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Reaching for new heights
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MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For more than 2 decades, CAMELEON has dedicated itself to the rehabilitation of girl survivors of sexual abuse in the Panay Region of the Philippines. Together with our generous donors, tireless staff, supportive community and of course inspiring young girls, we have been able to open our new center in Silay, Negros Occidental. With the opening of this new center, we hope to extend the help and support we provide to more young girls and to more communities in the Philippines.

We are grateful to our international sponsors for their unending support to our various programs. Worth mentioning are the contributions of Cooperation Humanitaire Luxembourg and Zonta International. Thank you to the ladies of Zonta for providing our girls with an IT training grant which has become a necessity in today’s technology-driven world.

It warms the heart to know that CAMELEON’s efforts have again been recognized locally, this time by the Regional Development Committee of Region VI as it awards CAMELEON as one of the NGOs in the region with best practices in rehabilitation and empowerment of the youth.

As we close another year, we are reminded of the reason why we do what we do – to help our survivors regain a sense of control over their bodies and hopefully foster a safer environment where our children can grow up with a sense of security and freedom.

With the help of all our partners and supporters, I believe the future looks bright for CAMELEON. Cheers to more years of service!

For the past 23 years, CAMELEON Association has remained faithful to its mission to heal the lives of young girl survivors of sexual abuse, help disadvantaged families improve their lives, and support bright young children in continuing their education.

This year is no different.

Together with its committed partners, CAMELEON achieved yet another milestone with the official inauguration of our Negros Center in Silay City, Negros Occidental last October 10, 2019. We give our sincerest gratitude to Coopération Humanitaire Luxembourg represented by its President François Prum and BDO Foundation represented also by its President Mario Deriquito who are two of our major partners in the realization of the Negros Center. Zonta International’s grant also enabled our girl survivors of sexual abuse nurture their knowledge in IT through trainings. I also represented CAMELEON in Apprentis d’Auteuil’s exchange of good practices and Maison des Familles in France. And just this year, Richie Lumawag (former president of CAMELEON Youth Health Advocates) also completed his Service Civic supported by Apprentis d’Auteuil. We are also proud to have Dr. Milrose Macero – a CAMELEON scholar for 12 years and now has become our first Medical Doctor. She is currently a Resident Physician in Ibajay District Hospital in Aklan, Panay Island.

We’re proud and humbled that the association received the Sagad sa GAD (Gender and Development) Award from the Regional Development Committee (RDC) VI which recognized our work in healing girl survivors of sexual abuse and promoting children’s rights. Additionally, CAMELEON Association has been elected as one of the 24 members of Private Sector Representatives of RDC of the National Economic & Development Authority (NEDA) VI.

With the help of all our partners and others who believe in our advocacy, CAMELEON Association will strive hard to achieve change and reach new heights for more years to come.
2019 HIGHLIGHTS

CAMELEON NEGROS CENTER INAUGURATION
On October 10, 2019, CAMELEON Association Inc. celebrated the inauguration ceremony of its new rehabilitation center in Silay City, Negros Occidental. The Negros Center is the first rehabilitation center in the province to offer specialized care and healing intervention for 20 young girl survivors of sexual abuse.

A LIFE-CHANGING CIRCUS: A FUNDRAISING FOR GIRL SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE
With almost a thousand audiences, A Life-Changing Circus raised funds for the benefit of girl survivors of sexual abuse. On May 26, 2019, Cirquera de CAMELEON and two foreign circus professional artists performed breathtaking acts that awed many Ilonggos at Iloilo Convention Center.

VISIT OF COOPÉRATION HUMANITAIRE LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENT
François Prum, President of Coopération Humanitaire Luxembourg, was welcomed to CAMELEON Philippines last October 5, 2019 for a 10-day visit. He joined in several activities of the association and met with his sponsored children. CAMELEON was also grateful for his presence during the inauguration of the Negros Center. CHL has been a major partner of the association for several years.

ZONTA CLUB INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL GRANT
Zonta Club International awarded CAMELEON a grant for the IT training of 40 girl survivors of sexual abuse in the Negros Center. The girls were able to develop their basic knowledge on both hardware and software of a computer by completing a total of 30-hour skills enhancement in 10 sessions.

CAMELEON RECEIVED SAGAD SA GAD AWARD
The Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) of the Regional Development Council (RDC) VI awarded CAMELEON with “Sagad sa GAD” Award in recognition of the association’s two decades of best practices in the rehabilitation and protection of girl survivors of sexual abuse and empowerment of youth through advocacy, education and livelihood activities.
LAURENCE LIGIER was only 25 years old when she saw an enormous need to help the girl survivors of sexual abuse in the Philippines. After years of travelling and volunteering in the country, she left her family and friends in France to found a non-government organization in Iloilo (Western Visayas Region) in 1997, which she named as CAMELEON Association.

