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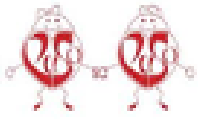


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ALSA BUHAY PROGRAM



“Teachers' Day Celebration – Parola Center & Payatas Center”

October 4, 2024

We celebrate Teachers' Day annually. This special occasion is significant for both teachers and students, as it's a time to express appreciation for the invaluable lessons teachers impart—lessons that students will cherish and use to shape their future lives, showing respect for their mentors. At Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. Parola & Payatas learning Center, we celebrated on October 4, 2024.

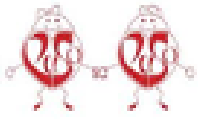
Leaders organized surprise celebrations for their teachers, preparing short videos, food, and gifts. Selected students shared heartfelt messages of gratitude.

Teachers also addressed the students, expressing their hopes for the students' continued academic growth and successful graduation this school year.

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Photos taken at Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc- Parola & Payatas Center



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“ICTSI-Parola Inter Agency Network Hosts Successful Monitoring and Evaluation Seminar”

October 8-9, 2024

The Parola Inter Agency Network (PIAN), led by Mr. Roy Luntayao, Cleo Angelo, and Ms. Cyrah Karmina Albat Wenceslao, recently held a highly successful seminar titled "Monitoring and Evaluation 101: Basics and Importance." The two-day event, held at the Ramada Manila Central Hotel on October 8-9, 2024, featured Dr. Editha Venus Maslang as the resource speaker.

The seminar provided PIAN members, including Pusong Puso Edukasyon Inc., with essential tools and knowledge for effective program evaluation. Dr. Maslang's insightful sessions equipped participants with practical skills and a deeper understanding of the crucial role of monitoring and evaluation in program success. The event fostered a collaborative learning environment, allowing participants to share experiences and best practices. The seminar's success underscores the PIAN's commitment to strengthening the capacity of its member organizations to achieve their program goals through robust monitoring and evaluation strategies.

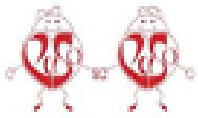
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Photos taken during and after the event at Ramada Manila Central Hotel



“Road Safety for Children Program – Parola Center”

October 11, 2024

On October 11, 2024, in partnership with the International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) and the Parola Inter-agency Network (PIAN), a road safety program for children was launched at the Rosauo Almario Elementary School (1012 Kagitingan St., Tondo, Manila). Various PIAN partners attended. Approximately 600 students from the school participated.

Puso Sa Puso staff — Mr. Darren M. Ilarina (Learning Facilitator/Assistant Supervisor-Parola), Learning Facilitators Mr. Errol Rodel, LPT and Ms. Elijah Echevaria, Ms. Lucita Casero (Livelihood Coordinator)—served as the facilitators. The program covered four modules: Module 1 (Situation in Parola), Module 2 (Traffic Signs and Symbols), Module 3 (General Road Safety), and Module 4 (Safety Measures). In addition to providing crucial information, participants demonstrated safety measures.

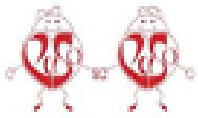
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Photos taken during and after the event at Rosauro Almario Elementary School



“Teen sexuality and relationships – Parola & Payatas Center”

October 16-17, 2024

On October 16, the Payatas Center seminar, facilitated by Ms. Sydney Nadarisay, centered on adolescent sexuality, healthy relationships, and the dangers of grooming. Participants gained valuable insights into the tactics used to exploit vulnerable individuals and the importance of awareness and protection for children and youth. This initiative underscored the critical role of comprehensive sexuality education in empowering young people to make informed decisions about their sexual health and relationships while highlighting the ongoing need to protect them from exploitation and abuse.

