




Virlanie
Giving back the smile to street children

7 pillars of Virlanie



Street



Community



Residential



Health &
Psychosocial



Education



Integration



Advocacy



In September 2015, 193 world leaders agreed to 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development. If these Goals are completed, it would mean an end to extreme poverty, inequality and climate change by 2030.

Source: www.staging.globalgoals.org/

Virloanie Foundation, Inc.

Virloanie Foundation, Inc. is a non-sectarian child-caring institution that empowers, loves and protects the abandoned, abused, exploited, neglected, orphaned, and those among the poorest of the poor children.

Since 1992, the Foundation cared for more than 17,000 Filipino children in need of special protection. Through its various programs and services, Virloanie strives to build a better future for these children by "giving back their smiles."

Virloanie helps them reach their full potential and reintegrate into society with competent and committed stakeholders and an efficient, financially sustainable, and environmentally conscious organization.

Our Philosophy

Envisioning a world where each child is **loved, protected, and empowered** to become a **responsible individual**.

New Beginnings

2017 has been a year of new beginnings for Virloanie. Two new programs were launched (Dental Clinic in Manila and Open Day Center in Bacolod), and 113 more children than last year were reached. With your support, we continue to serve the disadvantaged children and communities through promoting holistic development and at the same time, work towards the achievement of the United Nations 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development. In 2015, the United Nations has established 17 goals to transform our world and to make it a place where everyone will have a better chance to succeed.

In this annual report, we are introducing Virloanie's 7 pillars of expertise: Street, Community, Residential, Health & Psychosocial, Education, Integration, and Advocacy and the programs under them. An additional feature for this report is how our initiatives in each pillar help to meet the Global Goals and build new beginnings for the children we cater to.

Upon exploring the annual report, you'll see children's silhouette as accent design element. This would serve as a representation of how children are perceived by society and how the underlying image (photos taken from the field in Virloanie) shows how Virloanie is trying to give children new beginnings to live up to societal standards.

Message from the PRESIDENT



For 25 years, Virlande Foundation has committed to serve the most vulnerable and marginalized children and families of the Philippines.

Because we want to pursue our actions towards the poorest of the poor in a fast-changing and still-harsh world, we decided to prepare for the future in 2017. In the coming years, we seek to extend our expertise and reach, qualitatively and geographically. Therefore, new strategic directions have been agreed on.

Our mission: Love, protect and empower the most disadvantaged children to help them reach their full potential and reintegrate into society

Our vision: to be an international humanitarian organization transforming the lives of the most disadvantaged children through a holistic approach

Among the many projects we will implement in the coming years, one is really dear to my heart: it is a project for the special children of Virlande. Because of their disabilities, these children won't have the same integration opportunities as the other young adults. Most of them will actually stay in Virlande for the rest of their life.

However, this doesn't mean they cannot also be given the chance of new beginnings. Thus, Virlande acquired a 2-hectare land near Bacolod City (Negros) in January 2018 in order to implement the FAITH Farm Project (FAITH: Food Always In The Home). This will be an organic farm in which around 30 special young adults currently living in Aime and Jade homes could be transferred permanently.

The goal is to allow them to have more autonomy in the community life, while leaving in a healthy spacious place. In the daily life of the farm, it is expected that everybody will be given responsibilities according to their capacities.

Making this dream come true wouldn't be possible without your support. On behalf of all Virlande children, I want to thank you for allowing us, year after year, to give back the smile to street children.

Dominique Lemay
President & Founder

For more than 3 years, supported by Dominique and the Board of Trustees, we have embarked on a journey to make ourselves ready to face the challenges of our fast-changing society.

In the later part of this year, Thomas Mouliac, our new Executive Director has joined us. His first few months were intense as we went through a strategic planning involving everyone in the Foundation, from our Home staff up to the Management team and our Board of Trustees. Thomas drove us through this exercise and we were able to establish our strategic priorities for the 5 years to come along 7 strategic pillars, with a lot of clarity.

These pillars will be explained more in details later in this report. But I want to highlight 3 of them which somehow show best the direction we are taking.

Our 1st pillar is *Street*. For us, this is an important return to where we started our journey, where the most difficult circumstances are happening. We are going back in jail and in streets to reach out to the most in need children, to accompany them in rebuilding their life with their family or through Virlande when no family can be found.

If the 1st pillar is where the journey started, the 6th pillar, *Integration* is where we bring our children towards independence. We are talking about building self-confidence but also partnership with companies to propose to our teenagers their first jobs, or entrepreneurship programs for those who want to go towards the road of self-employment. All our efforts somehow lean towards ensuring that each of our kids can move towards their adult life with the best chances of success and to ensure they move out of the poverty cycle.

On a larger perspective, Virlande with its 25 years of history, has now a role to play locally but also internationally to defend and fight for the rights of all children. Our 7th pillar *advocacy* will be our flagship program to carry our beliefs and experience across other regions and countries to help more children in finding their ways towards a better life.

Our 25 years journey was possible thanks to your support and trust, please help us in ensuring more children will get the chance they deserve in life and together let's push back poverty and bring back smile to our street children.

Laurent Goirand
Vice President



Message from the VICE PRESIDENT



Jan - Feb

A sponsor and a sponsored child got reunited for the first time!



Mar - Apr

Magellan Learning Center recognized **100** Virланie children for their academic performances in the MLC Recognition Day

Jul - Aug

Virланie celebrated **25 years** of bringing back the smile to street children

May - Jun

participated in the **She for She Forum**, a forum aimed to highlight different initiatives of women supporting other women



Sep - Oct

Virланie's Health Services Team promoted **healthy diet** to all Virланie children in celebration of Nutrition Month



Nov - Dec

Virланie's young adult organization, The Rising Youth (TRY), elected their **new officers for 2018**



Gubln Run 2017

Sofitel-led fun run gathered **1,800** participants who ran for children

Virланie Christmas

Our Christmas campaign gave fresh new clothes and personal gifts to **168** children & Noche Buena packages to **280** families

GIVE achieve

supported job readiness training for **45** young adults, recreational activities and tutorials to **168** children



398

children from poor communities reached



223

children were welcomed in our loving homes



42

mothers and young adults received livelihood training

169

families served through community and street programs



6

children were reunited with their families

4

children were welcomed into their adoptive families



48

young adult enrollees in independent living program trainings



209

children received dental, psychological, and medical care

42

children from the outreach communities benefitted from our health program



108

children were sent to formal school

42

children enrollees in Magellan Learning Center

New programs launched



Dental Clinic



Open Day Center in Bacolod

YOUR 2017 WITH US



STREET PROGRAM

Be actively present in the streets to help the children in need of special protection.



This program works towards realizing these SDGs.

The Mobile Unit

Being able to receive basic social services in a society where most of street families are invisible—this is what new beginnings mean for our beneficiaries at the Mobile Unit.

Poor families living on the streets are considered as one of the most marginalized sectors in society. Oftentimes, they are trapped in the cycle of intergenerational poverty. Since most children born on the streets have no birth certificates, they cannot enroll in a formal school. It is also very likely that they won't be able to access basic social services and job opportunities that would allow them to integrate into society once they become adults. The same scenario will likely repeat as they start having families of their own. This is when the cycle of intergenerational poverty takes place.

To promote inclusion of street children and their families through education, the Mobile Unit (MU), our street-based education program, has been created. It serves children and families from Delpan and Divisoria.

Working closely with other Virlanie programs like Health Services, Dental, Sponsorship and iLead ODC-ET, and a broad network of local associations and institutions, MU builds trustful relationships with the families in the communities and gives them the means and the support they need to fully integrate into society.

Through our "Walk your way to School" (WAYS), an MU project, children aged 3 to 14 receive primary education and are prepared to (re)integrate to the conventional school system.

In 2017, they were taught basic reading and counting, and participated in workshops on health education, norms and values, child's rights and responsibilities, personal safety, and life skills. Children who were already enrolled in school received educational assistance and school monitoring.

Meanwhile, to support their children's schooling and personal development, parents also received counseling on these topics. They have undergone regular counseling sessions and seminars on Parenting Effectiveness Service and were supported to implement income-generating projects.

What's new in 2017?

For three years, the MU team has been working hard to process the beneficiaries' birth certificates, which are mandatory for the children's enrollment in school. They have finally established efficient working relationships with Manila Civil Registry, facilitating the whole procedure. As a result, in 2017, MU was able to provide 49 birth certificates, which was 75% more than the previous year.



