“For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.” Proverbs 24:16
Resilience
the ability to find inner strength to bounce back from a set-back or challenge.

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Greetings from HOPE worldwide Philippines!

Many Filipinos will surely not forget the year 2009 because of the disasters experienced in the Philippines. The most popular calamity the country has encountered is the Typhoon Ondoy (international name: Ketsana) because of its humongous effects on agriculture, infrastructure, properties and people’s lives.

HOPE worldwide staff, especially the workers Center of HOPE – Laguna, are not exempted from this calamity. They have been in agony as their properties and homes are inundated in floodwaters. HOPE community and its neighborhood have turned into a water world.

For three months, the organization and its staff suffer from the effects of Ondoy. Since the flooding, the organization has been renting temporary office spaces near the area. The children of Center of HOPE – Laguna have to endure the discomfort of transferring from one temporary shelter to another.

Despite the situation, the staff, together with the volunteers, are zealous in helping the survivors of the disasters. More than 5,000 families are given assistance such as food, medicines, clothing, safe drinking water, housing materials, home accessories and renovations, child protection and psychosocial care.

The confidence being rendered by the donors and partners to us fuels our inspiration not only in extending aid to the survivors of Ondoy; but also in sparing children from perils of becoming victims of abuse and malnutrition as we strengthen our programs for the poor communities and programs on the prevention, identification and treatment of child abuse.

Your fervent prayers for God to shield us in time of catastrophes are great encouragements to us. We are grateful for your undying help on us in raising enough funds for the restoration work of Center of HOPE – Laguna which has been submerged in floodwaters for three months.

Behind our adversities and victories, you became our constant companion and inspiration. This annual report is the testimony of how you’ve shown kindness to us and to those who benefited from your giving hearts.

We owe you everything. You are the real and unsung heroes behind our work. Thank you very much! We are hoping that our partnership will flourish and get stronger in the years ahead as we help more needy people in our country.

Sincerely yours,
Moises G. Velasco Jr.
The Center of HOPE – Laguna is a residential treatment center for abused children in the Philippines, specializing in child sexual abuse. The center offers short-term and long-term residential care, treatment, and placement to meet the holistic needs of each child.

The center aims to see abused children and their families become whole again; one in which they attain social functioning in an environment where they interact constructively and develop a sense of hope that encourages both the child and their family to succeed.

SET-BACK: KETSANA

On September 26, 2009, Typhoon Ondoy (international codename: Ketsana) brought a month's worth of rainfall to Metro Manila and nearby areas in just a few hours, causing severe flooding; resulted in the loss of many lives and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people. To add to the already overwhelming damage, Typhoon Pepeng (international codename: Parma) struck the northern regions of the Philippines eight days later.

The Philippine National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) reported on October 13, 2009 that Typhoon Ondoy had affected a total of 880,175 families or 4,320,699 people in 1,902 barangays, 155 municipalities, and 32 cities of 25 provinces. The current number of evacuees inside the 443 evacuation centers is 45,129 families/216,941 persons. The total number of casualties is 682, which is broken down into 337 dead, 308 injured, and 37 missing. Damage to infrastructure has reached US$81.87 million and US$150.35 million for agriculture, which has an estimated total of US$232.22 million. Assistance provided by the government and Non-government agencies totals about US$2.1 million.

HOPE worldwide Philippines’ own residential facility Binan, Laguna was not spared from the onslaught of Typhoon Ondoy and the damage it wreaked. The center was submerged in four feet of water. The children and staff residing in the center had to be evacuated at the height of the storm.
The goal of the program is to ensure that children are safe from abuse, healthy, competent and adequately prepared for formal education. The program includes free pre-school education for children, feeding program, abuse prevention empowerment and other activities.

After the program’s launch this year, it has received positive feedback not only from the parents of the beneficiaries but also from the community leaders.

The Day Care is being attended by 47 (20 boys and 27 girls) children. They are observed to maintain regular attendance in spite of low socio-economic status. They are participative in class and are developing positive relational skills toward each other. Many of them have learned to write their own names and have developed Christian values.

Parents are participative as well. They devote few hours serving at the center by assisting teachers in the implementation of various activities.

