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Program: Love 146

Month Featured: July 2009

DFW's Donation: \$23,965.00



The Mission: to abolish child sex trafficking and exploitation

The Project: Love146 combats sex slavery and helps survivors. Contributions from Dining for Women supported a year's worth of funding for Love146's Round Home safe-house in the Philippines.

Number of beneficiaries: The target population is commercially exploited girls in the Philippines. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year, 10 girls were provided services in the home. 24 girls have been directly impacted since the inception of the program in 2007. There are currently 9 girls reintegrated that we continue to support, ensuring livelihood and excellent quality of life. The CTPA program which trains grass roots workers in the field, building knowledge and skills in aftercare has directly impacted 300 children. The total of directly impacted children in our Asia Aftercare Program is 319 as of 9-24-10.

Brief Project Description: The Love146 Round Home is uniquely built and designed to facilitate the restoration and holistic health of every child entering its doors. The approach to running the home is attuned to the needs of the exploited and traumatized child, which include both the needs of ordinary children as well as children who have been wounded in many ways, lack hope, are broken, lack opportunities and self-worth. Therefore, the Round Home is characterized by efforts to keep the child safe and well provided for, instill hope, effect healing and restoration, promote growth and development, facilitate the release of potentials, and enable the child to come full circle, liberated from their traumas and sufferings, to realize their innate worth. Built with some whimsy in mind, the building is aesthetically colorful as a child would have decorated it and therapy sessions are held in a tree house. It is a place where lives are restored and broken children can just simply be children again.

Narrative Progress Report

1. Overall project achievements and progress during the report period.

24 children have been directly impacted since the inception of this program.

This year 10 of the 24 children were directly impacted. Four significant milestones were achieved with the involvement of Love146: 9 girls were reintegrated with their families and supported with livelihood, 2 girls began college (one pursuing Nursing, the other Hotels and Restaurants Management), the pioneering of a program of intensive reintegration and the completion of two phases of reintegration research. There were 75 community members who were involved in the project this year, including local officials who have been involved in various ways. Significant transformation in the community was demonstrated by a newfound commitment of the mayor to the issue of commercially exploited children and his desire to do something about it.

2. Activities/events that have contributed to the project success:

Dr. Gundelina Velazco developed the Love146 Round Home concept. She continues to be very much involved in the operations of the home, ensuring the most excellent quality of holistic aftercare. This includes but is not limited to:

- Creative therapy approaches, such as the therapy tree house. Girls are able to receive therapy in an environment that was designed with their needs in mind.
- A living space that has been designed in order to facilitate a holistic and family oriented approach to restoration.
- Livelihood classes such as jewelry and greeting card design.
- An organic garden cared for by the girls themselves.
- A complete staff trained in the specific need of survivors of commercial sexual exploitation.

3. Challenges and problems encountered that have affected the progress of the project:

While security was certainly not a problem, it was a challenge that we considered prior to the residents moving in. The home is in a rural area, but given the sensitive nature of the work we do and the experiences of the girls who would come to live in the home, security was of the upmost importance.

4. Actions to resolve the problems:

We were able to ensure security in the home with 24-hour female security guards, a closed circuit security system, raised walls, and strict security policies. November 2009, we added to the concrete wall 3 additional feet of cyclone fencing and barbed wire to suffice the DSWD and security assessment of IJM. The security of the children and staff are regarded highly.

We were recently commended by the DSWD (national organization responsible for children and families) for our visitor and security policies. The DSWD has requested to use our policies in their own residential facilities for children.



5. What are the indicators you use to monitor success?

The best indicators of success are when we can look back and see how many children were directly impacted through aftercare and prevention. Each child that gets restored is a powerful advocate for prevention. Our reintegration success is 100%. Our research for reintegration is impacting other NGO's around the world. The staff have been touched by the restoration of children and have also become lifelong advocates of prevention. Our operations have also touched the communities in which we reside in, including various mayors and municipality leaders. I have seen the children enter the safe home in shambles, not being able to speak, and within 2 months are dancing and singing...doing the things little girls should be doing.

6. Is the project on track with the planned activities and expected outcome?

Yes, we continue to accept girls into the home on a regular basis and successfully reintegrate girls into the community. This year two girls began university. One will be studying nursing and the other is studying hotel and restaurant management.