Quickly, her initiative grew and became an important actor in the Philippines. A few years after its foundation, CAMELEON Association Inc. was accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the country; opened two shelters for girl survivors of sexual abuse, organized several events gathering communities and developed the administrative core of the Association by opening branches and partnerships in France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Andorra, United States and Belgium. In 2017, CAMELEON celebrated its 20th anniversary.

In 2019, CAMELEON celebrated the official inauguration ceremony of the third center in Silay City, Negros Occidental together with its committed local and international partners. A milestone for Laurence and her team, as it emphasized the importance of their actions and the seriousness of their work.

Laurence Ligier is a recipient of several prestigious awards:

- Knight of the National Order of the Legion d'Honneur by French President François Hollande
- Knight of the National Order of Merit by French President Nicolas Sarkozy
- Philippines Presidential Award by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo
- Women of Style and Substance - People Asia Award
- Presidential Award for Civic Spirit and Devotion by French President Jacques Chirac
- Clarins’ Most Dynamic Woman of the Year Award
OUR VISION & MISSION

OUR VISION

CAMELEON aspires to a world without sexual violence.

In a world where sexual violence is insidious, common, considered taboo and rarely punished, encouraged by a culture of silence due to ignorance, fear, shame or denial, it is necessary to act.

OUR MISSION

CAMELEON develops a holistic approach to act on the causes and effects of sexual violence towards children and teenagers.

- PROTECTING AND SUPPORTING victims of sexual violence in the Philippines by accompanying them with their families on the path to resilience.
- ENCOURAGING our beneficiaries' autonomy and the socio-economic development of families in their communities.

OUR PROMISE

"Changing Colors, Changing Lives"

From a hostile environment to a warm and safe life, children change over the years. Like our multi-colored CAMELEON, they move slowly but surely, hesitating, sometimes by tumbling but never fall.

We are building safe structures dedicated to victims, helping them overcome their trauma and making it into a force for their rehabilitation. We offer a necessary cocoon to prepare their metamorphosis.

We aim to change minds and behaviors and are working to change societies and mentalities in order to protect Childhood.

Children are at the heart of our action: changes are made by them, for them and around them.

OUR VALUES

RESPONSIBILITY

- Our intention is to help children and families to become autonomous and sustainable. It is also to listen, act and encourage citizens to rally against sexual violence.
- We are implementing our projects and supporting our beneficiaries thanks to a multi-disciplinary, professional, specialized and upstanding team.
- We guarantee transparency and proper use of our funds; we are developing and assessing our projects with the help of precise and measurable indicators.

DIGNITY

- We recognize sexual violence as one of the greatest violation of dignity as it impacts the integrity of the human being, at the very core of his intimacy.
- We are offering victims the necessary conditions to gain back their dignity, so they can respect themselves again and respect others.
- We are fighting for the dignity of everyone: we respect any individual no matter his age, sex, culture, religion or condition. We are constantly adapting our actions to the local context.

COURAGE

- The need for courage, strength, willingness and time for children on the path of rehabilitation, never give up the fight against their perpetrators until they are recognized as victims and fully exercising their rights.
- The courage for all persons involved in this sensitive project, facing the emotional and physical pain of children who have lived the unspeakable.
- The courage and determination of the foundress, Laurence Ligier, for having launched a fight against sexual violence in the Philippines, where it is considered as taboo, and risking our life to defend the mistreated and underprivileged children.

OUR EXPERTISE

- A program on the ground for 23 years recognized and legitimated by public authorities.
- A human-size organization which encourages local exchanges and relationships with people.
- A geographical basis: the local team, 100% composed of Filipinos, works together with the communities where it intervenes.
- The teams accompany each child in the long term, up until university graduation, while at the same time preparing them for adulthood.
- The Association supports families in becoming more aware of their role as parents and encourages the preservation of family ties.
- Through the practice of circus, an unknown discipline in the Philippines used as an innovative therapeutic tool, the victims reclaim their bodies.
- The energy and the determination of the foundress is transmitted to the teams, the children and the parents who take ownership of the project bit by bit with audacity, passion and pride.
- The Association trains and accompanies beneficiaries, children and adults to become ambassadors of CAMELEON. The virtuous circle is born.
- The individual sponsorship: under its supervision, the Association favors the bound and exchanges between children and their sponsors.
- The awareness-raising in schools with the use of unique pedagogical tools, used during workshops dedicated to Children's Rights and International Solidarity.
- Based in Europe and in the Philippines, the Association thrives on intercultural North/South exchanges and favors the sharing of expertise and good practice.
WHERE WE ARE IN THE WORLD

CAMELEON FRANCE
CAMELEON BELGIUM
CAMELEON LUXEMBOURG
CAMELEON SWITZERLAND
CAMELEON U.S.A.