17

children were sponsored for the school year 2016-2017



118

children were enrolled in formal school for the school year 2017-2018



4

children became choir members, joined performances and prepare for 2018 European tour



30

children got a general medical and dental check-up



14

mothers were referred to Likhaan Center for Women. 8 families practice birthcontrol now



49

children got a certified copy of their birth certificate



8

mothers from Delpan completed their one-year contract in income-generating project



3

events related to advocacy/awareness raising on the issues of street children and poverty were organized or joined by the Mobile Unit families

The Social Development Center in Bacolod

The Social Development Center (SDC), located in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, is a local government unit (LGU) managed by the city's Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD) with Virланie as a support partner. It is designed as a transitional shelter for 8 to 18-year old children considered as either vulnerable, at risk or in conflict with the law. Many of them came directly from the streets. The SDC provides them with basic child right services as educational and skills training opportunities, to improve their physical and psychological well-being, to facilitate their individual and social development, and help them address their legal issues.

After their stay at the SDC, they will either be transferred to a rehabilitation center or reintegrated into their communities. Follow-ups will be conducted by Virланie.

What's new in 2017?

In 2017, we focused on the children's values formation, their self-perceptions and socio-economic views. They defined their own identities and developed new dreams and determinations to lead their future.

Some of SDC's beneficiaries also took part in the official Christmas tree lighting ceremony at one of Bacolod's prestige hotels, who raised funds for Virланie's new ODC Bacolod. The children presented a capoeira performance, which they had studied as part of their individual development activities during their stay in SDC.



lakas at maayos na tahanan
malinis, maayos na paligiran



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I realized that what I did was wrong. I reflected on the wrong things I've done in the past and now realize what I need to do to make things better.

Justin, 16, former beneficiary from SDC

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SERVICES OFFERED



Health &
Psycho-Social
Services



Education



Foster Skills
Development



1500

beneficiaries from
0 to 25 years old

The Open Day Center in Bacolod

The Open Day Center (ODC) is a new Virilanie-led project, which is also located in Bacolod City. It aims at extending Virilanie's expertise and geographical reach to other islands, focusing on children and families in the streets.

In 2017, the center has been established and a local team has been set up. Since the inauguration of ODC Bacolod at the end of September, our dedicated team has been tirelessly working on the renovation of the center, the development of collaborations with multiple local stakeholders, and the creation of a local fundraising campaign for the holiday season in preparation for the program's full launch.

Starting in March 2018, Virilanie will offer various social, health and basic education services in the Open Day Center, as well as foster skills development for Bacolod's most vulnerable children. Our goal is to support them towards an autonomous life.

In the coming four years, we are planning to support a total of 1,500 vulnerable children and young adults (girls and boys aged 0-25 years), as well as walk-ins and referrals from partner institutions and street workers.

COMMUNITY

*Prevent occurrence of abuse
and neglect among
children through
building stronger
families and sustainable
communities*



This program works towards realizing these SDGs.

The Open Day Center for Education and Training

We believe that street mothers can be leaders of change for their families as well as their communities. However, because they are often the ones taking care of the children, it is not easy for them to find a balance between their family life and professional life.

Therefore, we decided to give them tailor-fit training opportunities such as ILead Open Day Center for Education and Training (iLead ODC-ET), which works towards improving the living conditions of marginalized mothers and youth through economic empowerment and independence enabling.

The Center provides sewing, cooking, baking, and beauty care trainings to street mothers and young adults. Once their trainings have finished, the beneficiaries can access micro-loans to start their own businesses.

While the mothers are being trained, their children are being taken care of in the center. In 2017, 108 children took part in educational activities, showing very good results in their academic performances.

Zoom on Craft A Smile

Craft A Smile is a brand of Virlanie Foundation. It is based on a social business model that aims to help the street mothers from Virlanie's Mobile Unit and ODC-ET, as well as some young adults of Virlanie, develop new skills and earn extra income from products sold. This project aims to raise funds for the Foundation in the long run.

Currently, the products being manufactured by the beneficiaries include eco-jewelry (earrings, necklaces, bracelets), decor, and bags.

 **108**
children took part in
educational activities

 **52**
are now engaged
in income
generating project

 **35**
benefited from
micro-loans to start
their own venture

 **80**
mothers and young
adults graduated

 **17**
have been
employed

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Now that I have graduated, I want to start a sewing and tailoring business. My husband is a tricycle driver and with the skills that I have learned, I can now also earn for the needs and sustenance of our family.

Leah, 33, street mother trainee
from iLead ODC-ET

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Family Program

In order to prevent the occurrence of child abuse and neglect, we seek to build stronger families and sustainable communities.

Therefore, our Family Program reaches to five partner communities in Metro Manila namely, Tondo, Singkamas, Payatas, Estero, and Bagong Silangan. It aims to empower families through counseling, livelihood trainings and income generating projects.

What's New in 2017?

In 2017, Bagong Silangan was able to develop and manage emergency assistance funds called "Damayan" allocated for medicines, vaccines, transportation to go to hospitals, checkups, and burial assistance. Community leaders have undergone leadership trainings and financial management seminars, while four mothers, who have been trained in iLead ODC-ET, have been managing a mini-bakeshop with the members of Mother's Club Cooperative. Since they started selling their products, the mothers have already earned enough money to buy an oven and other baking equipment. At present, they are earning and saving money on their own.

Their Rice Retailing social business, which is on its 3rd year of implementation, is still very successful, making rice purchasing accessible to the poorest families while allowing them to earn extra-income.

Meanwhile, the schooling and development of the children in the communities are supported and monitored through the sponsorship program. Among the 95 sponsored children, 82 were admitted to the next grade level, while 5 young adults graduated from College with degrees in Industrial Psychology, Criminology, Electro Mechanic, Information Technology, and Computer Programming.



 **95** children sponsored

 **82** moved up to next grade level in school

 **5** young adults graduated from College

 **5** partner communities



RESIDENTIAL

Protect, shelter, and care for children through providing them a loving family atmosphere



This program works towards realizing these SDGs.



8 homes designed for specific ages and needs



223

children served along the year

99
girls



124
boys

Through the residential program, each child is given a new beginning with other children in a caring home.

Because most of the children under our care came from dysfunctional families and have experienced abuse and neglect in the past, the residential program aims at giving them a home where they can feel secured, loved, and taken care of. We consider this as the first step and an essential frame to their future development.

Each home has house parents and social workers to mentor and monitor the children so that they can reach their full potential and integrate into their new family and school.

Virlanie has 8 homes that are designed for specific age groups and needs. In 2017, 223 children from birth to 18 were welcomed in our loving homes.

Homes for babies and children

Four homes care for infants, toddlers, and children below 12 years old: the Babies and Toddlers Home (BTH), Masaya Home, Tanglaw Home, and the Marco Polo Care Center (MPCC).

They aim to provide our children a safe place to socialize and later achieve a higher rate of successful placement through family reunification or adoption.





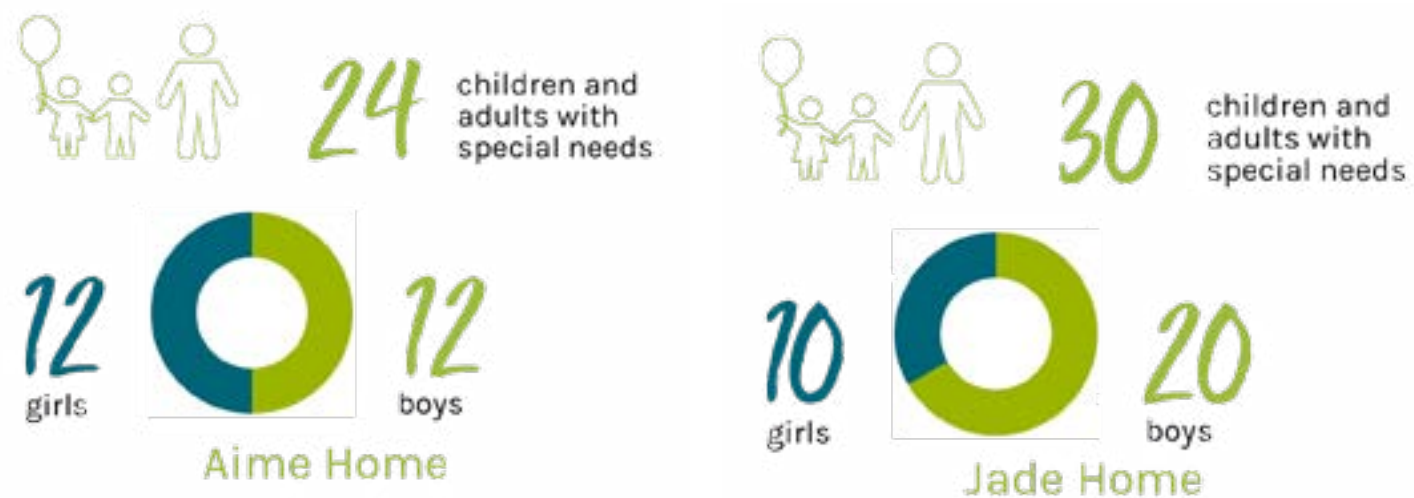
Homes for young adults

Two homes are designed for teenagers above 13 years-old who grow up in the Foundation. While all the young adults are prepared for sustainable life through the Independent Living Program (ILP), they are also closely monitored by house parents and social workers to develop their self-esteem and find their place, professionally and personally, in society.



