Cathedral and a Spanish galleon. Meanwhile, "Bata sa Mundo/Children in the Global Village" room enabled us to get a glimpse of children from around the world and seen dolls in national costumes, other toys and musical instruments from different countries including "kulintang", gong and aklung that we had the chance to played it as well. Finally, the "Kalikasan/Environment" room allowed us to have a nature-tripping know-how with simulated rainforest, rice field, seabed and an outdoor herb garden to inspire everyone to take positive action to preserve Mother Nature.

We took a break since it's already lunch time. The kids were very happy eating Jollibee meal. Afterwards, we had our final peek to the museum. We went back to Payatas and arrived at exactly 3:30pm. This is one decisive experience and memories to ponder for all attendees of this activity.

Photos:







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The Actual Making of the Livelihood Product
(June 05, 2015)



Last June 5, 2015, the second part of Financial Education was held at Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. - Livelihood Center spearheaded by Mrs. Lucy Casero Lachica, Livelihood Coordinator of Parola. Twenty one (21) secondary learners attended the skills training in production of dishwashing liquid and fabric conditioner. Each of the learners had a chance to participate in the said activity.



Learners actively participate in this skills training.

Elections of Officers

June 5, 2015



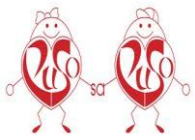
The election of Core Group for ALSA-BUHAY 5th batch Livelihood Program was held last June 5 2015. The purpose of this activity is to prepare the learners for entrepreneurship. The following list of learners has been elected and part of;

ALSA BUHAY CORE GROUP LIVELIHOOD OFFICER

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|
| President | : | Mrs. Claudia Murralos |
| Vice-President: | | Mrs. Nancy Delos Santos |
| Secretary | : | Ms. Arlie Joy Hayag |
| Treasurer | : | Ms. Liwanag Vuelga |
| Auditor | : | Ms. Rose Ann Calixtro |



Election Proper



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Payatas 2nd Commencement Exercise 2015 (June 11, 2015)

 **Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.**

Congratulations for passing the
ALS Accreditation and Equivalency Exam 2015



According to the Department of Education, the graduation rites shall focus on the theme "Saktong buhay sa De-kalidad na Edukasyon Pinanday". As stated, this theme highlights the importance of quality education in forging a decent future for Filipino Youth. It also emphasizes the commitment of the Department of Education (DepEd) to hone the 21st century skills among Filipino graduates in order for them to actualize their life goals and dreams not only for themselves but also for the less fortunate.

Last June 11, 2015, the much-awaited event for anyone who dream and hope for a better life finally arrived as we proudly welcome the new batch of successful graduates and passers of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. – Accreditation and Equivalency Examination 2014-2015.

This momentous event started with a "Baccalaureate Mass" held at Sagrada Familia Chapel in Payatas B, Quezon City in the morning. The mass was conducted by Fr. Roland Jaluag who also witnessed the growth of these learners in the past months. It was attended by the 3rd batch of learners from elementary and secondary as well as the second batch learners. The message of the homily is very clear to everyone. In order for us to become a leader who possesses exemplary qualities and skills, we should be a servant to others as well. It was also the feast day of St. Barnabas that day and Fr. Lando relate his story to the learners. St. Barnabas who sold all of his goods and gave the money to the apostles in Jerusalem, is one of the disciples and apostles of Jesus Christ that also humble himself and became successful together with St. Paul in evangelizing "God fearing" gentiles in various Hellenized cities in Anatolia. According to Fr. Lando, he is a perfect example of a servant leader that follows God's teachings and works.

The actual graduation ceremony took place at the same venue and started at exactly 3.30 pm as the emcees welcomed everyone. Learners, parents, staff of Puso sa Puso headed by Fr. Artur Chrzanowski SDS, Vice President Mr. Christian Inocencio, program coordinator and supervisors, instructional managers and social worker for both centers and distinguish guest marched with an overjoyed heart. The program started with a doxology performed by selected third batch learners.

It was then followed by singing of Philippine National Anthem and welcome remarks from one of the graduates, Maria Leonora Theresa Rocha. Fr. Artur and Sr. Frances headed the confirmation of graduates, awarding of medals and certificates for outstanding learners and awarding of certificates of recognition for all successful passers of 2014-2015 A & E examination.