CAMELEON Association Inc. Philippines
CAMELEON Association Inc. has two rehabilitation centers in Passi City, Iloilo and one new center in Silay City, Negros Occidental. The association also has an office, dormitory and learning center in Iloilo City, and one representative office in Manila.

The provinces of Iloilo and Negros Occidental belong to Region 6, which are both approximately one hour and a half travel by airplane from Manila, the capital of the Philippines.
RAPE IN THE PHILIPPINES: CULTURE OF SHAME AND TABOO

THE CULTURE OF TABOO
In the conservative culture and social norms of the Philippines, crimes such as rape is considered a sensitive and taboo issue. Due to this cultural and social stigmatization, victims who are often women or young children are forced to keep their silence and not report the crime committed against them. Unfortunately, rape victims are often at the receiving end of the public’s judgement and not the perpetrator. This breeds the feeling of shame into the victim and further encouraging the culture of silence.

Rape is the most prevalent crime committed against women according to authorities. Imagine the numbers if more women choose to speak up and report the crime.

WHERE RAPE IS COMMITTED
Isolated areas, such as rural communities in the Philippines, are where most sexual violations are perpetrated. These areas have limited access to information, laws are not strictly enforced, and police forces are scarcely stationed. The locations of CAMELEON’s projects (Panay and Negros islands) have high reported cases of rape.

IGNORANCE AND LACK OF EDUCATION
For uneducated members of the population, sexual violence remains to be a vague concept. Some far-flung areas have no access to education and usually have no tools to use for acquiring information beyond their own localities. As a result, these people living in such conditions lack awareness on responsible parenting and the rights of their children.

POOR JUSTICE SYSTEM AND TRADITIONAL FILIPINO CULTURE
Perpetrators are not easily persecuted because of the poor justice system of the country and the traditional Filipino perspective that the male figure of the family is the breadwinner. Losing him to prison affects the survival of the whole family. Cases of incest bring a burden to the child because family members would often convince her not to file a legal case. Thus, it would often go unpunished.

CAMELEON’s work in breaking the silence starts with ending the culture of taboo and bringing light to the issue of rape to the vast public. Through its advocacy campaigns and legal assistance to victims, the organization hopes to end sexual violence against children, building a safe and secure environment for them to live in.

RAPE IN NUMBERS
All over the Philippines, there were

- **2.95 million** girl children who have experienced sexual violence in 2017.
- **1 in every 5** children who has experienced any form of sexual violence in any setting in 2017.

Specifically in Western Visayas Region 6, there were

- **299** reported cases of sexual abuse in Panay Island that were recorded in 2019, which include Iloilo Province, Iloilo City, Aklan, Antique, Capiz, and Guimaras.
- **152** reported cases of sexual abuse in Negros Occidental that were recorded in 2019.
- **297** reported cases of sexual abuse in Panay Island that were recorded in 2018, which include Iloilo Province, Iloilo City, Aklan, Antique, Capiz, and Guimaras.
- **187** reported cases of sexual abuse in Negros Occidental that were recorded in 2018.

These numbers show reported cases only. In reality, there could be ten times more children experiencing sexual abuse but are unable, even worse, threatened, to report to the authorities.

Sources:
The programs of CAMELEON are focused on the three major components of healing, prevention and building. These are the cores on how the organization operates and carries out its mission.

HEALING
The main thrust of CAMELEON is the rehabilitation of young girl survivors of sexual abuse in Western Visayas. With our Rehabilitation Program, the girls go through two phases: Residential Care (In-House) and Post-Residential Care (After-Care). Aside from their basic needs, each survivor receives psycho-social support, legal assistance, and participation in circus and other recreational activities as therapy. After they’re assessed to be ready for reintegration, the girls are then transitioned to the After-Care Program. In this phase, the girls are returned to their communities, to their families (if safe) or guardians. They can stay at the Iloilo Dormitory during their studies or they can rent a boarding house. The Post-Residential Care Program prepares these young girl survivors for independent living and for them to become key members of the society.

PREVENTION
The Advocacy Program works as the prevention tool against child sexual abuse and violence. It runs advocacy campaigns, information drive in schools, and lectures on topics such as safe and unsafe touches for children, children’s rights, and reporting of sexual abuse in order to educate parents, teachers, stakeholders and young children themselves. These methods serve as prevention and early intervention. Participation in legislative proceedings both in local and national levels creates an opportunity for the association to be the voice of sexual abuse victims and to help create a law that protects them and gives justice to the crime committed against them.

BUILDING
With the help of our Community Development Program, sponsored children and their families within CAMELEON’s communities receive support in their education, skills trainings, and livelihood needs. Sexual abuse of children often stems from the lack of education and absence of source of income within the family. Thus, our association works at building these foundations first in the family and then goes outward unto the community. Both children and parents become leaders and actors of change in their communities.
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019

This year, CAMELEON has poured its efforts and work towards expanding its services, duplicating good practices from Panay Island to Negros Occidental, and overall strengthening its commitment in the protection and development of children in Western Visayas.