7. Is the project a new initiative or an on-going program?

In 2008 Love146 opened the Pink Home as a transitional home to accommodate exploited children while the Round Home was being built. The Love146 Round Home opened its doors in April 2009. We continue to receive children from social service and partner organizations that rescue children directly out of brothels.

8. Timetable with budget line:

The grant of \$23,965.00 was used for the following program expenses:

| Specific Program Expenses | Pesos | Dollars |
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| Education | 900,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Health & Nutrition | 1,800,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| Psychological | 225,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Recreational | 67,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Social Services | 450,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Spiritual Services | 225,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Home life Services | 202,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| General Meals and Transportation | 2,250,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Reintegration | 720,000.00 | 16,000.00 |
| Total Specific Program Expenses | 6,840,000.00 | 152,000.00 |

9. Please provide information on the number of women/girls who have directly and indirectly benefited from DFW's support. Are the women utilizing the skills and the knowledge gained from the program? Have their lives changed as a result to their participation? How?

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These are the words of two girls that came to the Round Home:

Kate joined the Round Home on January 15, 2010- “I compare myself to a seed. Seeds must be planted in soil in order for them to grow. I am the seed and Love 146 is the soil where I will be planted and where I will grow. And the one who will water me to grow are the Mommies and Dr. Velazco. I don’t want to be separated from my son. I am willing to go back to my former job just to be with my son and support him. Thank you for accepting me and my son. I can’t have peace of mind if I will be separated from my son. My son doesn’t know his father. I, too, do not know my father.”

Cherry joined the Round Home on January 15, 2010- “I compare myself to a bamboo tree. I have observed that a bamboo tree never falls down. It just sways when blown by a strong wind. Like a bamboo tree, I have remained standing. I did not fall down after the storm that came to my life. I was belittled by my relatives because we are the poorest... Sometimes I had to skip a meal because we didn’t have any food. I was forced to take an indecent job in a bar...But now I am thankful to Love 146 because I will have the chance to fulfill that promise to my family without entering that job again. I am really lucky to be here and looked after by Love146.”

10. What are the main highlights and accomplishments as a result to DFW’s support?

In the 2009-2010 fiscal year two girls have begun university. One is studying nursing and the other is studying hotel and restaurant management. DFW’s support has enabled Love146 to provide care, and a home for children at risk and who have been exploited.



Amanda has come so far since first joining the Round Home. She has passed her exams, graduated from elementary and will be attending nursing school. This is a great day for celebration. On Graduation day Dr. Velazco reflected on the incredible journey that Amanda has been on:

“I’ve been thinking, with a slight dread, what if she was not rescued? Well, she was rescued, but nobody sent her to school, not the safe homes she was previously placed in. What if she did not come to the Round Home, which prioritizes education? Well, we enrolled her in school and she was placed in the school level where she left off before that unfortunate episode in her life, which was Grade 5. Since it was a home study program, she could go as fast as she wanted, up to two levels a year. After two months in the Round Home, she finished Grade 5 and moved on to Grade 6. She was getting discouraged; she was 17 and had a long way to go. She missed her family and wanted to go home. What if we did not persevere? What if we did not encourage her to take the acceleration test? Then her potentials would not have surfaced and we all would not have seen this day...and this smile...and this glorious moment...and this inspiration to the other girls. This is a great turning point in her life, another great mile in her flight away from that sad episode in her life.”

11. As a result of the project, have you expanded your network, solicited funds, collaborated with other groups, increased your resources? Please specify

As a result of our excellence in aftercare we have collaborated with DSWD and an international rescue organization to ensure the placement of the most high-risk cases of commercially sexually exploited girls in our home. We have a reputation within the child service community of possessing the capacity to restore the lives of children with the most extreme life challenges. We have seen children thrive in ways that were never imagined possible.

12. What are the planned activities/next steps in the future?

We will continue with providing care for exploited girls, restoring their lives, and giving them purpose enabling each one to go back into the world a new person. Our plan is to add a training center to the other half of our property to equip workers with our model of aftercare. We also will include additional housing for children, staff and a multipurpose room for meetings, recreation, arts, music, and vocational training.