Homes for children with special needs

These homes care for children and adults with special needs, most of whom were abandoned because of their physical and mental disabilities. Virlanie provides them with the best possible care and offers them alternative education programs to help them reach their full potential so that they may be able to care for themselves and live productively.



Ensure that all children receive the best possible healthcare

This program works towards realizing these SDGs.



HEALTH & PSYCHO-SOCIAL



The Health Services Program

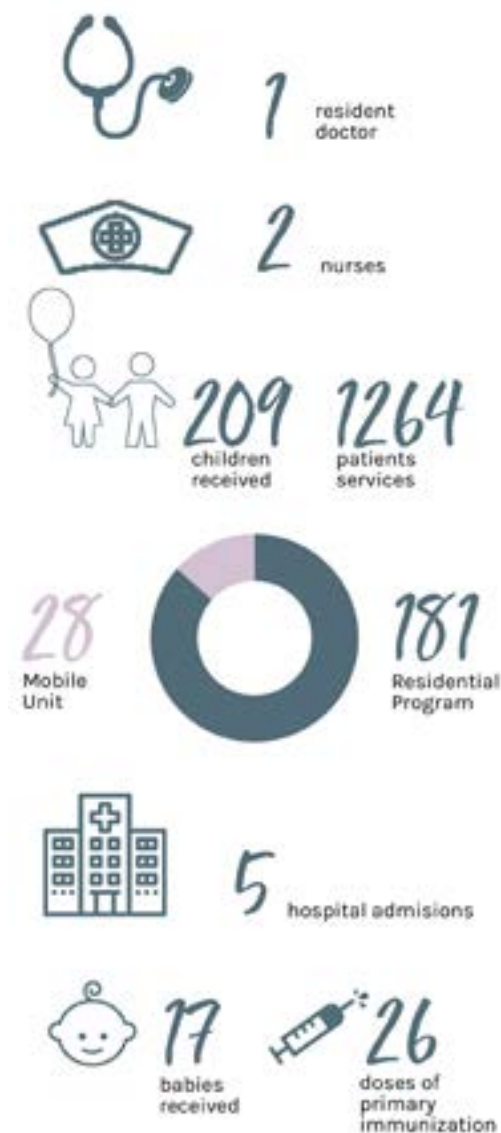
Equipped with a healthy and well-nourished body, children can freely do the activities they want to engage in. This is the new beginning that the medical program provides our children with.

Healthcare is one basic right street children are often deprived of. However, the right to be provided medical care and the importance of being aware on healthcare issues through awareness sessions can make a huge difference in one's life. Virланie's medical program works both on prevention and care to improve the general well-being of the children.

One resident doctor and two nurses provide medical treatment to our children on a daily basis. They also monitor nutrition, hygiene, and sanitation of the homes. Their services also benefit Virланie staff and volunteers, so everyone is well-equipped to give love to our children. They also extend their services to children from our partner communities. For children health's maintenance, the medical team also teams up with local health centers and health specialists for easy access to specialized facilities.

Aside from health education sessions conducted with children and staff, the Health Services Program also give Fire and Earthquake Awareness Seminars and Drills to the children and staff.

On July 2017, the "Eat Right Seminar" was held at Elizabeth Home by a partner NGO for women with infants and young children. The seminar focused on the importance of getting acquainted with the different types of food – those that heal, nourish, and make you ill. The seminar included a cooking demonstration where the house parents and the girls participated in the food preparation.

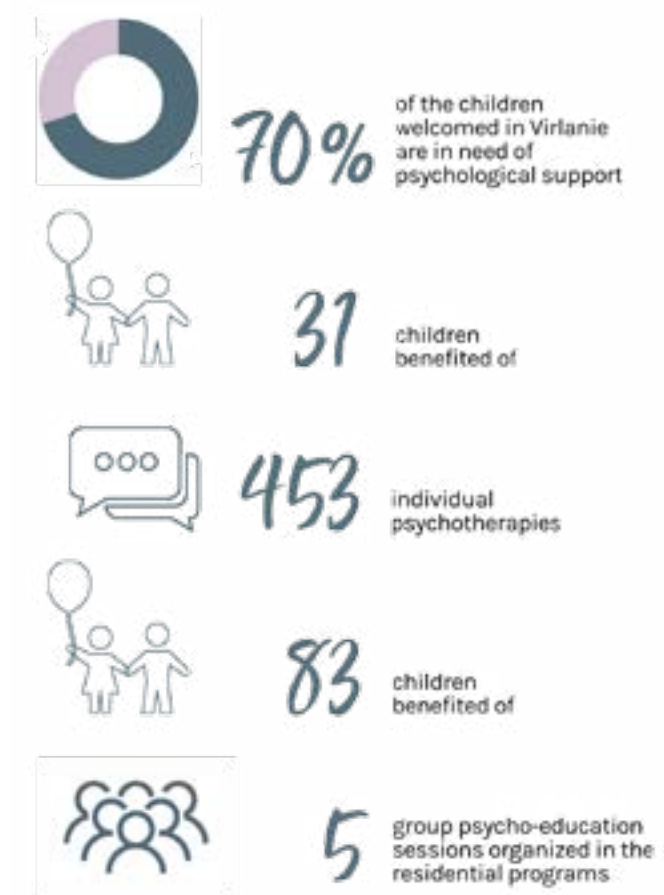


The Psychological Services Program

Seventy percent (70%) of the children welcomed in the Foundation are in need of psychological support due to difficult backgrounds like neglect, abuse, and abandonment. The psychological healing process of the children is managed through psychological assessments and individual and/or group therapies. If needed, the children can be referred to psychiatrists within Virланie's network.

The psychological team also provides group therapy sessions to all the children and young adults of the residential program. In 2017, various group sessions had been given to the children. For children in MPCC, Tanglaw and Masaya Home, the sessions dealt with promoting healthy sexual development, developing impulse control, and aggression and bullying. For the young adults of Elizabeth and Ella Yallah homes, the group sessions focused on developing the self and emotional awareness, helping them recognize how one measures and expresses love and identify their readiness for entering relationships, and on increasing their self-worth by helping them identify their shame triggers and on how it affects their behavior. These group therapy sessions opened opportunities for self-expression, sharing of experiences, and deeper understanding and acceptance of themselves, resulting in improvement of relationship with others.

Congratulations to Psychological Team who celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2017!





Fe's weight was low due to malnutrition when she arrived in 2015. She gradually gained weight over the months she stayed here but her age and size were not yet proportional. In 2017, her weight greatly improved, and her age and size became normal.

Fe, 6, a beneficiary of the Health Services Program



2
dentists



1
dental assistant



1155
patients treated



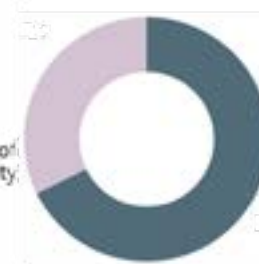
3259
dental treatments provided

505
other patients



650
Virvanie's
beneficiaries

210
beneficiaries of
the community
program



440
beneficiaries of
the residential
program

The Dental Clinic

Greeting everyone with a healthy smile, our children become more confident as new beginnings were offered by our dental clinic.

