

Terminal Report

I. General Project Information

- A. Name of the Project
Makibata 2012: NOEL!
- B. Project Proponent
Student Organizations Coordinating Council
- C. Project Objectives
- i. To strengthen the faith, knowledge and love of all Filipinos, particularly the children and Thomasians, to God;*
 - ii. To instil in them the importance of prayer: of thanksgiving and penance;*
 - iii. To welcome the participants in a faithful life with God through Baptism;*
 - iv. To rekindle the promises the participants committed and received during their Baptism through Confirmation;*
 - v. To inculcate in their youthful minds the spirit of unity and Christianity among Filipinos despite cultural diversities through community immersions, cultural expositions and evangelization programs;*
 - vi. To develop the Filipino Children by giving high regard in all aspects of human life: Education, Health, Social Awareness, Culture, and Religion;*
 - vii. To reiterate in the participants about the importance of principled values and good character especially the virtue of humility;*
 - viii. To facilitate a fun-filled endeavor for the children of indigenous community;*
 - ix. To make them realize that Christmas is not about Santa Claus rather it is Jesus' birth;*
 - x. To extend that it is never about the gifts that we receive but the gift of giving; and,*
 - xi. To have a greater bond with other organizations in helping hand in hand.*
- D. Target Community
SitioMalasa, Tarlac
SitioMabilog, Tarlac
Sitio San Martin, Tarlac
Sitio Galilee, Antipolo
SitioBuok
- E. Target Beneficiary
120 day care and elementary students from the different partner communities
- F. Date of Project / Activities
December 13-14, 2012

II. Planned Activities

ACTIVITIES	TARGET DATE
1. Makibata 2012 Kick-off	November 7, 2012
2. Makipamuhay	October 26-27, 2012
3. Makibata: PinagtulungangPangarap	November 1 – December 11, 2012
4. Makibata: MaligayangPasko	Dec. 13, 2012
5. MakiBooth Fair	Dec. 13, 2012
6. MakiSayaNood	Dec. 13, 2012
7. MakiBantayKalusugan	Dec. 13, 2012
8. Adoption	Dec. 13-14, 2012
9. Makibata: Lakbay Aral	Dec. 14, 2012
10. Makibata: MakiBigay	Dec. 14, 2012

III. Actual Activities

The planned activities were implemented and done. They were processed with the help of Ma’am Abby of the UST Simbahayan Office and Ma’am Thelma of the Office for Student Affairs. The activities were implemented in cooperation with the other participants. Participants were informed and given guidelines.

IV. Participants

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS COORDINATING COUNCIL	
Rejinnie S. Quevada	John Philip D. Domingo
Charmaine B. Tolentino	Christopher Bernard DLR Javier
Benjamin Zoilo Mario L. Ravanera III	Samantha JannChanco
Paula Diane V. Benitez	Jesamine Santos
Gritzie P. Ong	RhoseAzcelle L. Magaoay
Rafael Enrico G. Sy	Rowell Toyonaga
Catherine B. Ceñal	Paolo Llanes

Fosters and chaperones

AMV ACCOUNTANCY	
Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA)	Eleia Martina T. Cruz
Thomasian Youth Builders	Vincent Dominic Catajoy
	Sarah Mae Lingao
UST – PaxRomana – Accountancy Unit	Marie LorendaTamio
Becarios de Santo Tomas	Ariel Nipas
ARCHITECTURE	
Arki Dance Troupe	Karen Bustamante
United Architects of the Philippines Student Auxillary (UAPSA)	Carl Joseph Nubla
Fotomasino	Maureen Morota
	Jane Michaelle D. Duma
RCYC Archi	Mary Christine Bautista
ARTS AND LETTERS	
ArtistangArtlets (AA)	Cymon Denise Mercado
The Political Science Forum (TPSF)	GlyzelSapla
	Nemei Santiago
	Beatrice Gecijo
	Maria Yvonne Erica Yap
	Julienne Avila
Tomasian Cable Television (TOMCAT)	IvanaBito
UST - UNICEF Volunteers	Katherine Madhel A. Daroya
UST - Yellow Jackets	Romina Marie P. Cabrera
EARTH-UST	Kristi Banks
UST Mountaineering Club	Janine S. Ismael
TPSF	Ernestine AureaQuijano
	Pauline ViktoriaViolago