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Love146 Round Home

Project managed by Love146 Director of Aftercare, Dr. Gundelina Velazco

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Appendix

Appendix 1: Love146 Round Home Impact Overview

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| Thriving Projects and Partnerships |
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| What are milestones/accomplishments that this project was able to achieve this year with the involvement of Love146? |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reintegrated 9 girls with their families and supported with livelihood2. Put two girls in college, one pursuing Nursing, the other, Hotels and Restaurants Management3. Pioneered a program of intensive reintegration4. Finished two phases of reintegration research |
| With the involvement of Love146, how has this project improved its child protection efforts this year? |
| Child Protection being implemented in the Round Home is lauded as a model for other NGOs, |
| How has this project improved its advocacy efforts as a result of Love146 involvement? |
| The staff and the Round Home girls themselves have become advocates |

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| From 1-10 (10 being the strongest) how would you classify the strength of this projects leadership? |
| 10 |
| How has leadership improved this year as a result of Love146 involvement? |
| <i>The support has been crucial and fortunately was always there</i> |
| From 1-10 (10 being the strongest) how would you classify the efficiency of this project? |
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| How has efficiency improved this year as a result of Love146 involvement? |
| <i>With adequate resources, much has been accomplished in the lives of children in a short period of time</i> |
| From 1-10 (10 being the strongest) how would you classify the sustainability of this project? |
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| How has sustainability improved this year as a result of Love146 involvement? |
| <i>The funding has always been adequate</i> |
| What has the organization done to better understand the challenges and views of children this year? |
| <i>Children were always asked in all aspects of living</i> |
| How has the organization included the voices of children in development of projects and decision-making this year? |
| <i>Their opinions were always considered</i> |

| Empowered Communities |
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| How many villages/cities does this project impact? |
| <i>10 regions of the Philippines</i> |
| Number of community members involved in this project? |
| 75 |
| Number of community members trained by this project? |
| <i>Respond here</i> |
| Number of potential perpetrators are challenged and educated? |
| 30 |
| From 1-10 (10 being the strongest) how would you classify the investment/buy-in of the community into this project? |
| 5 |
| How has investment/buy-in improved this year as a result of Love146 involvement? |
| <i>Local officials have been involved in various ways</i> |
| Please list at least one example that is evidence that this project benefits the community beyond direct involvement. |
| <i>Jobs have been provided to the local community. The presence of this kind of establishment enhances the prestige of the community.</i> |
| Please list at least one example that is evidence of significant transformation in a community served by this project as a result of Love146's involvement. |

The mayor has been involved in an amazing way. Once, when we went to the mayor's office to discuss a concern, the mayor saw one of our girls and out of his own pocket gave the little girl Php200. In a way, the mayor has become aware and concerned about the issue and in his own way would like to do something about it. As leader, he can influence the community.

Appendix 2: Love146 CTPA Impact Overview

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| Restored and Empowered Children |
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| Number of children directly impacted annually before the involvement of Love146? This includes, but is not limited to education, training, therapy and residential care. |
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| Number of children directly impacted this year? This includes, but is not limited to general education, education about trafficking, vocational training, therapy and residential care. |
| 300 |
| Number of children directly impacted by this project since Love146 began partnership/funding? This includes, but is not limited to education, training, therapy and residential care. |
| 2500 |
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| Number of children indirectly impacted this year? |
| 300 |
| Number of children indirectly impacted by this project since Love146 began partnership/funding? |
| 2500 |
| Number of children being supported in the reintegration process? |
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| Please list at least one example that is evidence of significant transformation in a child's life as a result of Love146's involvement with this project. This can include, but is not limited to physical, emotional, social, and spiritual development. |
| During the CTPA in Chiangrai in 2007 for House of Refuge workers, the trainees unanimously expressed difficulty over one child in their safehome. They narrated in detail the numerous maladaptive behaviors of this child. The appropriate interventions for this child were then discussed during the training, in reference to the principles that were being taught in the CTPA. Four months after the training, we came back to meet with the same trainees to evaluate their learning from the training. This time, they unanimously declared that when they implemented the interventions that they learned in the CTPA for this child, her behavior started to improve until she became one of the most well-behaved girls in the safehome. |



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