As the fruit of the work accomplished within a two to three-week mission basis since 2004 using foldable and portable equipment, Virvanie's newest program, the Dental Clinic, has been inaugurated in March 2017.

It offers permanent dental and oral services, as well as hygiene awareness sessions to the children of the Foundation and the marginalized communities where Virvanie operates.

As a social enterprise, the dental clinic also addresses the needs of Virvanie staff and relatives, and partner NGOs beneficiaries at lower costs, as well as those of walk-in patients.



EDUCATION

Equip every child with education and positive values so they can become the best person they can be.



This program works towards realizing these SDGs.



SiBuHi Center for Creativity and Development

Fully aware of their talents, the children under our care face society with confidence. This is the new beginning that the SiBuHi (Sining, Buhay, Hilom: art, life, healing) Center gives to children.

The difficult backgrounds of our children often result in their lack of self-esteem. The regular practice of artistic activities or sports can be an opportunity for them to unleash their talents. As part of the holistic education we aim to provide to our children, SiBuHi gives our children access to various recreational activities such as visual arts (painting, and arts and crafts), performing arts (choir, hip hop) and sports (badminton, swimming, soccer).

In 2017, 116 children enjoyed taking part in these activities. Among them, 83 are part of the residential program while 33 children are part of Family Program and Mobile Unit.

These sessions are given on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, which give the children opportunities for socialization and creative expression, resulting in emotional and psychosocial wellness.



visual arts



performing arts



sports

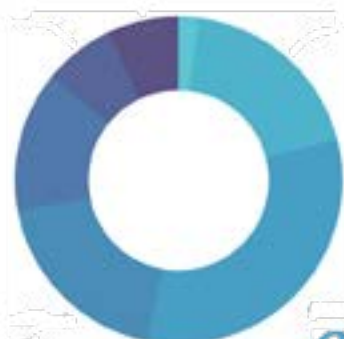
7% swimming

2% badminton

7% Hip-Hop

14% painting

19% arts & craft



19% soccer

32% choir



Zoom on Virlanie

Voices

The Virlanie Choir was created in 2004 to perform at a benefit dinner in honor of Her Royal Highness Princess Caroline of Hanover. At that time, the choir's performance exceeded largely everyone's expectations. Because of the children's enthusiasm towards it, it has been decided to pursue this fruitful initiative.

This year, the choir is officially named "Virlanie Voices", as they serve as the voice of the most silenced population - street children. Virlanie Voices is composed of children and young adults from Virlanie Homes and outreach urban poor communities - individuals who have shown an exceptional inclination and passion for music.

They are led and supervised by their Choirmaster and Musical Director, Ms. Ma. Lourdes Hermo, a well-acclaimed choirmaster who also directs the Representative Chamber of the government.

Exhibiting professionalism, Virlanie Voices already had the chance to go on three European tours in 2013, 2015 and 2016, that turned our young choirsters into the best possible international ambassadors of the Foundation. In 2018, they will engage for their 4th European tour!

To know more about their latest activities, follow them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/VirlanieVoices





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I feel happy because they teach us how to read in books, Abakada, Alphabet, counting 1 to 100. Also, we were taught self-care such as house cleaning, doing laundry.

Arlyn, 25, a beneficiary of the Special Education Program

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The Magellan Learning Center

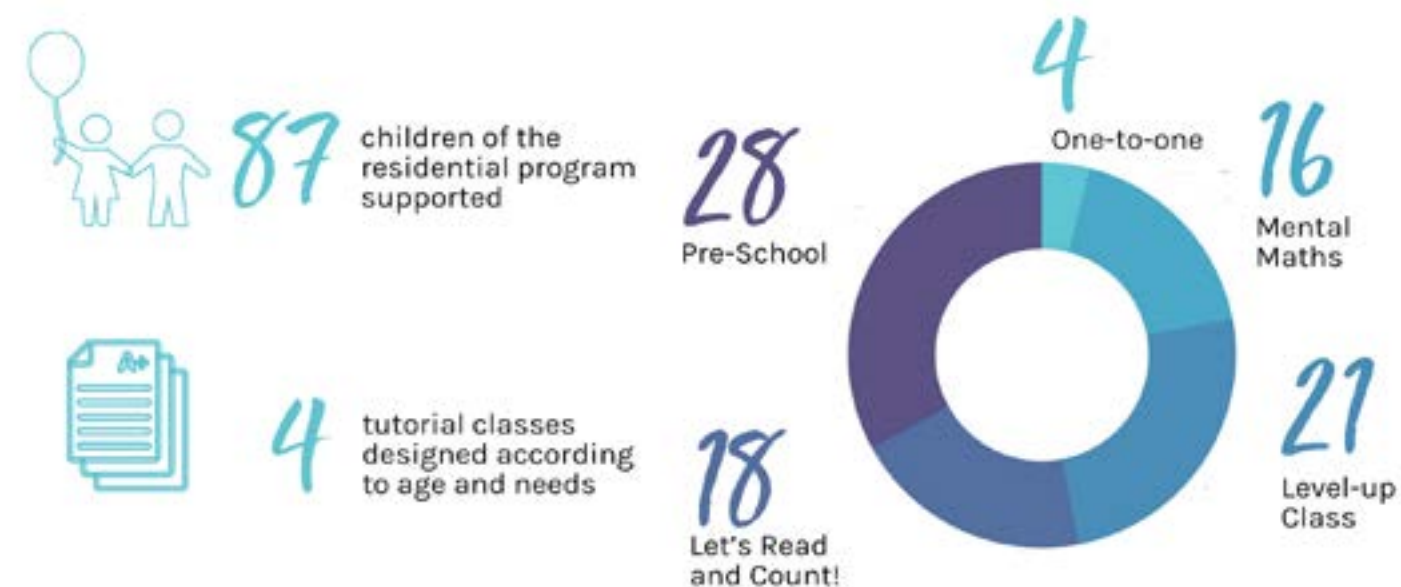
With supplementary and preparatory education, our children are provided with the needed learning and skills as they begin their lives as students.

The Magellan Learning Center (MLC) aims at giving our children equal opportunities to succeed in school, balancing learning delays and lack of self-confidence our children often face when they integrate into the formal school system.

Four tutorial classes have been designed according to the educational level and needs of the children: Pre-School, Mental Math, Read & Count, and Level Up Class.

MLC volunteers also provide one-to-one learning sessions to those who need it. MLC teachers work closely with school teachers and house parents to monitor the children's progress.

In 2017, MLC has started accepting children as young as 2 years old to better address their needs,



The Special Education Program

Through the Special Education Program, new beginnings are opened to our children with special needs as they receive tailor-fit education.

Four special education teachers are giving classes five days a week to our children in Aime and Jade homes. The SPED program encompasses basic reading, color recognition, alphabet recognition, basic counting, social skills, and independence development.





INTEGRATION

*Ensure successful integration
of the children in a
family and in the society.*

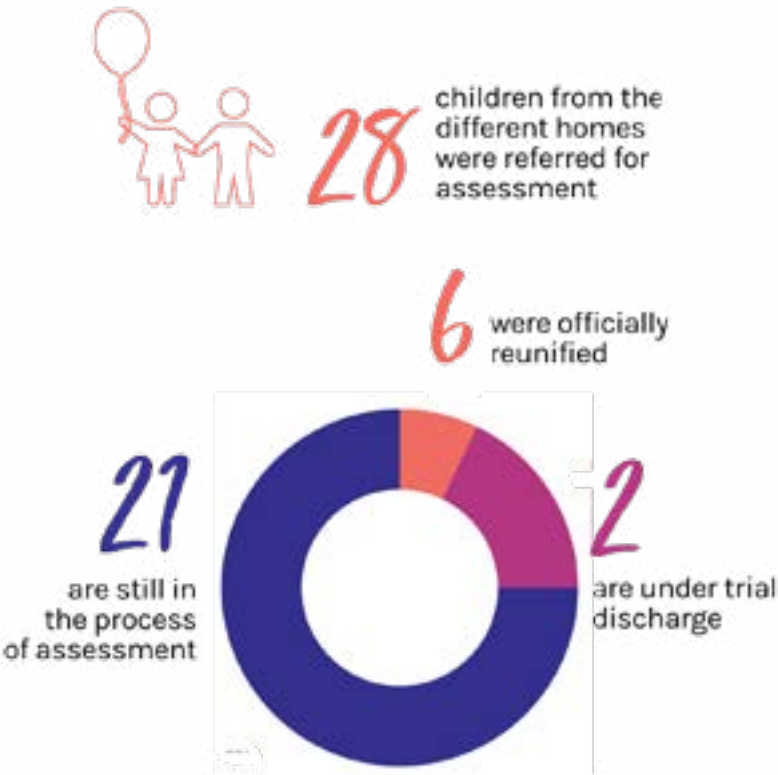


The Family Reunification Program

A new start with their family is the ultimate goal of family reunification program. The Family Reunification Program (FRP) aims at reunifying children with their family or relatives in the best possible conditions. The FRP ensures that the services given are tailored to each family's circumstances and addresses the issue that brought the child into Virlanie in the first place.