Drive and compassion are the essentials for us to reach new heights.
Changing colors, Changing lives
The Rehabilitation Program provides personal reconstruction to girl survivors of sexual abuse to help them recover from their trauma and become autonomous. They are given their basic needs as well as psycho-social intervention to help them with their healing process. At the end of the process, they are reintegrated into their families and communities if deemed safe. Otherwise, they are placed in a foster family, in their guardians’ care or prepared for independent living. The program has two phases: Residential Care and After-Care.

## Residential Care (In-House)

Girls admitted in the Residential Care Program are housed in the centers in Passi City, Iloilo and Silay City, Negros Occidental where they undergo psycho-social interventions to prepare them for reintegration to the mainstream society. In the three centers, they are provided with necessities to help them rebuild themselves after the trauma of sexual abuse.

The girls, ages 5-17 years old, are referred by the Local Social Welfare and Development Office from Panay, Guimaras and Negros islands, and stay an average of 3 years in the centers.

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<td>Parenting and skills training for the families of the beneficiaries</td>
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2019 QUICK STATS

70 girl survivors of sexual abuse were admitted in the three centers
33 girls from Passi Center filed lawsuits against their perpetrators
17 girls from Negros Center filed lawsuits against their perpetrators
2 girls from Passi Center won their legal cases against their perpetrators
1 girl from Negros Center won her legal case against her perpetrator
45 family beneficiaries benefit from the services
65 parents/guardians participated in the Parents Effectiveness Seminar

LEVEL OF EDUCATION

41% Elementary
54% Secondary
2% Special Education
3% Pre-school

INCIDENCE OF RAPE

53% Incest
1% Child Trafficking
39% Rape
5% Acts of Lasciousness
1% Attempted Rape
1% At risk

A STORY TO SHARE

“Before I entered CAMELEON, I was shy and all I could think about were my problems. But now that I’m here and participated in the activities, all of my problems seemed to disappear. I was able to focus in the present and enjoy life here in the center. I even learned how to manage myself, even without the support of my real family.”

- “Karen”

A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Each girl in CAMELEON’s centers receives holistic and long-term care tailored to their individual needs. Through this approach, the girls heal and build their resilience.
POST-RESIDENTIAL CARE (AFTER-CARE)

After graduating from the Residential Care Program and assessed to be ready for reintegration, the girls are transitioned to After-Care where they are being prepared for independent living. The After-Care girls are placed either in CAMELEON Dormitory in Iloilo City, reunited with their biological families (if deemed safe), or in boarding houses where they may be able to reintegrate into society and achieve autonomy. The girls are cared for until they finish their education, either in college or vocational school.

Services provided in the program:

- Appropriate placement
- Psychological intervention
- Legal support
- Educational support
- Job placement
- Health Care
- Empowerment, skills development, and leadership trainings
- Sports and Circus therapy
- Parenting and skills training for the families of the beneficiaries
- Emergency assistance and house repairs

2019 QUICK STATS

PLACEMENT OF THE GIRLS

- 🍀 27 girls lived with their biological families
- ❤️ 6 girls lived with their guardians
- 🏠 21 girls lived independently in their own boarding houses
- 🏠 8 girls resided in the CAMELEON Iloilo Dormitory
2019 QUICK STATS

62 total girls were monitored and served in the program

4 girls graduated in a 4-year degree from college
  • BS Business Administration
  • BS Information Technology
  • BS Hotel and Restaurant Management
  • Bachelor in Special Education

15 girls received academic awards and recognition in school

67 girls have stable employment since 1998

50 girls filed lawsuits against their perpetrators

18 girls have won their lawsuits against their perpetrators

11 girls have on-going lawsuits at court

17 girls have pending lawsuits because their perpetrators are at-large

4 girls have the following legal status: a) Settlement b) Withdraw c) Minor suspect

53 families benefit from the services

LEVEL OF EDUCATION

- 50% Secondary
- 32% College
- 6% Short-term Course
- 2% Special Education
- 5% Elementary
- 5% Reviewing for licensure exams

INCIDENCE OF RAPE

- 46% Rape
- 43% Incest
- 5% Acts of lasciviousness
- 2% Physical abuse
- 2% Neglected
- 2% At risk

A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Each family share the responsibility of financing their child’s education by contributing 10% of the school tuition fees. Through this, they are empowered to participate in their child’s healing and development.

A STORY TO SHARE

“I thought I wouldn’t be able to graduate in college as I was hard-headed and misbehaved. But despite all these, my family and the association kept supporting me and didn’t give up on me. I have now changed my ways. I know saying thank you over and over won’t be enough, but I’m forever grateful for the love, guidance, second chances and opportunities you’ve given me and all other victims of abuse.”

