

SPOSA CHILD IN THE TIME OF COVID.

Reports (summary) from foundations we worked with, Holy Family Home, Cameleon Association and Ms. C.Felizario.



“In the first 2 years of Covid, as we still clearly remember the hardships we dealt with using the Modular system for the public schools basically and the online classes for the college students. At the beginning, we found it impossible and difficult. But after 2 years had passed, we saw the good results of having it in Holy Family



Home. There were several consequences that resulted; we had close monitoring of our girls especially the newly admitted girls from the mountains, who could hardly read and write. We were able to follow them up closely and the improvement was fast and quite satisfying. Secondly, we were very secure of their safety since they were in the center all the time.

Thirdly, we were able to insert a variety of activities for them because we owned our time.

There were so many girls in the center that had to be kept physically active to counteract the quarantine.



Lastly, since there is close monitoring, many of them have excelled in their grades.

However, we still prefer the old ways of learning; the routine of going to the school and so forth. We are still in the stage of adjustments. Many of our girls had expressed their preference for the present system because they can focus better. Although we know that the “face to face” system



of education is still the best way of learning. Our girls also need exposure and must learn to interact with others. Sometimes, we can see that some of them get accustomed

to the life in our “Home” so that they don't exert efforts for improvement and they become indifferent to what is happening outside. They easily complain at simple difficulties. Sometimes, they forget to appreciate those people who are helping them.

We are always there to guide them. You're presence in their lives as our partners are truly being appreciated. We altogether dream that these girls will become better persons and will not forget where they came from. At the same time we remind them that they have the right to have a brighter future”.

Being our partners for many years, we are truly grateful that until now you have opened your hearts to us, and gave hope to these 7 girls who are SPOSA CHILD scholars. Thank you so much. And may God bless you a hundredfold.



“The 3 Sposa child beneficiaries under the care of Cameleon Association , Bacolod City, kept a strict program for uninterrupted online learning for the girls. Several of them achieved outstanding academic performances like a gold medal for excellent performance and leadership. 2 of our 3 girls were on the dean’s list, honor students, 2 of these are taking Bachelor of Science in Social Work.

To avoid the consequences of quarantine, the girls were taught to bring out their creativity in different media e.g. painting, cooking and baking, nail care & foot spa, fish processing & value adding, lantern making, sack gardening.



They kept them physically active through dancing, acting/drama, circus, baseball and basketball.”

From Cameleon Foundation”

The last two years were truly challenging and full of uncertainties. The pandemic restricted our movements, and created new obstacles. But these did not stop us to find ways to improve and level-up our initiatives. We understand the impact of our actions to the people who depend on us. And so, we did not only aim to survive – but we worked hard to thrive. We established a dedicated Job Placement Program to help our children beneficiaries carve sustainable careers after they graduate. We have launched two new initiatives to empower our parent champions and families by providing a conducive place where they can engage in different developmental activities.

Proof of our efforts are the achievements and highlights we’re proud to share: for the Rehabilitation Program, 100% of our girls remained healthy and focused in their education despite the limitations caused by the pandemic; 100% of our girls remained healthy and focused in their education despite the limitations caused by the pandemic



Regine continues her college education via online where zoom and google meet are the main medium for the meetings & learning. Face-to-face classes will soon resume and she will start to report to school physically on daily basis next school year.

Needless to say, our inspiration has always been the girl survivors in our care, and the children and families who are the focus of our actions. With the generous support of our partners, donors, and staff, we will continue moving towards the uncertain future with courage and hope in our hearts”

Comments from SPOSA CHILD Social worker/representative in Bacolod City, Ms.Cleajean Felizario.

DIFFICULTIES AND TRIUMPH AT THE TIME OF COVID

“Nothing can ever destroy a man full of hope and determination”. A simple phrase to describe our very own Sarah Jane. Sarah is a Bachelor of Science in Social Work student at the University of Negros Occidental Recoletos. She is very eager when it comes to her studies. Despite of the pandemic, she managed to do well in school. In fact, she is a consistently a Dean’s Lister and an honor student every semester. Regardless of the mode of learning, may it be online or face to face, she has her way of coping. Difficulties had come her way most especially on financial aspect as she is living with her single parent mom who is a market vendor and a grandmother. She has a heart of gold that she is willing to work with her mother during weekends or whenever free from school schedules.

[This schoolyear, Sarah will face new challenges as an intern and as a graduating student. This will be essential for her growth as a future Social Worker and will also serve as her training ground towards work-related environment that she may use in the near future”.



However, according to reports from the police and press, Cameleon Association Inc. reports

In 2020, FACTORS Closing of schools and shift of education to online classes expose children to the dangers of the internet, especially when left with limited adult supervision. Confinement at home leaves children to look for other sources of entertainment they can do indoors, to which the answers are often internet and social media.

Heightened stress levels, isolation and drastic change of lifestyle caused by the pandemic increases the likelihood of children to act on impulses - factors that most offenders are likely to exploit.

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FOOD PACKS PROJECT

At the very beginning of the pandemic, SPOSA child extended its support for its beneficiaries and their families. Food packs organized by Ms. C Felizario were delivered to the families remotely located and could not receive governmental help.

We also fundraised for the Holy Family Home sisters who was doing the same for villages that were badly damaged leaving about 350 families homeless.



Truly, the pandemic caused by Covid-19 virus have brought us into another era. These experiences had mold us into becoming a stronger and bolder individual. Sarah for instance, with the help of SPOSACHILD foundation, will be victorious against all odds.



Message from the board of SPOSA CHILD

As we listen to the passionate humanitarians we work with, their struggles, their dreams for better lives for the unfortunate girls, for a better world, we too, in SPOSA CHILD, join them in our own small ways . The limitations that the Covid brought upon us all, did not discourage our partners and the girls to excel in their education. It was a lot of work to keep the girls alert and give them the feeling that education is not in a passive mode. The girls we sponsored did their best. A few of our 12 girls, received certificates of excellent performance. Online learning was quite difficult especially in the province of Negros, where constant burn outs resulting from loss of internet connection was common. Patience

and perservance at their highest levels were required. SPOSA CHILD made sure we knew what they were going through. We are so grateful to Holy Family Home, Cameleon Association Inc and Ms. Clejean Felicario for their compassion and devotion to our mission