The FRP follows four key phases to successfully reunite former street children with their families:

1. During the exploration phase, we coordinate with local social welfare department offices and barangays to gather information and conduct interviews with the family.
2. During the assessment phase, we assess the capability of the family/relative to take care of the child. It is done through series of home visitations, meetings with the relatives, and involvement of the local DSWD social workers, and barangay officials.
3. During the reunification phase, the child and his/her relative undergo thorough orientation of program, services, policies, and their counter-part responsibilities. The child is also endorsed to local government entities for easy access of support and immediate assistance in case problems arise.
4. During the after-care phase, we monitor the family through home and school visitations. The child receives educational assistance, while we coordinate with the local government social workers assigned to each child for close monitoring of their status.



Adoption Program

New memories and experiences with a permanent family that will build their future are the new beginnings our children have through the Adoption Program.

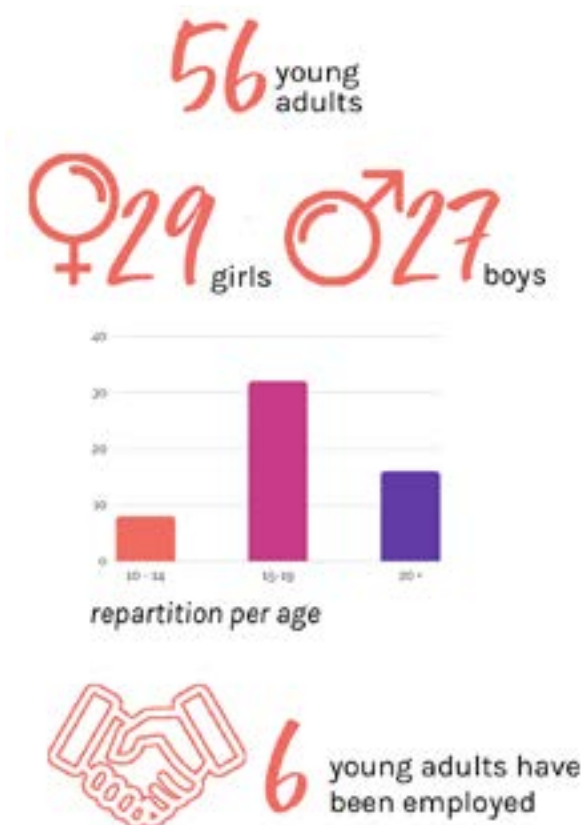
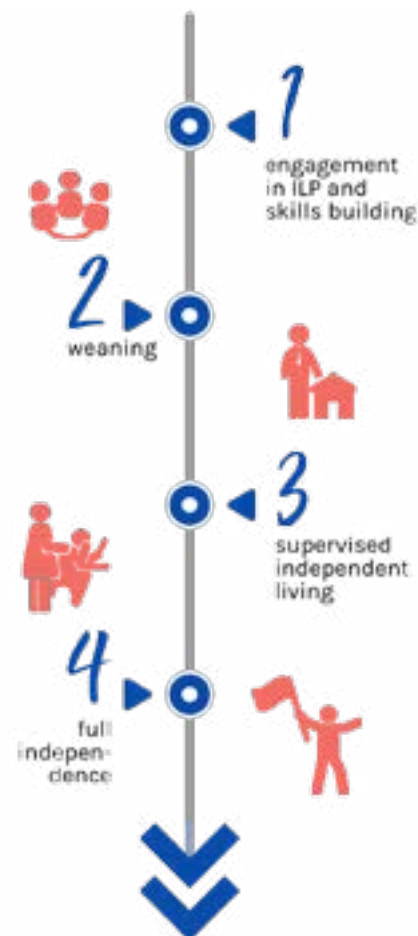
When no family reunification is possible, adoption is one permanent alternative placement for children. Once the child is issued legally available for adoption, the process for local matching is done in most cases for very young children 0-2 years old. Other children who are not adopted locally are forwarded to inter-country adoption.

We partner with the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Inter-Country Adoption Board. We also work closely with Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP) on policy development, capability building and advocacy related to children in residential care, foster care, and adoption.



Virlanie was my home. The foundation supported my needs from shelter, food, clothes, and education. Through the Independent Living Program, I even had the chance to go to college.

Paolo, 24, an ex-ILP beneficiary who entered Virlanie when he was 6 and now works at Novotel (Virlanie partner)



Independent Living Program

In order to ensure successful exit of young adults turning 18, the Independent Living Program (ILP) helps our young adults prepare for independent living. It is done through mentoring, livelihood skills, and professional trainings before and during their transition towards a responsible, productive, and self-sustaining life.

Part of the ILP is the young adult's organization called The Rising Youth. It is led and managed by the youth themselves from the residential homes. Having their own set of elected officers, the young adults gather twice a month for their general assembly.

Among their many achievements in 2017 were the funding and organization of a 4-days survival summer camp to foster perseverance, creativity, patience, and teamwork among young adults. They also created Kamalayan, a speech choir piece about their own stories. They have performed it in various advocacy events including the Global Conference on Child Welfare Services in September, 2017 and the Children's Month Celebration held at the House of Representatives in November, 2017.

In 2017, 53 young adults aged 13 to 18 were trained and monitored through the ILP. Among them, 6 successfully found a job.



This program works towards realizing these SDGs.



Defend and promote children's rights

The Advocacy Program

Virланie has always fought for Children's Rights, be it on the field or in institutional advocacy networks. Since 2001, it has been a member of the Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP). It has also maintained a seat in the Makati City Council for the Protection of Children since 2006.

In 2017, we have officially introduced the Advocacy Program whose role is to become a key player among local children's rights advocacy groups and the source of reliable information on children's rights issues.

The goal of this department is not only to advocate outside the Foundation, but also to spread and fully integrated overall internal principles, practices, and actions across all Virланie's program and staff.

Therefore, last March 13, 2017, all Virланie staff and volunteers discussed our stand on the value of life and against lowering the age of criminal responsibility.



Jail is No Place for a Child.

In recent years, Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) have often appeared as highly discriminated and despised amongst law offenders. Too young to be seen as grown-up adults by the law, various government units are facing challenges on how to deal with the problem on juvenile delinquency. It was in 2006 when this issue became a serious concern of the Philippines as a nation.

Back in 2006, Virланie Foundation along with two other child-centered NGOs fought for the pull out of children as young as nine (9) years old from the dreadful and overcrowded prisons intended for adults. They challenged the Filipino penal law to abide with international standards as compiled by the UN Guidelines for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency and the Art.40 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. These laws promote the integrity and well-being of a child. Thus, they expect "treatment in a manner consistent with the promotion of the child's sense of dignity and worth and takes into account the child's age and the desirability of promoting the child's reintegration and the child's assuming a constructive role in society" (Art. 40, CRC).

Together with UNICEF's strong effort, the long-due execution of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act was signed and implemented. This law is also known as REPUBLIC ACT (RA) 9344 - an act establishing a comprehensive juvenile justice and welfare system, creating the juvenile justice and welfare council under the department of justice, appropriating funds therefore and for other purposes.

However, due to lack of financial funds and political will from government units, certain loop holes in the law arose in 2013. An amendment was made under the Republic Act 10630 aiming to strengthen the Juvenile Justice System by

(1) recognizing children aged 12-15 years old who have committed "parricide, murder, infanticide, kidnapping and serious illegal detention where the victim is killed or raped, robbery, with homicide or rape, destructive arson, rape, or carnapping where the driver or occupant is killed or raped or offenses under Republic Act. No. 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002) punishable by more than 12 years of imprisonment" as neglected;

(2) recognizing children of same age and have committed crimes more than three times as neglected;

(3) imposing "maximum penalty for those who exploit children such as syndicates for the commission of criminal offenses."