	Rose Kholoma
	Clarence Faye Salvador
	Lyka Fader
	Kate Lynn Heceta
	Derrick Joshua Arellano
	Carmela Ujano
	Sarah Tali
EARTH-UST	Stefanie Tsoi
COMMERCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
Junior Financial and Investment Executives (JFINEX)	DaniloValloyas
Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)	Analizar Fernandez
	Roselle Anne Y. Cutangco
Thomasian Junior Marketing Association (TJMA)	Joy Loraine Conanan
	Maxine Dela Costa
	Jessica Bauya
Mediartrix	Keiko Ann Sato
EARTH-UST	Karmela Kate Salvador
UST Mountaineering Club	Clara Mariel D. Limpin
Mediartrix	Martin Sta. Cruz
EDUCATION	
Guild of ThomasianSpeducators (GuTS)	JennicaGan
ENGINEERING	
American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)	Ariel Mark Pilotin
	Frederic Salazar
Mechanical Engineering Club (MEC)	Jay Richmond Galvez
Alpha Phi Omega - PI Chapter (APO)	Mark Sherwin Cadiente
UST - Community Achievers Association	Anton EzaelTilos
	DonnalynFabian
UST - Yoga Club	Glenne Bas
ROTC	Earl Quimbo Wong
FINE ARTS AND DESIGN	
Illustrators Guild of the University of Santo Tomas (illUST)	Paolo Alfonso
	Kimberly Anne Baylon
One SHADE Dance Squad	Vaughn Michael C. Buri
CFC - Youth For Family and Life (YFL)	Gian Clyde B. Bigornia
Christ's Youth in Action (CYA)	Pauline Uy
EARTH-UST	Julie Ann Marie Paredes
UST - Salinggawi Dance Troupe	Kristina Rodis
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	
Gamma Beta Epsilon Fraternity (GBE)	Kiel Martin
PHARMACY	
Vanessa MaybeleneOrnales	

CzarinaYosa	
SCIENCE	
	Jamila D. Morcillo
	Abby Escobar
UST Biology Society	Amanda Menia
	Gabriel Robeniol
Espanya United	Cristina Garcia
EARTH-UST	AngeliIzza Flores
UNESCO	Fatima Mae Barateta
	Erika Anelle de leon
	MarielleLacsamana
	Marla Ibarra
Espanya United	Carmela Miranda
TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT	
Hotel and Restaurant Management Society	Jean Santos
Students Tourism Society (STS)	Korinne Sanchez
Alpha Phi Omega - PI Chapter (APO)	Pamela C. Austria
UST Mountaineering Club	Chiara del Castillo
NURSING	
UST - Red Cross Youth Council	Daphnie Dianne D. Dayag
CIVIL LAW	
Batas Tomasino	RhodelIshiwataSazon
UST - Mounteneering Club	Beatrix Inah Mercado
UST UNICEF	Jennifer Dysiong
	Desiree Loren Ng
	Shihnnie Chan
	Angel Almojuela
	IsayAlfornon

Organization clusters from:

AMV College of Accountancy
 Faculty of Arts and Letters
 College of Architecture
 College of Fine Arts and Design
 Faculty of Engineering
 College of Education
 College of Tourism and Hospitality
 Management

College of Rehabilitation Sciences
 College of Science
 Faculty of Pharmacy
 College of Commerce and Business
 Administration
 Faculty of Medicine and Surgery
 College of Nursing
 University Wide

V. Overall evaluation of the project implemented

A. Impact to the community

On our perspective, the Makibata children had fun on the 2-days event. From their arrival, to the carolling, booth fair and the field trip, the Makibata children had enjoyed the different activities organized by the SOCC together with Simbahayan Office and Office for

Student Affairs. It was not only the Makibata children who enjoyed, but also the elders and the Thomasian students as well.

On the the Thomasian community's side, the most visible impact on the Makibata kids to the Thomasian students is the bond that they created overnight. We have been hearing things that a night with the Makibata kids isn't enough to know them better and deeper. It has also taught the Thomasian community that life can be easy. Both the adoptees and the chaperones were very overwhelmed and they enjoyed the activities prepared.

B. Reflections/Lesson (student perspective) learned from the experience

PAULIN ANGELY ANNE D.G. ALMOJUELA
UNICEF

In doing your best serving others for free, a lot of eyebrows will raise and sneers will curve many a-faces. But in the end those incredulous to what you put up with to help, no longer matter. It's not between you and those snobs, but with whom you have given your hand to lift, and of course to God who is watching and noting it in your book.

