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More power to CAMELEON’s beneficiaries!

Our programs being stable and running smoothly, our team developed extra efforts this year to empower our beneficiaries. New cluster meetings are now organized every quarter with the parents and the girls of the After-care program who are spread all over Panay and Negros. Those new meetings not only allow us to have a closer monitoring on the children but they also give the parents an opportunity to share their concerns with us and with their fellow parents in handling their children. By reaching them more often and collectively we allow them to express themselves and eventually find solutions together.

The two recently organized groups composed of beneficiaries coming from the Rehabilitation program and the Community Development program became very active in helping us in our prevention campaigns: the Voice of CAMELEON’s Children “VCC” on Child rights and the CAMELEON Youth Health Advocates “CYHA” on teenage pregnancies. After being trained on their respective topics and also equipped with some specific tools like the forum theatre and public speaking, those highschool and college students have developed a lot of energy and creativity this year to reach out other youth in the community and spread prevention messages.

Lastly, for the first time 50 former beneficiaries came back from Manila, Cavite or Boracay... during our last summercamp to share with the present beneficiaries their experience in CAMELEON. They gave heartwarming testimonies of their challenges and successes and committed during a moving but simple ceremony around a bonfire to help CAMELEON as much as they can. All those empowered beneficiaries are our pride since they are proving that aside from the personal rehabilitation, students can also give back to their community what they have received from CAMELEON. This is a message of hope to all our stakeholders from the staff to our board members and also our sponsors that rehabilitated vulnerable children can become assets for an organization, a community and a even country! More power to them.

Sabine Claudio
**Vision**

A society where families and communities are self-reliant, child-friendly and free from all forms of abuse and violence.

**Mission**

CAMELEON stands and acts as a model institution that promotes the empowerment and development of children and their families through education, advocacy and other psychological interventions.

**History**

- 1997: Founding of CAMELEON Association Inc. in the Philippines
- 1998: Construction of the first center welcoming 25 girls in Passi and founding of CAMELEON Association in France
- 1999: Launch of the Child Education Sponsorship program
- 2000: Construction of the volunteers house
- 2001: Opening of Belgium and Andorra Offices
- 2004: Launch of the Circus arts therapy program
- 2005: Creation of CAMELEON association in Luxembourg
- 2006: Opening of Paris office and construction of the second center welcoming 25 more girls in Passi
- 2008: Construction of the sport complex
- 2009: Opening of the student residence in Iloilo
- 2011: Creation of CAMELEON Association Switzerland, construction of the staff house in Passi and of the Learning and Resource Center in Iloilo
- 2013: Reconstruction of 200 houses after Typhoon Quinta
- 2014: Reconstruction of 320 houses after Typhoon Haiyan
People of Cameleon

In 1997, after spending several years in the Philippines studying the status of vulnerable children, Laurence Ligier, French National, founded Cameleon Association in Iloilo province. Her ambition was to rescue and rehabilitate the most vulnerable girls of the region. In partnership with the city of Passi, she opened the first center to accommodate girls victims of child abuse. Settled in France since 2004, she continues to fight for CAMELEON Philippines by developing network of supporters all around the world and to input her vision in the programs. Laurence Ligier has received the Philippines Presidential Award for her contribution to the development of the Philippines as well as the French National Order of Merit.

The Foundress: Laurence Ligier

The Board

10 committed trustees from several sectors of the civil society:
Jose COCHINGYAN, Bernard POPLIMONT, Christopher MONTAÑO, Laurence Ligier, Ricardo F. ANDRADA, Maria Visitacion O.GENSON, Ida M.SIASON, Ann T.SALDANA, Sandra CACHO, Daniel JOHANNOT

The Staff

31 committed professionals accomplishing CAMELEON’s program everyday
The residential program, also called the In House program, consists in a rehabilitation center for girls victim of sexual abuse. It also ensures their reintegration in their families and communities. 50 girls from the Western Visayas and Negros Island benefit from the following services:

- Medical access & Health care
- Basic needs (lodging, food, clothes)
- Family atmosphere
- Life skills development
- Legal assistance
- Psychological support & follow-up
- Protection & Safety
- Schooling & education facilitation
- Spiritual development
- Preparation for reintegration in community
- Sports & Activities
- Psychological support & follow-up
- Schooling & education facilitation
- Spiritual development
- Preparation for reintegration in community

14 new girls were admitted in the center last May 2016.