Within the year, children of COH received immediate medical assistance and intervention, in which some were for serious cases. This year, the program has provided medical assistance to 27 children, mostly, for treatment of physical and sexual abuse.

Residential cottages are opened for sexually and physically abused children ages 4 to 8 years old for boys and 4 to 17 years old for girls.

The program implements multi-disciplinary approaches in handling the children’s cases. The house-parents, Social Worker, Child Therapist, and Teachers work as one to determine the appropriate and effective intervention for the child and his/her family. There are times when other professionals such as Psychiatrists and Medical Doctors were consulted to meet the specific needs of the child. This approach enables the program in providing the highest standard of care for the children.

In one year, 27 abused children are given residential and treatment recovery in the Center of Hope-Laguna. Ten (10) abused children have been admitted and benefited from the home life environment and have been protected from further abuse from the community.

Basic needs, such as shelter, food, education, recreational activities, medical assistance and most importantly, love and acceptance from the staff and volunteers, are all provided for. Eleven (11) of the children have been re-unified back to their families or supportive relatives with the help and monitoring of the center’s social worker and coordination with local authorities.
Hope Disaster Response Program aims to provide emergency assistance to survivors of natural disasters and to normalize their living conditions while staying either in the evacuation centers or affected communities.

**Inner Strength: Responding to the Need**

Hope worldwide Philippines, through the help of international and local donors, provided direct support to over 5,000 families affected by Typhoon Ketsana from October to December 2009.

- A total of **3,167 relief packs** (each pack consists of food, water, soap, clothing, blanket, and other non-food items) were distributed to over 3,000 affected families inside and outside evacuation centers especially those who are staying at flooded areas.
- Total numbers of **511 families were given starter kit** (charcoal stove, sleeping mat, pail, dipper, broom & dust pan & laundry soap).
- Total number of **1,566 families received water purification tablets** for safe drinking water for one month.
- Total number of **1,394 families received hygiene kit**.
- Children served: **4,895** served through expressive therapies (Child abuse prevention, storytelling, arts and craft, games and Audio Visual Presentations & food) from five evacuation centers and other affected areas in Laguna.
- Served **522 children** under highly flooded areas through food-on-the-boat for more than a month.
- **Advocacy posters** on the prevention of child abuse were distributed to all the evacuation centers and **300 pieces of Advocacy Shirts ("Ondoy Survivor")** on Leptospirosis, Garbage Disposal, Hygiene and precaution to flood water were distributed to tricycle drives, boat men, garbage collectors and Barangay Officials.
- **Five Medical missions** including one medical mission on-the-boat served over 2,000 poorest families who are staying on houses still under floodwater
- Tapped more than **200 volunteers** to assist in disaster-response operation.
- Distributed **Christmas Noche-Buena Packages** to families still living in the evacuation centers
- **400 children** (whose temporary relocation site is located inside the cemetery) received Christmas gifts (toys and clothing) and substantial food during the children's Christmas party.
- Tapped donor to install **water filtration system** in the community for safe drinking water of the affected and the indigent families. The 5,000 families affected are very happy to have the water station built in the center of the community.
- **Partnered with the Municipal Disaster Coordinating Council** (Biñan, Laguna) & other organizations focusing in the area to strengthen the effort on the response provided for the communities.
I brought my family to the house of one of the HOPE worldwide staff. We, together with other evacuees, are being attended of our needs. My wife and I decided to volunteer for HOPE worldwide.

We assisted in the rescue of the children housed in Center of HOPE-Laguna which was starting to be submerged in floodwaters.

Afterwards, I joined the disaster response team. I was able to deliver hot meals to more than 500 children and elderly people per day. I was so happy when I was hired part time by the HOPE Disaster Response team in Laguna.

Our family was able to rent an apartment as well as acquire some basic home and kitchen needs. Today, I work as a full time Child Protection Advocate through the Mobile Puppet Theater (MPT) advocacy program.

I am grateful for all the people who helped me during my most difficult times. I never realized that my involvement with HOPE worldwide would open the door for me not only to serve the poor but also to help my family. I learned that, sometimes, we need to go through series of difficulties to enable us to see wonderful opportunities.