A great quote inspired by Mo. Theresa. I always have the desire to help others and be a blessing to them in whatever ways I can possibly give, I have attended conferences, seminars and exhibitions that would teach and give ways to each participant to at least have a contribution for the eradication of poverty because I have always been bothered by the sight and signs of poverty around me and through those attended conferences I thought that I have learned everything that I can know about poverty. Children roaming around the streets begging for foods, family living under the bridge, children working instead of going to school and study, families who only eat once a day but all of this urban poverty is nothing compared to the kind of situation of the communities living in the rural areas.

Makibata event had transformed my life and had made me realized that for my 20 years of existence I never really knew what Poverty is all about until that day that I went to the mountains and immerse myself for a day in the community of Mabilog, Tarlac. It was an uphill battle, the sun is burning our bodies, the narrow road is a life and death situation but I never dared to complain. How could I? The kids (aetas) living there don't even complain, they're even happy to go up and down to visit their families in the nearby communities. When we finally reached the top it was the greatest feeling ever, we shouted "YES-SUCCESS!" but upon seeing the kids, I almost cried because it was only then that I realized how blessed I am, it was a moment of genuine happiness and I realized that kind of happiness that I felt during that moment is the kind of happiness that can never be defined unless you've truly sought and found how to serve. There is no better exercise for our hearts than reaching down and helping to lift the lives of children living in the mountains. It is only through giving and reaching out joyfully, without any hesitation or thought of gain can we truly know what love and compassion means.

CHIARA JANINA DEL CASTILLO
UST MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Having to adopt and take care of children from sitio San Martin, Tarlac, really opened my eyes. I never thought of all the blessings I've got till they came around. My mom who's not really into this kind of charitable acts, even cried a little when the kids left. This was the first Makibata project I participated in and I really had a great time, I hope the kids did too. I, for sure, would like to have another opportunity to, once again, be a part of this project. The moment wherein we are waiting for the assignment of kids at TYK, I really don't know what to say to those kids who hasn't been called yet, one for example asked me if he'd still be adopted despite the fact that he's body backed out, I told him that if the night ends and there's no one to adopt him then I would. During our CWTS field work at sitio Galilee I came across the little

girl whom my friend adopted, it was an amazing feeling when she told me that she could still remember me and that she's looking forward to next year's Makibata. It was really one memorable event that I could not possibly forget. Though I am hoping that next year's Makibata be processed quickly than the last one, because they said that the kids would be handed over by 4 but the kids were handed by 6 already, and I was really planning to let the kids meet the USTMC applicants and members before we leave the university, people from USTMC were really excited about it and when I told the kids they were too but sadly we only had the time to pass by and say hi to the guys in the org room and leave. Hopefully, the lessons and clarity that I have learned and picked up from this event are also learned by the kids and the other students who participated, and I hope that all the students enjoyed it the way I did and do not regret anything. Thank you SOCC for this event.

EARL DONALDSON Q. WONG
UST ROTC

For the past three years, I have been performing magic for Makibata events and chaperoning as well. I always drag along my best friend who wasn't all too thrilled at first but got used to being dragged along anyway. As much as possible, I invite friends to join the activity especially cadet officers and lady sponsors from the ROTC.

Having participated in this kind of activity several times, I thought I might have nothing new to experience. Gladly, I was wrong. After performance, we were assigned to our groups where we had children to take care of. I was in a group with a graduating SPED major student. I learned a lot in dealing with children from her.

I think most of the participants when reflecting will come to realize that we are indeed fortunate to be living more comfortable lives than others. While it is true, I think that the reflection should be more than that. If there are things we need to realize first, they're things about ourselves. What I realized is that I'm indeed fortunate but I have to exert more effort to extend my blessings to others. It was such a wonderful feeling when I heard that children from Makibata were looking for Kuya Magic during a visit of a different organization to a Sitio; however, I know that it is not enough because all I give them are temporary joy.

Long have I been bothered by this dilemma, and then I found a way. I may not have all the resources or skills to help for the long term but I have the contacts, the means and the organizations, being a member of more than a dozen of them, literally. For now, there is still much work to be done. We may be part of different organizations but we have something in common, a goal. Our goal is to be the best of who we can be so that we may share our best to the rest of humanity and not just exist but live meaningful lives.

ROSELLE ANNE Y. CUTANGCO
STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE)



Some time before Christmas, I experienced one of the most memorable day of my life!

It was a wonderful experience! Even when I've had previous experiences before with volunteering for kids, this was new to me!