Virланie, is a Foundation that believes in engaging every Filipino child in "socially useful activities and adopting humanistic orientation towards society and outlook on life" (Riyadh Guidelines, 1990) and in standing up for their rights, has encouraged the different government to establish child-friendly centers that would shelter children and help them develop good moral values and norms. Furthermore, Virланie recognizes the fact that young people must be given opportunities to take part in the development of the society instead of being mere passive engagers in social media.



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Jail is NOT a place for children to grow and learn. They still have lots of things to learn that need to be corrected during their minority age, and this should happen in a home where they will be given more opportunities.

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Ate Arlyne, Virланie Deputy Executive Director and Advocacy Program Manager

While some institutions have been established through the interventions of the DSWD and different NGOs today, the current regime still questions whether these initiatives are enough to keep the youth from committing crimes. In Inquirer's article dated November 21, 2016, Davao Del Norte Rep. Pantaleon Alvarez, speaker of the House of Representatives, suggested to lower the minimum age of criminal liability (MACR) from 15 years to 9 years old.

"Their main argument would be a major loop-hole in the actual law and the fact that criminals or even the kids themselves are using the age of criminal responsibility as a tool to escape responsibility," Alvarez declared.

Evidently, Virланie Foundation stands against the idea, foreseeing the potential non-respect of the rights of street children and the further stigmatization this will bring.

"May he be behind bars or in the streets, a child stays a child. Not an adult," acknowledges Dominique Lemay, Founder of Virланie Foundation.

"He has the right to live, to play and shouldn't find himself thrown into jail. That's not his place. How would you react if your own child, nephew, just turning 9, would be imprisoned surrounded by adults regardless of their crimes? It doesn't feel right, does it? He continues."

"But obviously, we are not blind. We do realize that numerous criminals and mafia are using the younger ones to commit crimes and other delinquent acts. Those adults aware of the law will be using them knowing no trial or grudge will be held against them... Thus, it is important, today, more than ever, to put activities and engage ourselves in socialization processes to help those children, to create a system of diversion. Establishments and child-friendly places should be settled where the children would be diligently followed by social workers and would be given opportunities to grow away of crime."



Virланie stands for life.

Since 2006, the Philippines was part of other countries worldwide that abolished the death penalty. However, the so called "war on drugs" that President Rodrigo Duterte launched since he has taken power in June 2016 has seriously questioned that legal advance. With the current situation of Philippines' police operations against drugs, there has been a more lenient stance to taking lives.

For the last 25 years, Virланie Foundation has always Stand to defend the right to life, which is recognized by the international community as one of the most fundamental human right. We condone and are strongly against the killings of any individual, especially parents because it leaves their children unprotected and in many instances, neglected, abandoned, humiliated, and abused.

As an organization, we believe everyone deserves to live, and no one should be send to death -- period. Justice has its flaws and we believe that killing in all its forms, legal or otherwise is wrong. Under the Penal Code currently, there is no capital punishment, but unfortunately the streets are telling a different story.

We do not want the young generation, the minds of the innocent children in the streets, to witness executions before their very eyes. The fact that this happens in the frame of a legal police operation does not jeopardizes its severity and the traumas it triggers. We believe that the right to life is sacred and should be protected. We are speaking in behalf of those who have no voice. Those children who do not understand and cannot comprehend what is happening to their uncles, brothers and fathers who may fall victim to drugs. We are not condoning their act, but we believe there is a proper way of handling the problem than by merely killing or outright execution.

We believe in finding creative and innovative ways to help those guardians / parents / individuals addicted and to support the children left behind regardless of financial status in life.

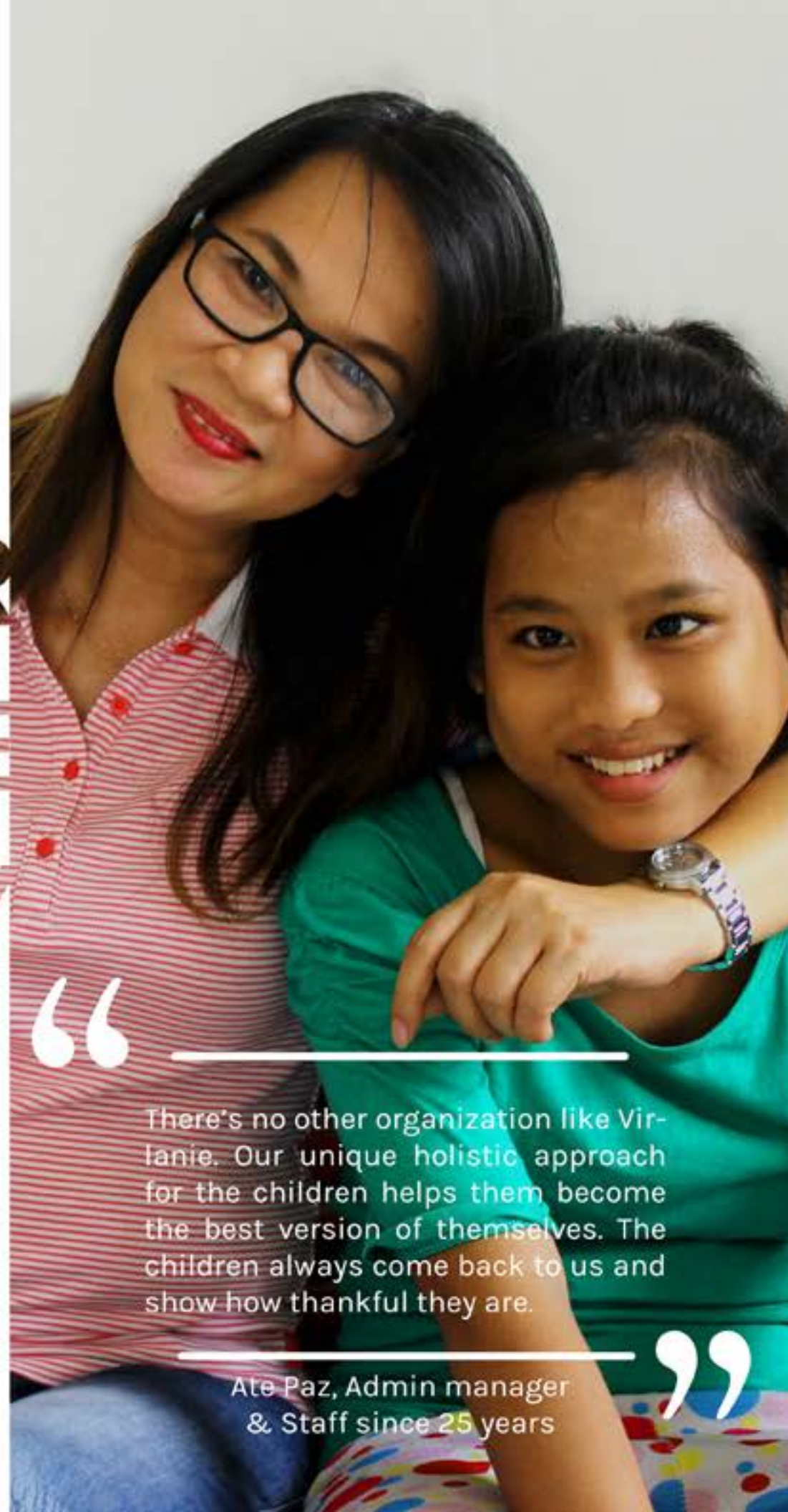
"In its very core, Virланie gives back the smile to children," says Dominique Lemay, Founder. "It has now been about 25 years, we've been acting to help and support the poorest and the ones scarred by suffering. Virланie will take care of children in need of special protection as well as advocating and lobbying for their rights."

"Today, more than ever, let's stand together and make sure no more lives will be taken. Let us stand firm and stand tall for life. Unnecessary death and killings as no place in a country like the Philippines."

We continue to defend and uphold the rights of the child, to give them the necessary attention and security to safeguard them. As an organization, we strongly oppose killings in all forms.