2 girls were discharged due to uncooperative behaviour and pregnancy.

14 girls were reintegrated in their communities after a 6-month monitored transition.
CAMELEON’s particularity is the holistic, tailor-made and long-term approach. All the interventions aim at healing the girls and enable them to have the life every child should have.

**EDUCATION**

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All 50 girls were promoted to next level grade in June 2016

3 girls received an award for their very satisfactory school performance

3 girls received a distinctive award as « Model Students »

They graduated ...

7 girls in Elementary
3 girls in junior high school

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

CAMELEON brings legal support to the girls who want to pursue cases against their perpetrator.

In 2016, specific theatre workshops were given to the girls to prepare them for the court hearings, as part of the psychological support.

In 2016, 32 briefings were made before and after the girls’ court hearings

29 girls have on-going cases, 13 have pending cases and 1 case was promulgated.
“Many children around the universe only ask for love, care and understanding. However, many of us are forced to deal with big and painful problems... I am proud to be one of those who luckily entered CAMELEON Association. Since I arrived, I did many achievements at school and in the center. I gradually forget my problems in life. I also learned how to be independent and responsible. For me, CAMELEON is the best! They’re always by my side, especially in times of trouble. But it doesn’t make me feel weak, on the contrary, life here taught me to be strong in facing and fighting life challenges... This big opportunity motivates me to stand and fight for my future.”

Gracia, In House girl
Also called post-rehabilitation program, the After-care program is essential to keep on supporting the girls when they reintegrate their communities and until they finish their studies. This program includes:

- Educational support
- Appropriate placement
- Psychological services
- Sport activities
- Skills development & capability trainings
- Health assistance
- Legal support

The transition between the rehabilitation program and the after-care program is subject to a close coordination between both teams to prepare the girls for their independent living.

In 2016, 60 girls were part of the After-care program. In May, 14 girls were reintegrated to their families and communities to pursue their education and rehabilitation.
Support to Parents

For those who return to their families CAMELEON helps their parents understand their role better and held a “Parent and Effectiveness Seminar”. It contributed to eliminate conflicts and misunderstandings, and thus improve the family relationships.

Since 2016, Cluster Meetings are organized so the staff can meet with the parents quarterly.

Place of Residence

- 55 girls placed or reunited with their biological parents and nearest kin
- 5 girls placed in foster families

Legal Advancement of Girls’ Cases

- 7 girls have an on-going case in court
- 3 girls accepted the plea bargaining agreement

Education

| Elementary | 3 |
| Highschool | 27 |
| College   | 24 |
“My admission in CAMELEON has brought a lot of positive changes in my life. The various activities like circus, group dynamics, skills trainings, individual and group counselling among others helped me overcome my shyness and eventually developed my self-confidence. Being a sexual abuse survivor is really traumatic but I was able to successfully overcome it through several psychological and psychiatric sessions, along with my determination to move on to a better life. I am proud of where it lifted me up to. The three best things for which I am grateful to CAMELEON are the followings: First, it is not only an institution helping abused children but a family as well, who is there to support and guide me. Second, thanks to the educational assistance that I received, I was able to continue my studies. Lastly, CAMELEON has become my reason to strive hard in my studies, I want to become a Social Worker someday and be an advocate to others. I am proud to be a CAMELEON beneficiary and having CAMELEON is the biggest blessing in my life.”

Kimberley, After-care girl.

Kimberley has been under the program and services of CAMELEON for almost 7 years. She’s now an active member of Voice of CAMELEON’s children (VCC), a group of CAMELEON beneficiaries trained to safeguard child’s rights.
Community development program

In 2016, 95% of the sponsored children were promoted to the next grade level, thus proving the efficiency of Cameleon’s services.

Among the 33 graduating students, 20 are already employed in different companies.

The program caters 310 deserving students coming from poor, rural neighbouring communities. It aims at improving both social and economic situations not only of the children but also of their families for them to become self-reliant and productive members of their communities.

