

The Center for Social Concern and Action - Student Formation and Volunteer Development Program, through its volunteering arm, the Lasallian Outreach Volunteer Effort in partnership with Stairway Foundation Inc. and the Philippine National Police-NCR

“Creating Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) Project”
in selected Women and Children Protection Desks (WCPD) in Metro Manila

Collection Drive
November 8 - December 10, 2010
DLSU main entrances

Volunteer Recruitment
(Open to the entire Lasallian community)
November 8 - 11, 2010
Velasco walk

“Be a CFS volunteer and Break the Silence”

INTRODUCTION

The CFS Project is a collaborative effort among the Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA) through its Volunteer Formation Program, the Lasallian Outreach and Volunteer Effort (L.O.V.E), Stairway Foundation, Inc. (SFI) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) to raise awareness on the importance of "Breaking the Silence" surrounding the issue of Child Sexual Abuse. This will be done through creative advocacy for prevention work.

SCOPE

Initially, 15 Women and Children Protection Desks (WCPD) center in Metro Manila will be chosen as pilot precincts. This is based on the recommendation of the chief of the NCR WCPD.

The main criterion is that the precinct should have a functioning separate room for the WCPD officer and that they will commit to the totality of this project.

CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES

The concept of creating Child Friendly Spaces in the WCPD in the Philippines is Stairway's own approach of using creative advocacy for prevention work.

Creating Child Friendly Spaces takes into account the holistic approach by also dealing with other facets of what a child friendly WCPD should be:

Imagery in the form of colors, drawings, and paintings are imbued in the WCPD rooms in order to make the child feel more comfortable in order to elicit proper disclosure from him/her;

Materials through animation toolkits which is an effective tool in eliciting disclosure of experiences of sexual abuse of children;

Equipment specifically a desktop computer only for the use of WCPD cases would ensure confidentiality in handling cases of child sexual abuse;

Knowledge, Skills, and Attitude-- the Law Enforcers under the WCPD shall also receive training from Stairway in order to upgrade their skills and to receive constant encouragement on sensitively handling victims of sexual abuse.

The CFS Volunteers will be focusing their efforts on the **imagery aspect**, re-creating the WCPD rooms as a space wherein the child would feel comfortable and safe to disclose their ordeals, also, for the law enforcers to feel more motivated to work in such a setting, something that would certainly increase their effectiveness in dealing with children by working in a space they would feel proud of.

Ways to help:

1. **Be a CFS volunteer** and break the silence. Click on the [link](#) to sign-up. Accomplish [application form](#) and email to Jennifer.Santos@dlsu.edu.ph
2. **Donate** any of the following: toys, children's books, art materials, non-skid play mats, etc. You can drop these at SPS401 or at the CFS boxes at DLSU main entrances starting November 8.

For inquiries, please visit COSCA at Room 401, SPS Building, or call us at local 417. You may look for Jenny Santos or Khristina Umali.