Awardees include the honorable mentions – Glynneth Banda, Rina Renzalis and Catherine Espinosa followed by the salutatorian – Maria Leonora Theresa Rocha and the valedictorian – Rhanía Cabriana who also got the highest grade among learners of the foundation. Peer facilitators and most active learner were being recognized also in this event while Mary Jane Rabino was awarded with “Best in Essay Writing” certificate and medal as she got the perfect score in essay part of A&E.

The program will not be complete without the presence of our dearly president Fr. Artur as he gave an inspirational message to all learners and parents. To express her gratitude and sentiment, Rhanía Cabriana gave her valedictory address to all attendees of the program.

It was touching and heartwarming moment when graduates sang their thankful song to their parents entitled “Glowing Inside”. We witnessed how these tears that initially shed because of pain, suffering, and poverty before is now pouring because of happiness, thanks and optimism. It was followed by the graduation song “Go the distance” by Michael Bolton that conclude all their aspirations from the beginning of their stay in the foundation up until they reach their ultimate destination in the near future. Sr. Frances closed the program with very moving yet simple message to all graduates and she also headed the closing prayer with Fr. Artur gave the final blessings.

Every warrior has a powerful weapon in every battle that they take. Our learners are like warriors as well that have a special and unique weapon on their own. This foundation, with the support of the whole people behind it including the management, staffs and the generous and kindhearted sponsors, this weapon has been forged and now ready to face more challenging battles of their lives.

Photos:





Rhania Cabriana delivering her valedictory address



The 3rd batch of learners performing the doxology



Presentation of Candidates for Graduation



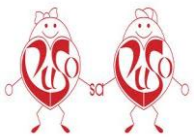
Awarding of medals for outstanding learners



One of the elementary graduates with her mother, Sir Christian, Fr. Artur, and Sr. Mila



While the graduates singing their song for their parents



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**4th Commencement Exercises of ALSA-BUHAY Parola
“SUCCESS THROUGH EXCELLENCE”
(June 18, 2015)**



“Liparin mo ang hangganan ng langit sa ulap ng pag-asa’y iyong makakamit. Ang tagumpay na bunga ng iyong pagpupunyagi, pangarap ng inang baying natatangi”.

JUNE 18, 2015—Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc., held its 4th commencement ceremony at the Social Hall of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Parish, Parola, Manila. Ma. Vanessa S. Lopez, 4th honorable mention welcomed the class of 2015, their families and friends, and several special guests and the presence of Sr. Mila Singap, FLP, ALSA-BUHAY Parola Supervisor; Mr. Christian Inocencio, Vice President and Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS, President of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. For the opening remarks, Mrs. Claudia Morillos, President of 5th batch of learners from Secondary level expressed her insights about graduation. She touched on themes of personal vision, personal responsibility, and self-reliance, as well as on the importance of the education in our society.

Afterwards, Sr. Mila Singap, FLP, Program Supervisor of Parola and Fr. Arthur Chrzanowski, presented the 16 learners who successfully passed the recent Accreditation and Equivalency Examination. It was followed by the awarding of medals and certificates for the outstanding learners.

Michael Navarrosa and Eva Ann Ragmac, the class' "Most Outstanding Learner" for Elementary level and Secondary level respectively of ALSA-BUHAY Parola center were chosen by their Instructional Managers to deliver the Commencement Address. In their address, they showed their appreciation to the institution, the people behind it and their experience during the whole process of learning. They also share about leadership—not only as it is practiced by those in traditional positions of power, but leadership as a habit of mind and character. Accordingly, leadership is an act of "inspiring people to maximize their own potential." Michael gave thanks to everyone who continuously supports the foundation and hoping that many youth like him can also be benefited by this program. He also challenged every learner to strive harder for them to achieve their dreams.

Meanwhile, Eva Ann Ragmac ended her address with very fruitful words to his dear classmates - "We have been through a lot, but with God, and with great perseverance, nothing is impossible." Wella Estrada, one of the learners, sung "Wind Beneath My Wings" dedicated to their beloved parents. It was then followed by the Inspirational talk by our very own, Fr. Arthur Chrzanowski. Subsequently, the representative of Barangay 275 and Dr. Veronica Alcaras, DALSC-Manila for NGO gave their short messages.