– William Mendoza (Volunteer)
The Center of HOPE community-based program (Baseco and Payatas) provides urban poor children with educational and feeding assistance, medical assistance, child sponsorship, family development and parent effectiveness trainings, and the prevention, identification, recovery, and treatment of child abuse.

**DAY CARE PROGRAM**

The sponsorship of school uniforms and basic school supplies helps out 103 HOPE Day Care Program pupils from Baseco and Payatas for the school year 2009-2010. This enables the children to enjoy their right to education. Many of the parents express their gratefulness to the staff and want to send their appreciation to the donors.

**FEEDING PROGRAM**

The Day Care Program of Baseco and Payatas are fortunate to have been given an opportunity to better serve its children through a feeding program that aims to nurture their health for one (1) year. The generous support enables the program to provide 105 children a complete lunch five (5) times a week.

Provision of vitamins and medicines for common cold, cough, and fever is also integrated to the program. Together with the food provided by the program, the medicines and vitamins have significantly helped in improving the children’s health.

**COMMUNITY BASED TREATMENT OF ABUSE PROGRAM**

CBTAP is formed and designed to facilitate healing, treatment and empowerment of physically, sexually, and emotionally abused children ages 4-17, male and female, within the community and family where they belong. The program is focused on two of the largest slum areas in Metro Manila (Baseco) and, Quezon City (Payatas).

Case management, house visits, therapy sessions and counseling are provided to 107 children referred by different institutions from Manila and Quezon City this year.

Case conference is done twice a month to provide staff (program manager, social worker and therapist) updates on cases of each client. This enables them to have a clear direction on how and want treatment should be provided to the client.

The Children’s Month party celebration of CBTAP last October gave the staff a great opportunity in building rapport with the children. The children were also reinforced with the knowledge on their rights.
Advocacy Programs

“Making the Philippines a safer place for all children.”

HOPE worldwide has two Mobile Puppet Theater (MPT 1 & 2) groups travel around the main islands in the Philippines: Luzon and Central Visayas regions performing real life scenarios using puppetry in a bid to engender the confidence children need to prevent, escape and report abuse.

**MOBILE PUPPET THEATER 1 - LUZON**

On the second half of the year alone, MPT1 has empowered 10,731 children through Puppet Show and Youth Advocacy Seminar. The Puppet Show, led by Alisto Kid (the puppet advocator; name means ‘alert kid’), has taught 9,031 children ages 5-12 years old on how to protect themselves from abuse. One thousand seven hundred eighteen (1,718) teenagers, on the other hand, have received free trainings on personal safely through the Youth Advocacy program.

MPT1 has also played a major role in the disaster response (Ketsana) from October to December (see Disaster Response page). MPT1 shifted focus from advocacy work to disaster arm of the organization.

**MOBILE PUPPET THEATER 2 - VISAYAS**

MPT2 is based in Cebu. This year, the program has served 20,112 primary school children through the Mobile Puppet Show and 5,226 teenagers through the Youth Advocacy Seminar.

Fifty two primary and secondary schools have been empowered against abuse. Child Protection Trainings (and follow-up activities) have been conducted to the teachers and community workers on five schools and community.

From the program’s puppet show and seminar, 1,326 children have disclosed experiencing a form of abuse; in which 170 are identified as serious cases.

Aside from schools, MPT2 has also partnered with different agencies (private and government) in Central Visayas, namely, Women and Children Friendly Center, Children’s Legal Bureau, No Strings Intl., RGMA DYSS Radio Network, CPTCSA, Innodata XML, Cebu City Police Department, Municipal and City Social Welfare and Development Offices in Cebu, Department of Social Welfare and Services in Cebu, University of Southern Philippines Foundation, Ramon Aboitiz Foundation. This enables the program in maximizing the effort on the protection of the children from abuse.
Total Revenue for 2009: **Php 18,030,647.32**

Total Expenses for 2009: **Php 16,453,471.85**
# Financial Report

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We are truly grateful for all corporate and individual donors, sponsors, partners and volunteers (named and unnamed) who have supported us.

Many lives have been touched because of your sacrificial hearts.

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