

INTRODUCTION

A Decade After

RENEWING OUR COMMITMENTS AND MAKING THEM MATTER

The importance of the work of NGO's in the country has considerably grown over the years, with several of them, including smaller ones like ACE IPI, that have, to a considerable extent, demonstrated some cost-effective ways of providing access to education and even expanding it to benefit several underprivileged young individuals.

ACE IPI believes that while education is central to the development of society as a whole, it should take place not only within the walls of academic institutions but also within the homes, in the parishes and in the communities. Promoting the relevance of family values, Christian Faith, social awareness and positive attitudes therefore help the youth respond to present-day challenges that millennials often encounter.

Year 2016 however was relatively a tough one insofar as resource mobilization is concerned. While we did not undertake any major fund-raising project, we implemented some measures i.e. submitted proposal for renewal of support from Pongong Pinoy and JCI Manila, close follow-ups with regular individual sponsors including a proposal to Philippine Charities Foundation thru Chairperson Dr. Joy Bruce-all of which are aimed at ensuring the continuing education of our present set of youth economic scholars. Moreover, we were increasingly focused not only on keeping these youth members in school but also on improving their individual capacity to prepare them for the bigger challenges of work and employment hence activities towards enhancing personalities and strengthening life skills were conducted. Meanwhile, long hours were spent during the first quarter for the completion and printing of our coffee table book "A Decade of Grace". It was also evident that ACE IPI strived hard in essentially sustaining its overall administrative and operating budget.

As ACE IPI starts another decade, we will continue to responsibly "play our roles" again, in pursuance of what has been started and of what is being planned year after year. We remain passionate. We are determined not only in renewing our commitments but also in making these commitments matter.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Overall totals in Cash Receipts for 2016-both restricted and unrestricted only-amounted to Php 1,174,063.32 which means an almost 19% decrease from the 2015 totals of Php 1,402,307.02.
- ❖ Total foreign fund donations from individuals amounted to Php 187,350.00 only which was a significant 41% decrease from the 2015 totals.
- ❖ Notably, total valuated/in-kind donations of Php 1,101,666.25 reflected a 34% decrease from the 2015 totals of P1,657,657.25
- ❖ The major bulk of expenses went the flagship program Youth for Youth (Y4Y) that accounts for 86% or Php 1,818,924.74 of Php 2,122,407.01 which is the Overall Expenses of ACE NCR (plus other mission areas) but net of coffee table book and ACE CDO expenses.
- ❖ Total funds received thru local direct solicitations from individuals amounted to Php 480,500.00, a slight 1.6% decline from 2015; however, grants from two organizational partners for Programs that amounted to P 156,650.25 showed an increase of about 18% from the 2015 figures. If taken collectively however, the total amount raised is P660,400.25 or about 66% higher than the target goal for this year.
- ❖ Total funds raised for Administrative and other Operating costs amounted to Php 191,952.00 only that is much lower than the target goal of Php 490,000.00 needed for the year.

NOTE: Re Phil. Charities Foundation (PCF) donation:

While waiting for the expected grant of \$8,000, ACEIPI NCR decided to have 81 youth members enrolled for the schoolyear 2016-17. Hence they were already provided with the corresponding educational assistance-benefit-package. Also, based on the proposal submitted, part of the supposed grant was utilized also to support the first ever Youth Camp/Team Building activity. It was also inevitable that part of the \$3,000 received on the second half of the year, was used for our administrative budget, to offset whatever amounts already advanced for educational assistance purposes.

- ❖ The total direct Administrative Costs accounts for 6% only of ACE IPI NCR expenses. However, other annual operating costs e.g. teleconference, leasehold improvements, repairs, etc. amounted to P 73,658.13 or about 4% of total expenses.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

(Note: Please refer to 2016 Accomplishment Report for more details)

✓ The Youth for Youth (Y4Y) Program:

1) Values Reintegration:

- a. Monthly sessions -January to November-were held with an average attendance of 38 youth and 34 parent- members. The Christmas Fellowship Mass served as the December reflection-session.
- b. Developed a schedule of topics for the 10-month period based on the expressed assessment made by participants as well as those gaps and needs in understanding certain issues as identified by ACE IPI.

Overall Outcome:

- Noted a marked improvement in youth behaviour and attitude towards studies and family in terms of perseverance and towards other people in terms of self- expression or ability to articulate more their opinions and sentiments.

c. Leadership Training:

For this year, regular partner JCI Manila sponsored and conducted a two-day(instead of the usual one day) seminar that focused on: “How to Excel Towards Becoming Champions”. This is part of JCI’s national Project “Gabay-Aral” (or Guideposts to Knowledge) that helps uplift the overall character of school children and youth. This year’s seminar was most informative, inspiring and memorable for our 34 youth participant

2.) Educational Assistance:

At the end of 2016, a total of **90** youth members were assisted. These beneficiaries come from the following areas:

a. Metro Manila (Paranaque, Kalookan and Muntinlupa areas):

A total of **71** were provided with the benefit-package. Of this number, **34** are enrolled in college; **2** in vocational courses; **26** are under the K-12 levels and **9** are in review classes. Of these, **13 college** and **2 vocational students** are expected to graduate this April 2017

b. Outreach missions:

- Tinglayan, Mt. Province: A total of **3** were assisted; Of this number, **1** is in college & expected to graduate in April 2017 while **2** are under the K-12 grade levels.
- Calaca, Batangas: A total of **6** youth were assisted. Of this number, all **6** are in K-12 grade levels
- Cagayan de Oro: A total of **10** youth were assisted. Of this number, all 10 are in K-12 grade levels.

3.) Competency Development:

a. Instead of the usual summer classes on Computer Training and conduct of violin classes, a 3-week-seminar was conducted with 26 youth –participants and focused on the following areas:

- Personality Development and Self-Concept
- Building Interpersonal Relationship Skills

b. Math and English Proficiency classes:

- Only 7 out of 13 targeted sessions were held with an average of 13 youth members attending. The concerned Teacher was no longer available for the rest of the sessions.

4.) Community Action and Volunteerism:

About 65 youth and parent-members actively participated in the various projects and worship activities of Our Lady of Unity Parish.

- ✓ Some outreach missions conducted in commemoration of the 10th year anniversary became target projects again for 2016 and were implemented accordingly. These care-visits catered to the following special groups:
 - Center-based persons with disability
 - Center-based abandoned children
 - Visitorless, indigent and elderly prisoners
 - Indigent school kids
 - Elderly sick persons in their homes
 - Underserved children in the communities
- ✓ Published a coffee table book “A Decade of Grace” with 230 copies printed and 127 of which were sent to all concerned sponsors, partners and volunteers, as targeted.