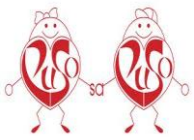
The event made possible with the help and support of Payatas staff, Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS, volunteers and the active participation of the learners from 5th batch.



Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS Program Coordinator and Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, President of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. with the Elementary passer named Alvin Monte, one of the scholars of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc.



The **16 passers** of Accreditation and Equivalency Examination (A&E Exam)



“Teen Sexuality & Relationships”
(June 20, 2015)



Forty six learners attended the monthly formation with the theme on teen sexuality and relationships at ALSA-BUHAY Payatas Center. Sr. Mary Adeline Abamo, SDS, facilitated the monthly formation for learners. The learners participated in the discussions on sexuality among teens and their changing values, beliefs on romantic relationships. Moreover, they had a debate on “sex before marriage and marriage before sex”. Majority of the participants chose to get married first before engaging in sex with their partner because it is a sign of respect and commitment to women. A few learners agreed on pre-marital sex because they believed that marriage is not an assurance of a long-term, happy relationship among couples.

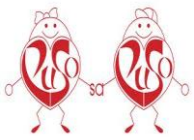
After the debate, Sr. Abamo provided inputs on knowing and praying for your partner and your relationship together as well as marriage being sacred, thus involving lifelong love, commitment and trust.

Experimental relationships could lead to separation, promiscuity with high risks of sexually-transmitted diseases. Slides with photos and descriptions of different sexually-transmitted diseases were presented then the learners expressed their insights to conclude the day's formation.

Photos:



Some of the photos during the formation



Laws regarding “CHILD ABUSE”
(June 27, 2015)



Last June 27, 2015, ALSA-BUHAY Parola Center conducted their 3rd formation to the beneficiaries/ learners of this institution. The seminar was held at Pusong Pusong Livelihood Center headed by Sr. Mary Adeline Abamo, SDS. All in all, 69 participants were attended the monthly formation.

At around 10:00 in the morning, the formation was started with an opening prayer led by one learner from Secondary level. Sr. Adeline review the past topic that had been discussed which highlighted the meaning and significant of the rights of the children and different kinds of abuses.

Sr. Adeline gave the synopsis of CHILD ABUSE and related laws. It was briefly and clearly explained to the participants the importance of existing law that protects the women and children in different kinds of abuses happening in our society. The speaker prepared also a short film entitled “Red Leaves Falling”. It reflected the story of many children and youth who are trafficked everyday as a result of poverty. After the film viewing, Sr. Adel asked the attendees of what are the ways and possible solutions to prevent that kind of situation. Learners and parents were actively participated, discussed and shared their own opinions in line with the topic.

The following laws on child abuse which were emphasized and being highlighted during the session:

Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as an act providing for stronger deterrence and special protection against child abuse, exploitation and discrimination, Anti- Child abuse law.

It was explained the importance of the law to the children who were then experienced various abuses perpetrated by their biological parents. It also included the limitation and extent of the law and other conditions prejudicial to their development. It was then discussed the categories of abuses.

Republic Act No. 7658, otherwise known as an act prohibiting the employment of children below 15 years of age in public and private undertakings, amending for this purpose section 12, article viii of R.A. 7610.

The discussion emphasized that the children 15 years of age may work not more than 20 hours. It also properly explained the distinction of the law. The child's earnings shall be set primarily for their education. A percentage was presented to the learners that the highest rate of child labor was found in NCR (National Capital Region). Define the difference between **CHILD WORK** and **CHILD LABOR**, the legal and illegal works.

Republic Act No. 9208, otherwise known as anti Trafficking in person act of 2003.

Republic Act No. 9344, an act establishing a comprehensive juvenile justice and welfare system, creating the juvenile justice and welfare council under the department of justice, appropriating funds therefore and for other purposes.

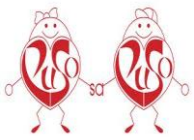
Republic Act No. 9262, "The anti-violence against women and their children act of 2004"

This law has important rule in the lives of the women and children who were then experience domestic abuse.