Educational assistance is mainly provided to the 310 sponsored children, along with:

- School uniforms and supplies
- Empowerment & skills trainings
- Life skills & values development
- Monitor & house visits
- Sports & recreation activities
- Housing assistance
- School fees, scholarships
- Monthly allowance
- Job placement
- Health care & services
- Educational assistance
- Sports & recreation activities
- Monitoring & house visits
- Life skills & values development
- Job placement
- In 2016, 22 college students got an academic award; 6 were recognized as Dean’s Lister and 18 got different kinds of awards.
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A Parents Effective Seminar (PES) was led to teach parents the importance of communicating with their children.

I was chosen to be a Parent Volunteer. I didn’t expect I could help others and at the same time do my obligation to my family.”

Josephine Paborada, mother of 12 children and President of Clustered Community in San Enrique, Iloilo.
In 2010, thanks to his outstanding results at school, Ian Jay integrated CAMELEON’s Community Development Program. After graduating from high school with excellence, Ian Jay enrolled in a Bachelor of Science in criminology. After his father’s death in 2013, Ian Jay took the patriarchal role encouraging his family to stay strong. Ian Jay managed to work and study at the same time, and even committed some of his time in advocating child’s rights along with the Voice of CAMELEON’s Children (VCC). To increase their income, his mother was given chickens and tools to learn how to do massage. Ian Jay successfully graduated from college in March 29, 2016 and received a medal and a certificate for his sport outstanding results. Last December, with the financial support of his mother and CAMELEON, he was able to pass the exam and is now a professional criminologist.
The sports and circus program aims at developing the physical capacities and social skills of our beneficiaries as well as discovering their inner talent, conquering their fears and gaining self-esteem. **74% of the In House girls reported that sport and circus have helped them developing positive values:**

**CIRCUS**

In 2016, the Cambodian NGO Phare Ponleu Selpak came to provide a **4-week circus training** to 50 In House beneficiaries and 8 After-care beneficiaries.

Two circus teachers, former beneficiaries, were taught some more skills to enhance their **regular trainings** to the girls.

Two **professional clowns** came from France to give a 2-week training to 9 In House girls who learned how to read emotions, accept their inner-clown, play with the audience…

"Sports and circus are important in the rehabilitation process. If we only had psychological activities and treatments, the girls wouldn’t enjoy.”

A social worker.
The program directly benefits to 410 children from Cameleon’s Rehabilitation and Community Development Programs.

All the trainings are provided by competent trainers or expert facilitators.

SPORTS
- BASKETBALL
- VOLLEYBALL
- TAEKWONDO
- SWIMMING
- TABLE TENNIS
- KARATEDO
- WALL CLIMBING

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
- KICKBALL
- BICYCLE
- BEACH OUTING
- FOLK & MODERN DANCE
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS.

“Sport is fun, it also taught me to be brave in facing my fears. I know I can overcome the challenges in life as long as I have the strength.”

Katie, In House girl

339 Cameleon beneficiaries from all programs attended to the 4-day Annual Summer Camp.
The number of beneficiaries in good health conditions kept rising throughout the years thanks to the health program, reaching 97% in 2016.

356 beneficiaries attended to the Annual Health Week Celebration

24 Parent Health Coordinators have regularly participated to health awareness campaigns and orientation in the communities

CAMELEON YOUTH HEALTH ADVOCATES
Teenage prevention campaigns and lectures were also led by CAMELEON Youth Health Advocates (CYHA), a group of beneficiaries trained on reproductive health and sexuality.
This program aims to improve the income of the families of our beneficiaries through skills training and income generating project:

**Livelihood Program**

In 2016, 113 families benefited from the support of the Livelihood Program.

All the beneficiaries showed interest and motivation for these community projects: they enjoyed applying the skills learnt, got a feeling of fulfillment, and liked to work in group.

**Skills development trainings**

- 32 women were certified by TESDA
- 13 mothers were trained for garment and t-shirt making
- 20 students attended a computer literacy training

**Livelihood production support:**
- chicken, goat, etc.

**Capability building & exposures**

**Livelihood project monitoring**
Two community-based livelihood businesses have been organized in 2016:

**The Bakery Project**  
(Bakery, Canteen and Shop Store)

A bakery building was put up in the center of Bingawan on a land donated by the Municipality.

10 mothers were trained for commercial baking and the bakery was equipped with baking & cooking utensils.

**The Gines Farm Group**

A group of parents farmers have been organized and are now cultivating on a land lent by CAMELEON. During the year, the farm building also was renovated.