Virланie is now making a stand to defend the right to life, of both men and women, particularly parents, and most specially their children

YOUR VIRLANIE FAMILY



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There's no other organization like Vir-
lanie. Our unique holistic approach
for the children helps them become
the best version of themselves. The
children always come back to us and
show how thankful they are.

Ate Paz, Admin manager
& Staff since 25 years

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2017 has been vibrant not only for the children but also for Virilanie's team of staff and volunteers: The celebration of the Foundation's 25 years of service in uplifting and caring for street children also calls for a recollection of our milestones and stories of the lives we have transformed through our collective efforts not just as a foundation but also as a family.

Our Executive Director

Virilanie aims not only at maintaining and strengthening its financial and organizational sustainability, but also wishes to expand its reach and increase the number of its local supporters, through the leadership of its new Executive Director.

Mr. Thomas Mouliac is an International Management graduate from the HEC Business School in Paris, and the Asian Institute of Management. With around 12 years of experience in strategic program planning and execution, operational planning and management gained by leading and managing various organizations, he has been exposed to the non-government organizations and social entrepreneurship sector and is therefore most equipped to face the challenges and needs of a foundation like Virilanie.

Moreover, because he lived and worked for 10 years in the Philippines, mostly in very diverse workplaces involving Filipinos and other nationalities, he has a good grasp of Philippine culture as it blends with other cultures. He has been instrumental in instituting unity despite diversity in the workplace, and is experienced in managing organizational change.

For all of these reasons, he has been selected from over 100 candidates for the role. Virilanie welcomes Mr. Mouliac as he leads the Foundation towards realizing its vision of protecting and empowering children for a brighter future.

VOLUNTEERS



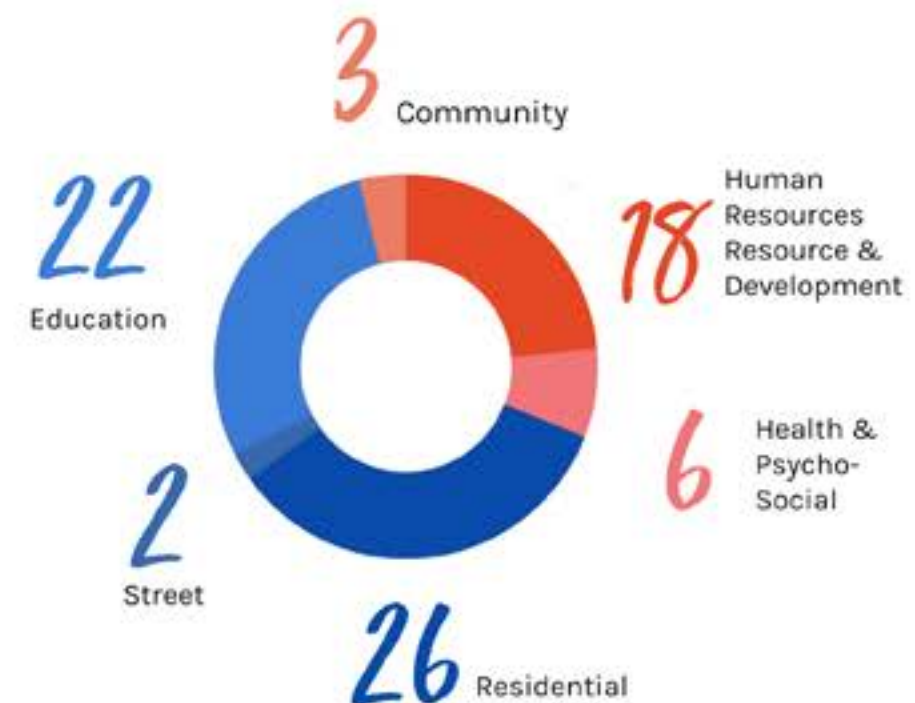
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Wherever you come from, whatever kind of family you're born into, you deserve love, you deserve attention, you deserve people saying you're special.

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Julie Saurat, French Sponsorship Officer for 1 year.

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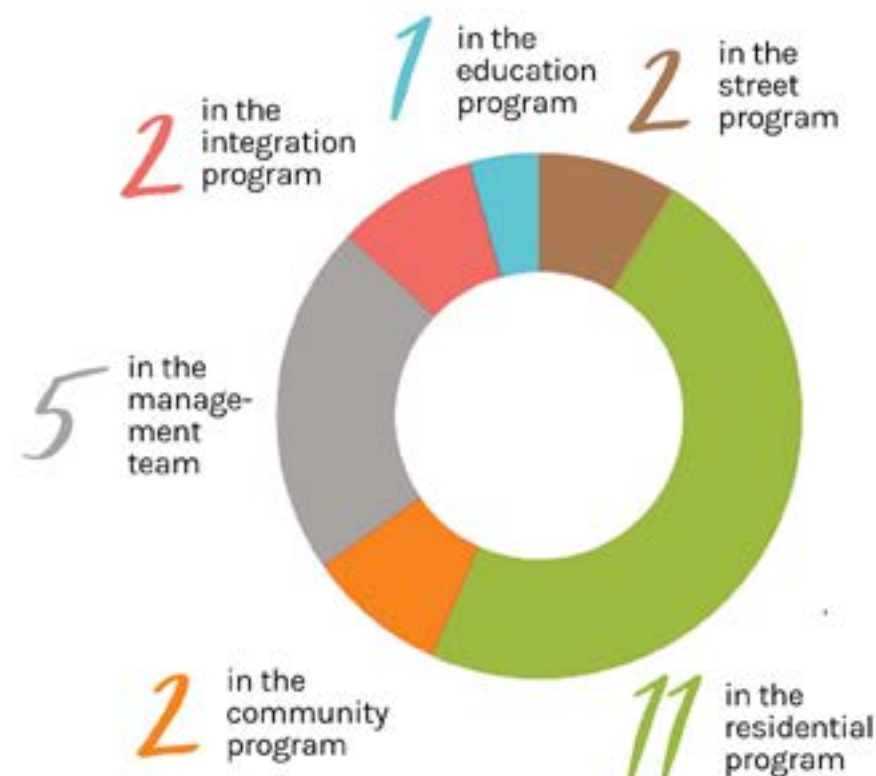
“Being a social worker is often a challenging, yet rewarding job. We are change agents, facilitators, advocates and counsellors. We value the inherent worth and dignity of every person.”

Ate Lanie, Social Work Department manager and staff for 22 years



Social workers are disseminated in the different programs of Virilanie. They have a key and transversal role, working in cooperation with staff and beneficiaries.

The majority of our social workers are in the residential program (1 to 2 social workers per home), they act as the case Manager for all the children ensuring the child's total well-being and time-bounded implementation of the child developmental plan in collaboration with a multi-disciplinary team (psychologist, doctor, teacher, houseparents, therapist and other professions).



OUR SOCIAL WORKERS

LOYALTY AWARDEES

25 years



Angay, Maria Paz Rivas
Deputy Admin Manager

Alejandro, Sofia Dolly Pastolero
Sibuhi Coordinator

20 years



Fowler, Lanie Jamoralin
Social Services Manager

15 years



Malibago, Emelina Alvarez
MLC Lead

Cayongcat, Faidah Usman
ILP Coordinator

Suzara, Deana Manuel
Jade Project Lead

10 years



Dadulla, Maria Rosalia Daganio
Social Worker

Coloma, Salve Bance
House Parent



STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Fund Balance	Peso	Euro
Balance, December 31, 2016	55,933,513	986,829
Excess of receipts over disbursements for 2017	16,959,893	297,808
Balance, December 31, 2017	72,893,406	1,284,637

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Receipts	Peso	Euro
Foreign donations	80,580,311	1,414,953
Local donations	3,160,606	55,499
Fundraising income	3,209,369	56,385
Total Receipts	86,950,286	1,526,807
Disbursements		
Programs and services	51,148,739	898,148
General and administrative	10,231,503	247,265
Fundraising expenses	1,009,920	176,472
Total Disbursements	75,280,163	1,321,885
Other Income/(Charges)		
Realized foreign exchange gain	15,720	15,720
Interest income from bank deposits	763	763
Income from revenue generating projects	16,591	16,591
Gain on institutional trust fund account	2,140	2,140
Total Income/(Charges)	2,005,455	35,215
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over Disbursements	13,675,578	240,137
Other Comprehensive Income/(Charges)		
Actuarial gain from retirement benefit obligation	3,284,315	57,671
Total Other Comprehensive Income/(Charges)	3,284,315	57,671
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over Disbursements after Other Comprehensive Income/(Charges)	16,959,893	297,808