- “Leslie”
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Community Development Program addresses the issue of child abuse through providing education to least privileged but academically qualified children. Through education, trainings, exposure, and leadership trainings, both children and parents become leaders in the community and actors of change to fight against child sexual abuse.

Every year, 300 sponsored children coming from poor rural neighboring communities of Passi, San Enrique and Bingawan are provided with the opportunity to continue their education as scholars. Each child has his/her own Sponsor who contributes to their financial needs until he/she graduates and lands a job.

The parents of these sponsored children are provided with various vocational and livelihood activities that enable them to support their families and enhance their skills. They are assisted in creating their own income-generating projects and are supervised in their asset management.

Services provided in the program:

- Educational support
- School uniforms and supplies
- Job placement
- Health Care
- Life skills and values development
- Empowerment, skills development and capability trainings
- Sports and recreation activities
- Emergency assistance and house repairs
- Job placement

LEADERSHIP

Sponsored children and their parents are given leadership trainings on a regular basis. They become leaders in their own communities.
## 2019 QUICK STATS

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<td>sponsored children graduated from high-school/secondary education level</td>
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<td>sponsored children completed their college education</td>
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<td>sponsored children received academic excellence awards</td>
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<td>• 4 Excellence in Journalism Award</td>
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<td>sponsored children found a stable employment</td>
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<td>sponsored children have graduated from college since 2012</td>
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<td>parent leaders in the communities of Passi City, municipalities of Bingawan and San Enrique</td>
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## THE FIRST DOCTOR OF CAMELEON

"I graduated in medical school in 2018, worked as an intern in Manila for more than a year and passed the physician licensure exam in 2019. I became the first doctor in my family. I am very grateful to CAMELEON for the help they’ve given me during my studies, especially my sponsors Fabienne and Christophe Dousset. Being a scholar of CAMELEON made me realize that when we have people who support us, we must give back and do our best to show them we are worth the help they give. Throughout my studies to become a doctor, I’ve learned that financial limits are not hindrance to what you want to achieve in life. As long you have a strong support system, you will get there. Prayer is power. Never lose hope in your dreams because if you want to achieve something, there’s always a way to reach it. I am thankful that I was also able to meet all sorts of people in life and now, I no longer have “success” in my vocabulary – instead, I aim to become a person with significance."

DR. MILROSE MACERO, a scholar for 12 years, now a Resident Physician in Ibajay District Hospital in Aklan, Panay Island
The Advocacy Program runs information campaigns to raise awareness and to educate the public on child sexual abuse and to ultimately, prevent the proliferation of such crime. It serves as an early intervention and prevention tool of the association. Primary target audience of advocacy campaigns are parents, children, teachers, community and political leaders, and professionals. The Advocacy Program lobbies in the local and national legislative levels to push for child protection laws and policies.

Two youth organizations, Voice of CAMELEON’s Children (VCC) and CAMELEON Youth Health Advocates (CYHA), actively advocate and raise awareness on children's rights and youth reproductive health in the communities through lectures and workshops.

CAMELEON Philippines was designated as the Region VI Coordinator for Child Rights Network (CRN), and a member of Civil Society Organization of the Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC Coalition), National Economic and Development Authority-Social Development Committee (NEDA-SDC), Area-Based Standards Network - Panay Cluster (ABSNET), Iloilo City Council for the Protection of Children, Iloilo Provincial Council for the Protection of Children, Iloilo Children’s Welfare Foundation (ICWF), Bata Muna Network, and UGSAD Regional Gender Resource Center.

Through the Advocacy Program, the association has lobbied in the Senate and Congress of the Philippines for the Increase of Age in Determining Statutory Rape and other laws for the protection of children through its partners UNICEF and Child Rights Network in Manila.
### 2019 QUICK STATS

- **17,184** total audience reached by advocacy campaigns and activities
- **7,127** students were reached by lectures and workshops
- **1,200** multi-sectoral audience reached through special events
- **862** local leaders, local government officials, social workers and law enforcers were reached
- **753** teachers in primary and secondary educational levels were reached
- **682** parents were reached by advocacy campaigns and activities
- **230** doctors and lawyers were reached by advocacy efforts
- **45** local government units in Western Visayas, through their representatives, were reached
- **7** new local government units as partners in advocacy
- **38** local schools in Passi City, San Enrique and Bingawan were reached by advocacy campaigns through youth organizations

### ADVOCACY EFFORTS THROUGH MEDIA

- **8** total TV interviews in local media networks in Iloilo and Bacolod, averaging 2-3 minutes per interview
- **13** total radio interviews in local media networks in Iloilo, averaging 3 minutes per interview

### WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

CAMELEON’s Advocacy Program has garnered recognition from different local government units and authorities. These awards are reminders that our efforts remain essential to the communities we serve.

#### SAGAD sa GAD (Gender and Development) Award

Given by the Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) of the Regional Development Council (RDC) VI in recognition of CAMELEON’s “two decades of commitment, proactive community engagement and sustainable practices” in caring and empowering survivors of sexual abuse.