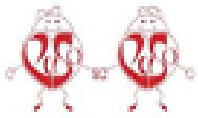
The following day, on October 17, learners at the Parola Center engaged in a discussion led by Mr. Bien Marc Amonelo. This session provided a safe space for participants to learn about puberty, sexual health, and responsible relationships, emphasizing open dialogue and education. Interactive activities, role-playing, and Q&A sessions fostered trust and addressed essential topics such as consent, communication, and the impact of social media on relationships.

Participants expressed gratitude for these vital conversations, feeling better equipped to navigate their relationships with a healthier mindset. These workshops represent the beginning of a series aimed at empowering youth, as Alsa Buhay and FPOP work together to foster a generation that values respect, empathy, and understanding.

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Photos taken during and after the activity



“Seminar on Mental Health and Drug Prevention Awareness”

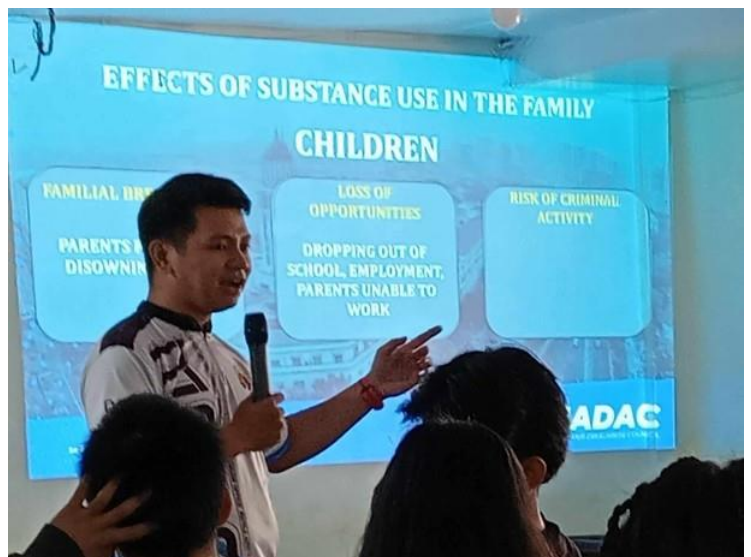
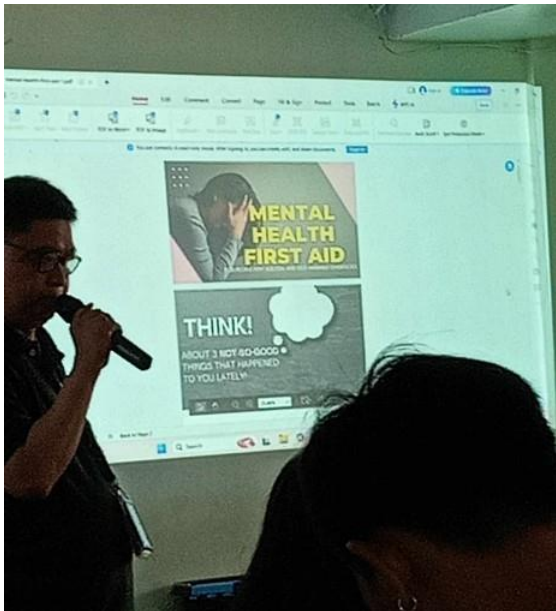
October 18, 2024

On October 18, 2024, PLAN International Philippines invited Pusong Puso Edukasyon Inc. (PSPEI)—a member of the Parola Inter-agency Network (PIAN)—to conduct a seminar on mental health and drug prevention awareness. The seminar held on the second floor of the Barangay 275 hall was attended by selected junior high school (JHS) learners from Batch 14.

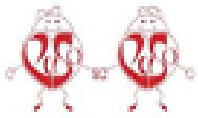
The resource persons were Mr. Avel Rivera, a registered psychometrician with the Manila Youth Bureau, and Mr. Mark Apin of the Manila City Hall's Drug Prevention Unit. Learners gained awareness on drug prevention and the potential negative consequences of substance abuse. Regarding mental health, they learned how to share accurate information to prevent mental health issues.