I am more used to taking care of one child only. Now I know how it feels to be a preschool or elementary teacher with *super kulit* students! Super tiring, but filled with funny and cute moments!

Another new thing I did was I took home not one, but TWO kids! I am proud to say that I survived

going to and from to school! It usually takes me one and a half to two hours to get to UST from our house. So imagine what I had to go through..A nineteen year old college student who looks like a lost child with 2 kids in each of my hands. It was really fun though. Hahaha!

I asked the two kids I took home what they wanted to do. They suggested we go to the mall. But before I proceed to what happened there, let me tell you a bit about them. So anyway, the kids are either from Tarlac, Antipolo, or Cavite (I'm really not sure if it's really in Cavite). Their age ranges from 5-9. And they appreciate little things! As in.

About our mall experience.

We rode the train (LRT) instead of a bus to go to the mall because I thought it's the most convenient way we could take. Luckily I did, as I found out the next day that they easily get dizzy.

As we were walking outside the mall, they were amazed! As soon as we entered, they immediately spotted something they wanted to have. A watch! A cute kiddie watch that lights up when you press a button and plays "music" when you press another.

Have I told how amusing it was when we encounter escalators? They instantly feel giddy when they see escalators. It was cute how they appreciate these things that we (most of the time) do not.

I am extremely happy that I grabbed this opportunity. It was very fulfilling and fun! Fun, fun, fun! (I think I overused that word already!) I did not mind spending that day. Actually it was the first time I spent that much without regretting it after. It was really hard to say no to them.

I am looking forward to more of these activities in the future! :)

UAPSA UST

Last December, UAPSA were given the chance to adopt. At first, it was a very difficult discussion for all the officers of the organization due to different things to take consideration from. Anyhow, it ended up that we want to adopt these children from Makibata, out of love and passion.

Our fosters, president Vanessa Rosaria took care of the kids while VP-Internal Carl Nubla's took the initiative to let them stay at his house. Vanessa was the one who took the kids and returned them back to TKY. She admits that it was a tough day for her because it was the day of their plate submission and also a day where the organization also have a seminar. She was literally running to TYK just to make sure that the kids that we are going to adopt won't feel as if they are being left out. Finally after she took the kids, she brought it back to Beato Angelico to introduce to the other officers and other people from the college of Architecture. The kids' names were Renz and Christian, both 8 years old from Bulacan.

They were picked up from school then brought to Carl's house. After some playing time and getting to know, dinner came. The family was pleased and everyone as well. The kids were nice and amazing though they could be very naughty. Christian got sick, maybe because he was tired so they took care of him. They went home, took a night bath then changed clothes. The kids went to play some more because of the toys available at the house. They even watched a movie as well before they went to sleep. Both kids had a good time, they said.

The following morning, they all woke up early ate breakfast then proceeded to TYK.

Our reflections from this experience is that, we need to show these kids how they should be loved and that even they are lacking, they are still very lucky that they have families. Set them good examples and never mock them for their background. They must be treasured and valued because these kids could be successful in the future. You know that you have instill something in their lives and hearts. Praise God for their lives and we continue to pray for them and their family, education and future.

KIMBERLY ANNE G. BAYLON
ILLUSTRATOR'S GUILD OF SANTO TOMAS

Being part of the Makibata event sure was unforgettable. During my childhood, I grew up only playing with my cousin for I am an only child. I always wanted a little brother or sister to play with. Having Jay-ann as a sister was really... well, different. Even though we didn't have the same nose, the same eyes, the same skin color, I felt our relationship as sisters. At first, I really was afraid. I was afraid that I might lose her while in UST or get her harmed when it was time to go home. Thankfully, we got home safe and sound. I never felt that much of a responsibility entrusted to me. I mean, entrusting me with a child's life? That was really major. When we got home, I wanted to her to feel like it was her home too. I always had that feeling that I wasn't entertaining enough for her. I always wanted to make her laugh. Well, she didn't laugh as much. I guess she was just really shy. But, whenever I got a smile out of her, it meant the world to me. We watched Disney movies and played dress-up games. That was so fun both for me and for her. I got to relive my childhood again. Although everything went well, when it was time to go back, I had the feeling of having a frog in my throat. I was thinking of the moment where I would have to say goodbye to her. I then handed the responsibility to my co-member, Gerard, in being her chaperone for the day. Later that afternoon, while I was in class, I got a text from Gerard. He said: "Kim, paalisna si Jay-ann. Punta ka na TYK." I was flustered. I didn't know what I was going to say to my professor. I just said that I was going to the "cr" out of panic. I honestly didn't know if I was going to make it there on time. While I was running, I kept on wishing that they were still there. When I got there, seeing buses were a sigh of relief to me. I said to myself, I am NOT going to cry. I did my best not to when saying goodbye to her. When I asked her, "mamimissmo ako?" she nodded. At that moment, I burst into tears. I knew that she wasn't the talkative type. So, seeing her sad was really heartbreaking to me. But, I just had to accept the fact that she needed to go back to her family. And, not to mention that I had to go back to my class. So, I just hugged her goodbye one last time and turned away. So to sum it all up, this experience was bittersweet for me. But, it surely gave me a whole new perspective on responsibility. I am looking forward to the next Makibata event. And hopefully, I would get to be part of it again.