#### Certificate of Accreditation

For organizations in the private sector by the Regional Development Council (RDC) of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region VI.

#### Iloilo City Council for the Protection of Children Award

As an Active Partner in protecting and promoting the rights of children.
CAMELEON YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

VOICE OF CAMELEON’S CHILDREN (VCC)

The Voice of CAMELEON’s Children (VCC) is a youth group composed of CAMELEON’s beneficiaries from the Rehabilitation and Community Development Programs. These young empowered advocates give lectures and workshops on children’s rights to educate and raise awareness to children, parents, teachers, and their fellow youth.

A former advocate and beneficiary is now working for CAMELEON as an Advocacy Staff and is in-charge of the two youth organizations.

2019 QUICK STATS

- 2,930 youth and children participated in the children’s rights lectures
- 30 total of lectures and workshops on children’s rights were organized
- 22 active members/advocates who carry out lectures and were trained on children’s rights
- 28 primary level schools were reached by lectures and workshops
- 5 barangays/local villages were reached by lectures and workshops
CAMELEON YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

CAMELEON YOUTH HEALTH ADVOCATES (CYHA)

Like VCC, CYHA is also composed of CAMELEON’s beneficiaries. The group aims to raise awareness and train the youth in local communities about reproductive health.

CYHA advocates against teenage pregnancy, prevention of sexually transmitted diseases among the youth and the general public, and provides information on the different preventive measures related to reproductive health.

2019 QUICK STATS

- **1,500** youth and children participated in the reproductive health lectures
- **15** total of lectures and workshops on reproductive health were organized
- **21** active members/advocates who carry out lectures and were trained on reproductive health
- **10** secondary level schools were reached by lectures and workshops
- **5** barangays/local villages were reached by lectures and workshops
On May 26, 2019, children and adults alike witnessed “A Life-Changing Circus: A Fundraising Circus Show for Girl Survivors of Sexual Abuse” at the Iloilo Convention Center, Mandurriao, Iloilo City.

With spectators of almost 1,000 people, the circus show featured the girls from Cirquera de CAMELEON who performed varying circus acts such as acrobatics, juggling, balancing to tight-wire, trapeze and aerials. Through the girls' extraordinary performances, the event gave an opportunity for the association to promote its advocacy against child sexual violence to the public and share its mission in healing sexual abuse survivors.

The girls were joined by two circus professionals who came from other parts of the world. François Bouvier, who came from Canada, showed his expert balancing skills in tight-wire and hula hoop. He was also a volunteer who helped the girls train for the show and taught them new circus techniques. Emma Phillips flew from New Zealand and gave a graceful aerial hoop performance that awed many spectators.

The circus show was organized for the benefit of girl survivors of sexual abuse under CAMELEON's care.
The Health Program ensures that all beneficiaries of CAMELEON are in good health condition by giving them access to health care and medical services such as vaccination, hospitalization, dental care, medical consultation and psychological aid. Through this, CAMELEON is able to continue building a community where children can grow healthy both in body and mind.

2019 QUICK STATS

- 104 girls survived sexual abuse remained in good health throughout the year
- 10 girls had serious illnesses and currently undergoing continuous treatment and medication
- 17 In-House girls were diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); 8 of them were newly admitted to the center
- 56 girls (from In-House and After-Care) who had health complications were referred to specialists for diagnosis and treatment
- 2 girls were admitted to the hospital due to breast pains and had to undergo appendectomy
- 48 girls were given regular dental care and treatments
- 22 girls newly admitted in the center were given Hepatitis B, typhoid and pneumonia vaccinations
- 370 beneficiaries across all programs were given flu vaccinations

2019 HEALTH DAY

Over 300 beneficiaries of CAMELEON gathered for free medical check-up, dental consultation and vaccination in celebration of the association's annual Health Day last December 7, 2019. Each beneficiary was also given free vitamins and supplements for them to maintain their overall health and well-being.

While their physical health is important, the beneficiaries’ mental health is a priority as well. Resource Speakers were invited to talk and discuss topics on Stress Management, Understanding Depression, Healthy Adolescent Lifestyle to the young adults, while the younger ones were taught about Basic Hygiene. In CAMELEON, keeping our children healthy both physically and mentally is one of the keys to achieving our goals and mission.

We are thankful to our committed partners who made this year’s annual Health Day successful: I-CARE, Passi City Health Office, Passi City Health Office Dentists, West Visayas State University - Asian Medical Student Association (AMSA), Faye Dominique Palmares RN, MD, Anjelou Marie Estrella, Dr. Evony Allisa-Deveza, and Jessalyn Fajarito Fetalsana.
SPORTS & CIRCUS

These are unique interventions that help beneficiaries from both Rehabilitation and Community Development Programs build their self-confidence, character, athletic skills, as well as learn values of respect, discipline, perseverance, and team work. They were trained by foreign coach Julien Cacciapaglia, who volunteered with CAMELEON for a year.