We are grateful to the resource persons for sharing their expertise, equipping the students with knowledge to avoid harmful behaviors.

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Photos taken during and after the event at second floor of the Barangay 275 hall



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“Enfants Du Mekong: 30 Years in the Philippines”

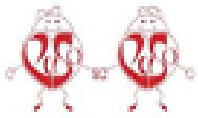
October 20, 2024

On October 20, 2024, Enfants Du Mekong (EDM) celebrated its 30th anniversary in the Philippines. Project leaders gathered at L'Eau Vive restaurant for a momentous occasion. The event highlighted three decades of community development work. Mr. Edwin Guevarra and Mr. Errol Rodel from Pusong sa Pusong Edukasyon Inc. were recognized for their contributions. Leaders shared insights and best practices. Collaborative efforts were emphasized for future success. A strategic roadmap was outlined for EDM's continued growth. The celebration fostered a strong sense of camaraderie. The event reaffirmed EDM's commitment to positive change in the Philippines. It marked a new beginning for the organization's impactful work.

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Photos taken during and after the event at L'Eau Vive restaurant



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“16th National Congress of Parish-Based Child Rights Advocates”

October 25-27, 2024

The Salvatorian Pastoral Care for Children (SPCC) organized the 16th National Congress of Parish-Based Child Rights Advocates (CRAs) took place in Tagaytay City from October 25–27, 2024. Despite the challenges posed by Typhoon Kristine in the Albay, Bicol region, the congress, themed “Prayer and Action: Strengthening CRAs’ Faith and Commitment as Humble Champions of Children’s Rights,” successfully brought together dedicated advocates from parishes, dioceses, archdioceses, and NGOs across the Philippines. Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon Inc. was represented by the Social Worker Jen Basconcillo and CL John Laurence Leaban, SDS.

Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon Inc. expresses deep gratitude for the opportunity to participate in this impactful gathering. The congress provided a valuable space for reflection, knowledge sharing, and strengthening commitment to child rights advocacy. The inspiring and enlightening talks and workshops covered topics such as the role of prayer in CRA work, mental health, and visions for creating child-friendly communities. Each activity reinforced the CRAs’ dedication to building a more just and compassionate society for children.

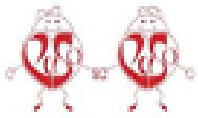
The Eucharistic celebrations and Solidarity Night fostered a stronger sense of unity among Pusong Sa Pusong’s representatives and fellow advocates, highlighting the shared mission to protect and uplift children’s rights with unwavering faith and compassion. Concluding with a collective CRA prayer, participants left feeling hopeful and recommitted.

Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon Inc. extends heartfelt thanks to SPCC and fellow CRAs for the fruitful congress, reaffirming the importance of steadfast dedication to children’s welfare. This annual gathering serves as a powerful reminder that, together, we can create lasting positive change in the lives of Filipino children.

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Photos taken during and after the event at Tagaytay City



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“15th-Year Anniversary: Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. Parola Center”

October 28, 2024

On October 28, 2024, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. (PSPEI) Parola celebrated its 15th anniversary. The day began with a Mass facilitated by Rev. Fr. Christopher B. Osares, SDS, at the Parola Learning Center. In attendance were the Assistant Director of PSPEI, the Payatas Alsabuhay Supervisor and staff, members of the Parola Inter-agency Network (PIAN), Alsabuhay Parola alumni, SDS brothers, the secretary and barangay councilors of Barangays 275 and 20, and the ICTSI Sustainability and Development Section—the lead agency that organized PIAN, of which Puso Sa Puso is a member.

The Mass homily focused on three key aspects of PSPEI's 15 years of service: companionship, discipleship, and apostleship—all dedicated to giving hope and enabling out-of-school youth to return to basic education.

The celebration concluded with a simple yet festive shared lunch. We thank all partner organizations that joined PSPEI in this commemoration. Indeed, the 15 years of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. have been a successful and blessed journey.

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Photos taken during and after the event at Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon- Parola Center