To enable this farm to be operational, 24 parents were trained on native chicken production and 12 families on vegetables production.

Plantations  
Productions of vegetables, root crops, rice  
Native chicken and hybrid goat production  
Vermi-composting
**Advocacy Program**

The advocacy program of CAMELEON aims to raise awareness among communities about child abuse, but also to train stakeholders (teachers, barangay captains) and policy makers on child abuse prevention and treatment.

**The Voice of CAMELEON’s Children**

Among lectures to schools and communities, the VCC, a group of beneficiaries trained on child’s rights, organized children summit and debates and other events, particularly before the circus shows. The VCC helps the advocacy implement creatively their activities and at the same time set examples to children and youth.

6873 students, 2580 parents, and 822 teachers were lectured on child’s rights

8 individuals were awarded in the search for Cameleon Children’s Heroes 2016, recognizing their initiatives for children and youth in Iloilo province

A regional conference on rape was held in Capiz and reached 200 professionals

Cameleon submitted to the United Nations its contribution to the Universal Periodic Review on the situation of children victims of sexual abuse in the Philippines

**Electoral Campaign**

With local and national elections of 2016, the advocacy encouraged all candidates to include child-focused messages in their political plateform. 32 candidates to the regional election committed publicly to support the cause of the children.

**Circus & Theatre**

Circus and theatre shows are held as part of the advocacy tools. Forum theatre shows reached around 2500 people.
All throughout the year, volunteers from France and other countries came to CAMELEON for a couple of months to complete the Filipino team and share their knowledge.

Advocacy, journalism, communication, dance, art therapy, theatre, circus, sports ... they brought all those skills to the girls and the association!

“I spent 10 weeks in the rehabilitation center to make an impact study on how circus and dance influence the personal reconstruction process of girls victims of sexual abuse. I also gave dance lessons and participated in the creation of the girl's annual show, in Robinsons mall. I saw the girls blossom and discover themselves during my dance lessons, throughout their concentration, sincerity and ability to let go. They showed so much attention, motivation and determination (...). They radiate tenderness, human warmth; evolving with them was pure joy.

This research made me live unique moments, either with the beneficiaries or the staff. It taught me how to react facing testimonies that relate severe trauma. (...) CAMELEON was the most enriching experience I had, notably because it impressed me on different levels – personal, social, academic and artistic. (...) As time goes by my desires are confirmed: I want to integrate a dance school and pursue my studies with a PhD in order to take part in associations just like CAMELEON, as professional dancer and searcher in dance-therapy. My experience in CAMELEON gave me determination, strength and trust to pursue on this track and give it a chance to exist.”

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Mobilizing local partners from different sectors (public, private, individual or corporation) has been persistently and continually conducted to increase CAMELEON’s sustainability and independence towards European fundings. This year, CAMELEON received the following:

**Donation of a 1-hectare land under a usufruct agreement by the Province of Negros for the construction of a new rehabilitation center**

**Donation of Php 6 millions from BDO-Foundation for the construction of new home for girls victims of abuse in Negros**

**Additionally, the computed amount of donations in kind and discounted/free services for all our programs has reached the equivalent of Php 2,123,000 this year (excluding the usufruct in Negros)**

**The private sector (ibf-shom, metrobank) and the Australian embassy in the Philippines also helped through grants amounting to Php 1,200,000**

Lastly, the partnership with Zonta Club of Makati-Ayala helped us to connect with different corporations particularly hotels and restaurants in Manila. Those chefs created specific drinks or dishes and portion of their proceeds was given to Cameleon.
FINANCE

Total cost of program expenses in 2016: PHP 28,934,290
Yolanda reconstruction of houses: PHP 951,651
Administrative expenses (14%): PHP 4,743,254
I WANT TO HELP...

What's possible?

Sponsoring a child:
PHP 25,000 to 50,000 per year with regular communication about the improvement of the child

Connecting CAMELEON with potential supporters:
NGO, companies, individuals...

Donation in cash or in kind
(clothes, books in English, medicines...)

Volunteering:
providing technical skills
(medical, animation, legal...)

All donation in cash are entitled to tax deduction (PCNC, accreditation)
Bank account: Bank of the Philippines (BPI): General Luna Branch, ILOILO City, and Php Account: 1333-3095-44
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