Circus, on the other hand, is a therapeutic tool for girl survivors of sexual abuse. It’s a means of self-expression, where they can develop a positive image of themselves, regain control of their bodies, and nurture trust with their fellow girls.

2019 QUICK STATS

- 91 beneficiaries completed training sessions in swimming
- 71 beneficiaries participated in basketball training
- 26 beneficiaries participated in volleyball training
- 21 girl survivors of sexual abuse participated in badminton training
- 19 girl survivors of sexual abuse completed self-defense trainings
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- 312 weekly circus training sessions were conducted
- 14 girl survivors of sexual abuse are circus performers with 2 teachers, 2 assistant teachers, and 12 trainers
- 30 circus shows were performed and organized in public
- 81 girl survivors of sexual abuse actively participated in circus trainings
- 10,000 audience were reached by circus shows

A STORY TO SHARE

“When circus came into my life, I found out that I have skills of my own and I learned to trust myself. I am proud because through circus, I discovered my hidden talents. I learned to never give up and always be positive about life.”

- “Julie”
In the Livelihood Program, parent beneficiaries sustain their own income-generating projects, such as massage, sewing, baking and farming. The parents themselves have full control of these projects while CAMELEON provides support through skills training, project monitoring and equipment support donated by different local institutions. The parents are proud to earn the fruits of their own labor and hard work.

They are divided into three groups: CAMELEON Parents Livelihood Association, CAMELEON Parents Sewing Association, and GMPC (parent beneficiaries from Barangay Gines, Mapili, Paga and Cubay involved in Gines Farm).

**2019 QUICK STATS**

- **267** families have established their own vegetable backyards and production
- **39** families have raised their own poultry and livestock at home
- **150** families/parents are members of the Community Savings & Financial Loans scheme
- **7** families have benefited from sewing and garment production
- **21** families have benefited from the bakery and food delicacies production
- **PHP 169,738** total amount of generated savings
On October 10, 2019, CAMELEON Association Inc. Philippines opened its third center located in Bonbon Village, Brgy. E. Lopez, Silay City, Negros Occidental, the first rehabilitation center specialized in healing girl survivors of sexual abuse in the province.

Today, 20 young girls are sheltered and cared for in the said center, protecting and healing them to improve their lives and future.
THE STORY OF NEGROS CENTER

A new home for the girl survivors of sexual abuse is now open in the province of Negros Occidental, the long-awaited dream for CAMELEON Association Inc.

From the province of Iloilo, it is only a mere one hour and a half ferry boat ride across the ocean and to the neighboring island of Negros Occidental. Here in the province of sugar cane fields, cases of rape and incest run rampant. Thirty-percent (30%) of girl survivors sheltered in CAMELEON centers in Iloilo were originally from Negros Occidental. To curb these numbers, it was only fitting that the association put up another rehabilitation center in the said province.

The first step in this journey started in 2017 when the site for the center was acquired through a deed of donation from the local government of Silay City, Negros Occidental. In January of the following year, the groundbreaking ceremony was led by Foundress Laurence Ligier together with Silay City Mayor Mark Andrew Golez and BDO Foundation President Mario Deriquito. Now two years after the project began, CAMELEON Association Inc. was ecstatic to celebrate the inauguration ceremony for the new rehabilitation center in Negros Occidental on October 10, 2019 - the start of a new mission for the association.

The inauguration ceremony for the CAMELEON Negros Center, the third one for the association, was attended by almost 200 guests, friends and major partners of the association. Fr. Richie Tabanyag led the holy mass and blessing of the center. Cirquera de CAMELEON, who are composed of girls under the association’s care, gave an empowering and inspiring performance of a circus show.

Our major partners who made the project possible were also present during the event: François Prum (President, Coopération Humanitaire Luxembourg), Mario Deriquito (President, BDO Foundation Inc.), Rose Espinosa (Vice-President, BDO Foundation Inc.), Mayor Mark Andrew Golez (City of Silay), Mita Rufino (Zonta Club of Makati-Environs), Rita Dy (Immediate Past President, Zonta Club of Makati-Ayala), Jan Montilla (Program Officer, Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc.) and Mrs. Tess Golez. The staff and few girls from Passi Center were also present to share in this memorable event.

“...I have been dreaming of this project for a long time actually. We had to work hard to make it come true. But seeing it today and seeing our 20 new girls already here since May, our former beneficiaries, After-Care girls and the ones from Passi as well as our staff and partners makes me very happy and proud to have pushed this project and make it real,” Foundress Laurence Ligier expressed in her message during the ceremony.

