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*EDITORIAL*

*The Six Blind Men*

The six men of Hindustan were very eager to see the elephant (though they were blind) and happened to fall against the broad and sturdy and shouted the elephant is like a wall. The second man, who touched the tusk, shouted "what have we here the elephant is like a spear; the third man, who touched the squirming trunk within his hands and spoke "the elephant is like a snake. The fourth man, who touched the ear and felt about the knee "the elephant is like a tree. The fifth man, who touched the tail, said it like a fan. Finally the sixth man seized on the swinging tail and shouted "the elephant is very large.

Oftentimes we are like the six blind men with biases and stereotyped attitude. We are indoctrinated by our families and communities we belong – neighbors, church, school, which has instilled in us that children on the street can not be trusted because they are addicted to drugs and violent. They have no moral values and so on. They are exploited as car washers and their pay is so meager just enough for one square meal a day. We rather give our left over food (which they would not even bother to smell) than put it in rubbish.

Let me introduce some of the children in our center. Francis was asked by our store to buy Php500.00 in the nearby store. Job well done, he came back with Php500.00 in loose change. Arnel, who had Php100.00 budgeted to buy a pair of shirt and short. After few seconds he came back and returned the Php20.00 change. Ricky has to quit school because of poverty. If that is not enough, he gathered some to bring to his bedridden father. Rhoda Mae is a very reserved girl, a shy rugby girl. However, she always asks and request for what she needs.

This season of Lent, is a season to repent. Let us examine ourselves, our spirituality and the whole creation of God particularly the boys and girls on the street. Like us they are the image of God. Thomas of Aquinas reminded us when he said "believe and you will be saved. Yes, we got to believe that even in their dirty looks and stinky smells children in their own image. Arnel, Francis, Ricky and Rhoda Mae have demonstrated it.

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**Gugma sa Kabataan, Inc. Launched its First Assembly**

Nine (9) incorporators were present in the First Assembly of Gugma sa Kabataan in February 2005.

Center it provides a fun filled activities – drawing, coloring, painting, reading, watching movies, listening to stories and playing games. Also, it provides medical care, legal protection, pastoral care and counseling.

### Objectives

It is our goal to reach children on the street and help them to obtain a normal life and become responsible

Specifically:

To re-establish connection between children and families and communities through family counseling, value clarification and community support and services

To raise children's awareness on their gifts, capabilities and rights as persons and responsibilities as Filipino citizens;

To facilitate for rehabilitative and remedial services

To facilitate and design programs for literacy in formal and in alternative school.



Picture B The Board of Incorporators with the Executive Director of GSK, Inc. Seated from left: Carmelita Danlay, Ma. Esperanza V. Trillo, Nora M.

Other members of the Boards elected are: Dr. Stefan Wolfesntetter-Vice-president; Burgos-Secretary; Ms. Flordeliza Q. Navales- Treasurer; Ms. Ma. Esperanza V. Trillo- Al L. Flores-financial Secretary; Misses Jillian cooper and Aurora H. Tagalog, Mr. Jan members.



Picture C Nora M. Lupeba, President elect signed the articles of incorporati

### **City DSWD Visited Gugma sa Kabataan, Inc Center**

Ms. Faith Gerona, Social Worker Officer and Mr. Sofonias Vidal, Jr, Street Educator DSWD visited the Center in March 2, 2005. The visitation established bonding to be out the street children and in the sharing of human resources. The dialogue meetir possibility of organizing the street children according to their interest and needs.



anxieties and depression moments.



Picture E "What matters most is the interest in making card." Ricky, Arnold Avin don't feel the uncomfourt of making card on the floor.

From scraps of cogon grass paper, dried banana fiber and local dried flowers child imaginations wild and create a beautiful card.

### **"Build your Tower . . . .**

Self disclosure was part of the Saturday meeting in January 30, 2005. The children w tower as an exercise in team building. The group of Williamar Punlaon produced the t unique tower. It is very interesting that children noted that cooperation, division of wo important in team building. Also, the presence of an adult was recognized as vital in wisdom of the old" commented by the group is needed for guidance.



On February 12, 2005, parents/guardians were invited for a Consultation meeting. The was to strengthen the partnership relationship between the family and the organization that a quarterly meeting will be facilitated by the center to discuss matters on the behavior of the children. Ms. Flordeliza Q. Navales, GsK Treasurer and a psychologist very helpful giving in-put to the psychological needs of the children.

Both parents and guardians were very grateful to Germany for the support and development of their children. Also, it was an opportunity for the center to discuss issues that need to be addressed within the presence of the parents



Picture G from left: Bienvenida Jalalon, Rosana Macas, Hermogenes Balolot, I Navales

### **Dunkin Donut and Carmelite Sisters supports GsK**

The management of Dunkin Donut and Carmelite Sisters in Cagayan de Oro committed to the GsK program. Every Tuesday our children are beneficiaries of fresh eggs from the Carmelite Sisters. Likewise, doughnuts from Dunkin are shared to children both on the street and in jail.

### **LIFE STORY CORNER**



Kendrick is very reserved boy. His mind and his hand can be very wild to draw and to design. As a sophomore student in the secondary school, his teacher recognized and art.

It was poverty that had pushed Kendrick de la Cruz on street life. As a plastic bag ver to the danger on the street life. There was freedom from family discipline, belonging a and immediate income that motivated Kendrick to run away from home. Tata as he is feet chained by his parents to keep him from going away. His determination to be on children was stronger than the chain. One day he was brought to the center of B: concerned citizen.

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