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	Peso	Euro
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over Disbursements	13,675,578	240,137
Prior period adjustments - 2017	-	-
Adjustments for:		
Interest income	(43,448)	(763)
Depreciation and amortization	2,554,566	44,800
Provision for retirement	2,056,588	36,117
Operating income before working capital changes	18,243,283	300,291
Changes in:		
Receivables	(396,348)	(6,920)
Investment - Institutional trust fund	(121,886)	(2,060)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	139,906	2,394
Prepayments	-	-
Loans payable - short term	-	-
Cash generated from operations	17,864,955	314,602
Interest received	43,448	763
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	17,908,403	314,760
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Acquisition of property and equipment	(10,570,499)	(177,300)
Other assets	40,000	671
Fund held in trust	849,278	14,247
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(9,681,221)	-
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Payment of bank loan	-	-
Interest paid	-	-
Net Cash used in Financing Activities	-	-
Net Increase(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	8,227,182	152,348
Cash and Cash Equivalents - January 1, 2017	17,136,806	334,936
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - DECEMBER 31, 2017	25,363,988	487,284

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Current Assets	Peso	Euro
Cash and cash equivalents	25,363,988	487,284
Receivables	3,787,278	63,535
Investment - Institutional Trust Fund Account	7,399,687	124,137
Prepayments	216,990	3,640
Total Current Assets	36,767,943	678,597
Non-current Assets		
Property and equipment	53,293,742	894,055
Other non-current assets	405,200	6,798
Total Non-current Assets	53,698,942	900,853
Total Assets	90,466,885	1,579,450
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	3,465,856	64,854
Accrued pension cost	7,101,738	119,540
Fund held in trust	6,605,886	100,000
Total Liabilities	17,573,480	284,394
Fund Balance	72,893,406	1,284,637
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	90,466,886	1,579,450



FINANCIAL REPORT

Donate!

Support Virланie Foundation by helping us provide the basic and unique needs of the children in our care. Your donation will help our various programs to continue the benefits and provisions that our children receive such as support for their education, health care, food, shelter, and other necessities.

You may choose to donate through **one-time giving**, **purchasing Craft a Smile products**, and **giving in-kind donations**.



Raise the Future (Sponsor a child)

Extend the love in your family by choosing to sponsor a specific Virланie child, a home, or a community. Through this, you can sustain educational support and basic necessities for each beneficiary you sponsor. You can choose to commit monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, and annually, at your most convenient scheduled donation preference

GET INVOLVED

Make an impact on our children's lives by donating, becoming a sponsor, partnering with us, and investing in their future.

Contact us through info@virlanie.org

Partner with Us

Invite your company, institution or organization to engage its social responsibility/ citizenship programs with Virланie Foundation. Your group may decide to **contribute in community giving**, **engage in outreach (iBahagi)**, **invite Virланie Voices to perform in your events**, **organize fundraising events**, **invest in coinbank collection**, and **cause-related marketing**.



Invest in Future projects

Leave a mark of legacy by being one of our main financiers in upcoming Virланie Programs. Help us start new and future programs as the Foundation seeks to expand its intervention efforts nationally towards helping more disadvantaged children and families have the opportunity to gain equal footing in life.

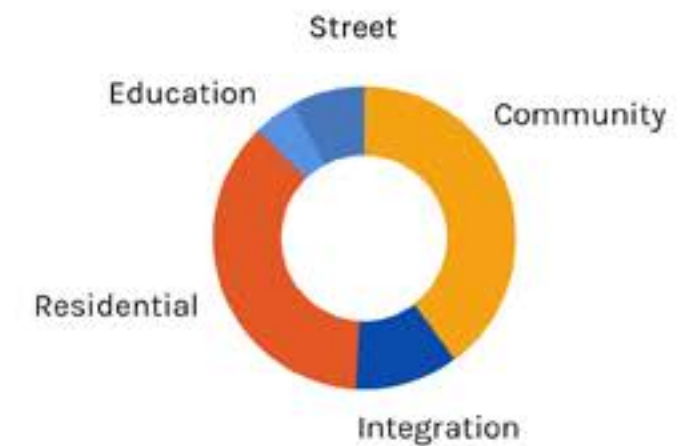


I believe in education so much and I want to give these children an opportunity to succeed in life.

Danica, Sponsor of
Daniella and Giselle since 2016

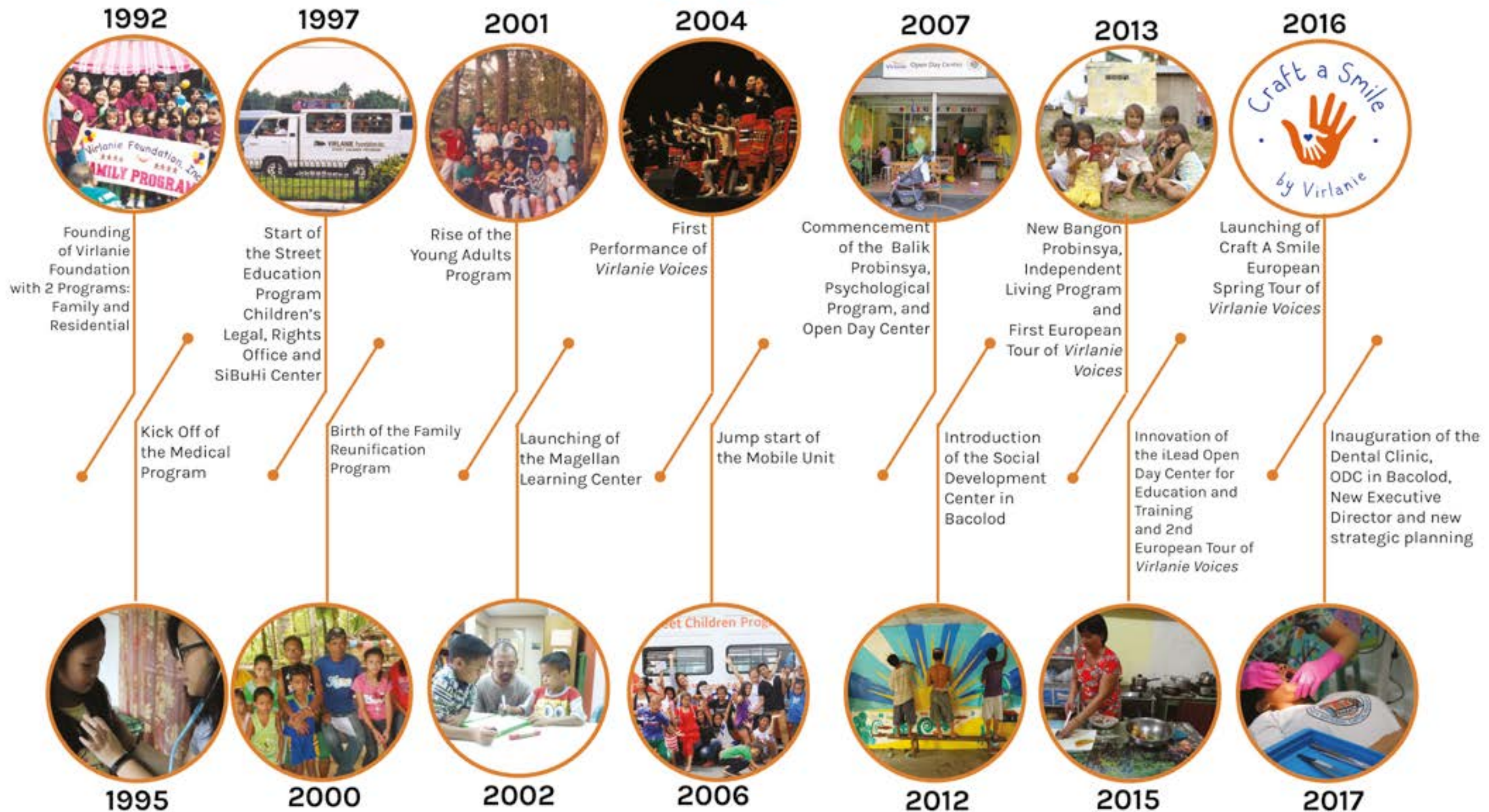


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