

## ***Dreams and Aspirations of Street Children***

Street children dream and aspire to:

- ◆ Be protected from all forms of abuse
- ◆ Live happily and harmoniously with their family
- ◆ Be able to finish their studies
- ◆ Be given equal rights and opportunities
- ◆ Be treated with respect as a person with rights and dignity

To attain them, they commit to:

- ◆ Be responsible and hardworking
- ◆ Treat each individual with respect
- ◆ Have self-discipline
- ◆ Follow the advice and teachings of parents and elders
- ◆ Avoid vices and the bad influence of peers
- ◆ Ask help from elders and other authorities if needed
- ◆ Work hard to achieve their full potential



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(CHAP)**



*Provide a Home  
Provide a Better Life  
to  
Victims of Neglect and Abuse  
and  
Girls at Risk on the Streets*

## ***We live by our children ...***

### **The Reality:**

#### **Manila, Philippines**

There are about 75,000 children under 18 years of age who will make their home tonight in the crowded and dangerous streets of the city. These street children are all victims of neglect and abuse from their families. Rather than stay at their homes and continue experiencing such abuses, they decided to leave their families.

For lack of resources, officials are not able to protect these street children, especially vulnerable young girls, from exploitation and the abuse they continue to suffer.

CHAP's affiliated shelter has been home to some of these street children. This shelter is a rented facility, in which rental payments have been supported by non-profit organizations. Without ownership of a permanent facility, the shelter had been forced to relocate a few times in the last four years of its operation.

## ***Help protect them***

### **The Dream:**

#### **Manila, Philippines**

The shelter for abused and exploited street children finds a permanent home. A residential facility is built and serves not only as home to the street children but also:

- provides street girls and abused children with a therapeutic home atmosphere
- protects street girls from the dangers of the streets and its abusive environment
- develops positive values and enhance self-respect and self-esteem among the street girls and victims of neglect and abuse
- guides the street girls to a better understanding of themselves and their families.

With the permanent shelter, the young girls who are at risk on the streets and girls who have been abused are rehabilitated and their integration to their families and/or relatives and to society in general is ensured and sustained.

## ***Help us build a shelter***

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