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A global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

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Projects

Clearing House

A project called "Clearing House for Adolescent Girls in Need in Angeles City" was inaugurated at the SI Angeles Project Center in Balibago on February 17, 1982. It is geared towards the upliftment of unfortunate women and youth, to have a choice in life and to train them in other skills above what they are engaged in. Among the many activities over the year have been training for entertainment workers in tailoring, high speed sewing and as beauty shop workers.

Medical Mission

Medical mission are schedule on a yearly basis in co-ordination with various charitable groups from the United States and Canada.

Outstanding Women

Yearly the SI Angeles honor women in their community who have made outstanding achievements in their business, professional, and voluntary activities that help women and girls lead better lives.

Adopt-A-Barangay

Each president has sponsored an "Adopt a Barangay" program where in the club selects a depressed barrio and provides training and other efforts to uplift the living conditions of the inhabitants.

Adopt A PNP Women's Desk

Through the efforts of the SI Angeles, a PNP women's desk was established. This is staffed by women officers who can interview victims of rape and other abuse with a woman's sympathetic stand point and avoid previous embarrassment of relating details to male officers. The project is now housed at the "Women Helping Women Center" (WHWC), located at the City Health compound on P. Surla Street, Balibago, Angeles City. This center, has also opened its doors to the women as a Drop-in-center, where the women can relax, watch movies, play game, learn skills, find access to education, access to counseling or legal advice, and access to police assistance. For the women who utilize the center, many now feel more confident and comfortable knowing that there are special people who take time to mingle and talk to them, aside from the people they meet in the bars and their customers who use, exploit and abuse them. A Kiddie corner was placed in the Center to accommodate children of the women who go for their weekly check-up at the Social Hygiene Clinic.

Sex Trade in the Philippines: This five-year project began in October 1999 and continued on to December 2004. This project took an innovative approach in dealing with the burgeoning sex trade in Asia by developing a focused pilot initiative that brought together Asian and Canadian partners with common interests and board-base links in the region. The educative component of the project, reaching from judges assisted Filipino partner institutions to enhance their capacity to carry out training programs, which focused on prostitution to enhance their capacity to carry out training

programs, which focused on prostitution, at four levels: the judiciary , the police, the community, and the prostituted women themselves in Angeles city. A fundamental assumption of the project was that, poverty and society's attitudes toward women are important factor in a woman's entry into prostitution. Only by changing the gender roles within the society as a whole and by alleviating the poverty faced by many of the women who become prostitutes can the current situation be changed. Thus, although prostitution is the focus of the project, other issues such as domestic violence, child abuse, and social justice inevitably are inextricably linked.

Shelter

Our flagship project is a temporary shelter for abused women and girls. This facility will provide a refuge for women and children who are overwhelmed by conditions not of their making. This shelter will provide living facilities for up to 30 guests. The shelter was inaugurated on October 17, 2005, the 24th Anniversary of SI Angeles. Attending at the ceremony were representatives of our partners; the Judiciary, Angeles University Foundation, the police, and the Venture Club of Metro Angeles. The Mayor of Angeles City, Carmelo (Tarzan) F. Lazatin, PFD Luz Un Ocampo, WCL District Director Norma M. Dizon, ACE Chairperson Susan Diyco and the project director Past President Edda Flores gave inspirational talk at 174th Camp Tomas J. Pepito, Sto, Domingo, Angeles City.

Partners in the project were: Saint Mary's University (lead organization), Halifax, Nova Scotia, Mount Saint Vincent University Halifax, Nova Scotia, Soroptimist International (lead) of Angeles City, Angeles City, Angeles University Foundation, Philippines National Police, Angeles City, Supreme Court of the Philippines, Angeles City and Venture Club of Metro Angeles. SI Angeles continues to work with other organizations in the community, bearing in mind the goal of helping make a better world for women, girls, and children.

CONTINUING PROJECTS

Included in this Biennium are ongoing Projects: - Basket Making Training for women of Brgy Sta. Teresita ; Tutorials on 3Rs for Day Care Center of Brgy Sta. Teresita ; Live your Dream Search for Candidates. December 2018 is targeted for Christmas Gift Giving to Indigent Children of Brgy Sta. Teresita.