CAMELEON Negros Center sits on a sprawling 8,000 square meters of land. The girls are housed in a secure environment where they can undergo rehabilitation until their recovery and reintegration into the community. Each beneficiary receives psycho-social interventions for their healing, educational assistance to continue their studies, legal assistance to pursue their perpetrators and achieve justice, and parenting skills training for their families. Through the grant awarded by Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Grant, the girls now also have access to IT (Information Technology) trainings to develop their technical skills in computers.

CAMELEON will also implement its Community Development Program that will provide educational and livelihood support to the beneficiaries and its Advocacy Program that will raise awareness to prevent child sexual abuse. The association’s best practices will be duplicated to help more children in the province.

CAMELEON Association has reached new heights with the construction of the Negros Center - another milestone for us and an affirmation of our work in protecting and healing vulnerable girls in Western Visayas.
A LOOK INSIDE THE NEGROS CENTER

ENTRANCE

MAIN DOOR TO HOME BUILDING

OFFICE BUILDING

MARIPOSA HALL
VOLUNTEERS

With their selflessness and dedication, the volunteers at CAMELEON made it possible to expand the association’s manpower. They come from the different parts of the world (deployed by CAMELEON France) and of the Philippines. Together with the local staff of CAMELEON Philippines, they work to achieve the association’s mission.

2019 QUICK STATS

- 20 foreign volunteers accomplished their mission in the Philippines
- 94 local volunteers shared their expertise and time

The volunteers helped in:

- Advocacy
- Animation
- Art Therapy
- Circus
- Communication
- Community Development
- Dance
- Emotional Freedom Technique
- Face Painting
- Fundraising
- Health
- IT/Computer Development
- Osteopathy
- Painting
- Partnership
- Photography/Video
- Sponsorship
- Sports

A STORY TO SHARE

“The girls are more open than I could’ve imagined. They are ready, excited to learn about social circus and so open to any idea I brought to them. They seem to have a very good understanding of what it is they’re learning and why. The girls who are trainers seem to be very interested in learning new tools to share. They’re very skilled and I understand why because now I’ve seen that they work so hard and they’re open and creative to soak everything they can.”

- Rachel David, volunteer for Social Circus

CAMELEON Association Inc. Philippines
Through the generosity of various individuals, local and international agencies, institutions, corporations, and organizations that support our programs, CAMELEON continues to provide a better life for its children beneficiaries for years now.
PARTNERS & SPONSORS

(L-R, from top) Our partners who celebrated the Negros Center Inauguration with us:

Mario Deriquito (President) and Rose Espinosa (Vice-President) of BDO Foundation, Mita Rufino of Zonta Club of Makati Environs, Rita Dy of Zonta Club Makati-Ayala, Silay City Mayor Mark Andrew Golez, Jenny Lea Menchavez (Senior Program Officer) & Jan Montilla (Program Officer) of Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc.

François Prum, President of Coopération Humanitaire Luxembourg (CHL), visited CAMELEON Centers in Passi City, Iloilo and Negros Occidental last October 2019. He spent time with the girls, Community Development beneficiaries, and even the staff. He also met with his former sponsored children.

François also joined the association as it celebrated the inauguration ceremony of its Negros Center in Silay City, Negros Occidental.
Loren Alyssa Campeña, Program Officer of Consuelo Foundation visited the facilities of CAMELEON in Passi and Iloilo City for monitoring.

Jean-Jacques Forte, Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs of the Embassy of France to the Philippines and Micronesia, visited the CAMELEON Negros Center together with his wife and two kids. They were also joined by the French-Filipino Club of Bacolod City.

Their visit was filled with lively interactions that put smiles on the girls’ faces. They were also able to see and explore the newly inaugurated center.

The students and faculty from Madonna University led by Dr. Connie Tingson-Gatuz flew from Michigan, USA and visited the CAMELEON Negros Center in Silay City, Negros Occidental during their Study Abroad Service-Learning Program in the Philippines last June 2019.

They organized activities with the girls, and donated slippers, hygiene supplies and beauty kits.

Dr. Connie and her colleagues at Madonna University also organized several fundraisers in Michigan for the benefit of CAMELEON, and shipped 3 boxes of donations filled with supplies to the Negros Center.

South East Asia Project Manager Hugo Lecué and Regional Communication Manager Charlotte Le Layo of Agence Française de Développement (AFD) visited the Center in Passi City. They interviewed one of the girls about how circus is helping her heal, and one staff about her experience working for CAMELEON.
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

**PROGRAM EXPENSES BREAKDOWN**

- **3%** Resource Mobilization
- **1%** Skills Training
- **4%** Sports & Circus
- **4%** Health
- **6%** Advocacy Program
- **27%** Community Development Program
- **25%** Rehabilitation Program (Residential Care - In-House)
- **19%** Rehabilitation Program (Post-Residential Care - After-Care)
- **11%** Negros Center

*Source: Audited Financial Statement 2019*

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ACCREDITATION

Passi City Local Government Unit
Bingawan Municipality, Iloilo
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