The objective of this advocacy is to promote broad public awareness to the learners and parents who is unaware to the existing law. It also help the people who were living in a depressed area to protect and prevent their selves into the harmful situation in there society. After the discussion, each learner shared their experience and learning insights in the whole process. All of them are glad and grateful that they were given a chance to attend the kind of seminar.

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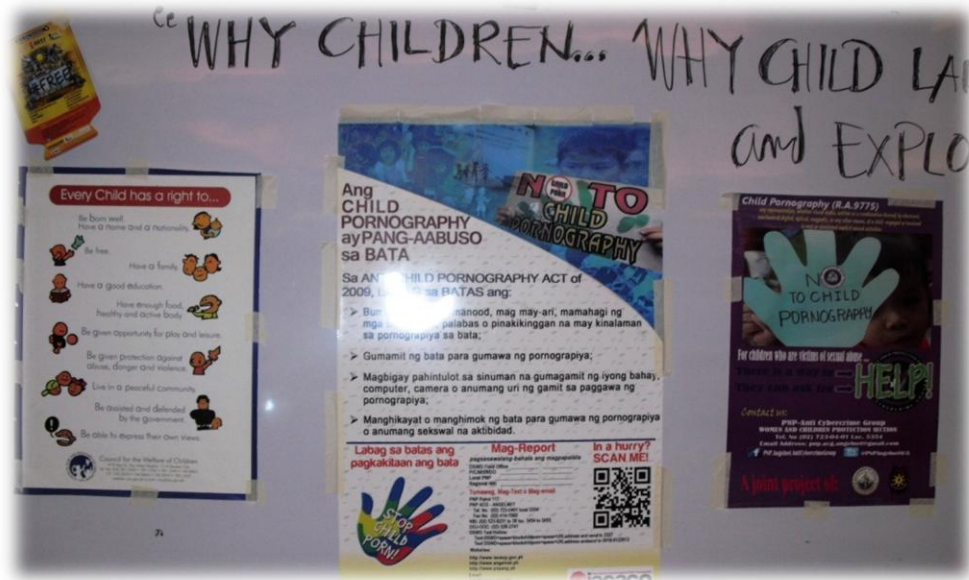




PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON INC. ALSA BUHAY PROGRAM



Campaign to Fight Child Labor and Exploitation (June 29, 2015)



Last June 29, 2015, staff of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. - ALSA-BUHAY Program attended a campaign against child labor and exploitation entitled "End- Child labor and Exploitation Campaign". This has been sponsored and funded by Philippine Against Child Trafficking Network (PACT Network) held at St. Peter Parish, Palace of the Rock 4th level around 1:00 in the afternoon. It was attended by almost 100 participants from various organizations, Government Agency's like DSWD, DOLE, PNP, LGU's, Women's desk, Parishes, government and private school teachers and Non Government Organizations.

Ms. Gigi Tupas from International Justice Mission (IJM) stand as a moderator in the event. Ms. Norma Tinambakan gave rationale of this activity. PACT NCR has campaign for child labor and this is also in line with understanding of the issues and areas of concerns for different organizations in Quezon City. They also want to put up a plan against child labor and trafficking.

The speaker of the program was Ms. Jacqueline Ruiz, CRC Executive Director who also works for education, training and advocacy for Filipino children's rights. The campaign tries to answer important questions that goes by a theme "Why children.. Why Child Labor and Exploitation? Ms.

Ruiz gave an overview of current Philippine situation especially for the most vulnerable populations, - women and children. Children's situation of the current century focuses on:

1. "Exploitation of Child Labor" According to National Statistics Office, there is an increase of child labor in the last 10 years from 4.4 million to 5.5 million in hazardous or exploitative works because of poverty. Various research and studies also confirm that there is various exploitation of child in mining, plantation, factories and even in streets.
2. The major issues in line with education are the following: lack of classrooms, textbooks, and school facilities but the rising problem as well is the lack of teachers working in our country and preferred to work overseas. K-12 program is also another challenge since based on the research that they conducted, most teachers and students are not yet fully ready about the implementation of the program.

3. "Children in conflict with the law" These include theft, snatching, gang fights and rapes that carry out by children are still rooted from poverty. Many sectors of the government want to lowered the minimum age of criminal responsibility because of crimes that have incurred by children below 18 y/o (Juvenile Justice Welfare Act). Government has responses to these issues through diversion and rehabilitation program but according to them, it still has to be push so that many children will be benefited.
4. "Children in armed conflict situation" that mostly occurred in isolated provinces where armed fights are rampant. Children became victims of this situation, that they may be killed or be part of terrorist.
5. NGO's, church-based organizations and even government can work together to fight this current challenges.

Ms. Gigi encourage everyone to rate themselves in the awareness of the topic. Most of the attendees scored themselves of 7-9 range which demonstrates that most are aware of the child labor and its current situation. The forum was also opened for inquiries/questions to be address by the panel which composed of the representatives from DOLE, PNP-WCPD, parents, youth, school and DSWD.

Here are some of the questions asked by chosen participants:

1. Why government officials allow children to work with exploitative environments?
2. How many children work in large scale or small scale mining?
3. What are the things they do in response to these issues?
4. Fourth inquirer point out that most of the researches show that poverty is the ultimate reason of these challenges and national government has to work for corruption since it cascades the entire problem in the country. Until corruption is there, poverty will always be present as well and child labor will still continue.

Panel's responses:

Labor and Employment Officer of Bureau of Workers with special concerns: (Mr. Jerome) site the vulnerable workers are women, children, rural workers, person with disabilities (PWD) and elderly. He also described the difference between child laborers and child workers. Accordingly, child laborers are those involved in any work or economic activity performed by child below 18 y/o below subjected to harm and exploitation while child workers are those children below 18 y/o who work or performed economic activity not subjected to harm and exploitation. He also emphasized that as per law, children ages 15 up to 17 are acknowledge to work and considered part of the labor force of our country but needs to secure parental consent.

DOLE monitors the general labor standard (condition of work) and evaluates companies if they comply with the existing law. As per DOLE, child labor in mining is against the law but there are lot of factors to be considered especially in the ground level of every company. Mr. Jerome also said that DOLE have special program for child labors and children that could help uplift the community in general and it was as follows:

- *Sagip Batang Manggagawa
- *Kabuhayan/Livelihood for the Parents/Family
- *Project Angel Tree'
- *Child Labor Free Barangay Campaign

Mary Anne Imus, Assistant Chief of VAWC, Women and Children's Protection Center of PNP (higher office of WCPD) clarified some concerns. She assured that if the problems or concerns are not being address in local community, they can report it to their office directly. In line with the rescue, she made it clear that they don't have immunity for administrative complaints unless they have social workers with them during the rescue process and they can just assure the rescue team's security, safety, and investigation at most. There will be a case conference together with other institutions before they can act and rescue someone.

Ms. Laxa and Ms. Blanco, focal person on labor and trafficking under the office of DSWD, shared various programs of the institution which may help all the attendees to be well informed. She divides it into two categories; Protective Services Bureau and the Recovery & Reintegration Program. Under Protective Services Bureau, these include Community Based Program, Early

Childhood Care and Development, Advocacy Sessions, Center Based Program, 4P's program. The Recovery and Integration Program provide rehabilitation, livelihood assistance and skills training to the trafficked person either children/adult. She also emphasized that Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) are the frontline of every community and Barangay whenever there is an incidence of child labor practice. The BCPC will do referral to other agencies that provide protective & legal services for abused children.

Some of attendees raise some clarifications of how the panel was able to get the data for each abuse in the research that they conducted and their current programs as well. Panels were generous enough to provide answers as well as suggestions and opportunities for all people to act. They encouraged some preventive measures to lessen the incidence of abuse and exploitation. These include advocacy forum and strengthening BCPC, and formation of activities that can empower everyone especially parents in child rearing skills.

Representatives from other sectors also shared their views regarding issues on child labor and exploitation. As per Atty. Rowena Legaspi, Executive Director of Child Legal Rights Development Center; "though we have a lot of awareness campaign still the case of child labor continuously increasing. We should have a sincere and consensus effort to eradicate this problem. She also added that not only poverty is the main cause but also children that are victims of neglect, exploitation and abuse especially those child in conflict with the law. Children in situation with armed conflicts are being exposed and recruit by armed groups and being victims as well. Other panels also shared their sentiments that include representative of parents, and youth as well.

Staff of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. felt honored to be part of this movement as we also want to end this chain of abuses especially in children and to always put in priority their welfares.

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