SHANNA UY
TOMCAT

Watching the little kids smile and laugh, I felt as if God led me to believe in the occurrence of little miracles, considering the circumstances of how I ended up there in the first place. Only obligation led me to that place-- I only knew that I was there because I stood as a replacement for the original representative of our organization in that event. I was not there out of sympathy or even for the experience.

But it was impossible to treat this as an ordeal or a responsibility-- it was one of those life- changing events that made me stop and think just how little it took for those kids to become the most precious things in the world for me. It was hard to think of this as an obligation simply just by watching the little kids flock around me and trying to get me to play with them. As they became precious to me, I know that, in those little moments of simple joy, I became precious to them as well. And that is an amazing thing I was blessed enough to experience firsthand.

JUSTINE NICOLLE GO
UNESCO CLUB UST

The Makibata 2012 event was a lot of fun. I was only able to stay for the morning of Thursday due to my classes, but even so, I learned a lot from my brief time with the kids.

There was one co-chaperone I knew that day, so I was understandably a bit nervous meeting new people and if I would be place in a situation I couldn't handle. Fortunately, the greatest mishap was a little spilt juice and it was resolved quickly enough. It was my first time participating in any event similar to this, so I came not having expectations about what was going to happen beyond having read the guidelines. I don't do very well with children, so I spent a lot of the introductions time worried they were afraid of me.

The kids we were assigned, together with several other people from other organizations, were from Galilee, Antipolo. After they ate breakfast, they prepared for a bit at the TYK AVR and then practiced downstairs. There Yellow Jackets drummed for a bit outside and there was also a really very interesting magic show. After a brief water break that was mostly on the go, we went caroling. The impromptu leader of our group was from Fotomasino, and together with the minders of the ten children we were assigned, we went to the Engineering department, where the kids sang two songs and danced a mix Chacha and Gangnam Style. We were requested to stage the performance at the main lobby, so there were a lot of students who paused and watched the performance. It was really heartwarming to see the children carol, and how they were so ready when they practiced at the TYK but got nervous in front of so many people. I was especially impressed by one of them, Bembem, who couldn't quite do the footwork properly and was six years old, but she was really putting effort into it. It was adorable.

After, we went around the Education-Music-Tourism-High school building, through many offices, and at one point the kids lost track of what stanza they singing. There were a lot of experiences that day-- we went to various offices, the boys kept walking too fast I was worried a they'd get lost, the kids performed in some very cramped quarters, the Education high school fourth year students were called out to watch them dance in the hall, and it was a shame I had to leave early. I said goodbye while we were waiting for one of the offices to be ready to accomodate us and it was really surreal for me, to have met eight little girls and two little boys and follow them around for about three hours and to have talked to them a bit and see them smile so brightly. So, by the time I got to my classes I really did feel tired, but it was worth it to see those kids energetically singing and dancing.

CLARENCE FAYE E. SALVADOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE FORUM

Being a first timer participant in this activity, I had no idea on what to do. What my org's comdev head told me was that, if you wat to do something great this Christmas, participate in this activity. She even bribed me by telling there is free food and I can get to be excused in my classes for two days. So, I have my name listed, hoping that things would turn out to be good. I was wrong. It turned to be one of the best Christmas experiences I've ever had.

Sticking with the kids from a community named Galilee in Antipolo for two days led me to realizing three things:

- 1) I should be thankful enough for the blessings the Lord has given, especially the material ones.
- 2) I should never hesitate to share what I know to others and learn from them at the same time.
- 3) Nothing can replace the high feeling you get when you see the smile of the persons you've helped.

I am really grateful and honored to be a part of this project. I really hope I can do it again next time.

**MARIEL GATPOLINTAN
CYA/UNICEF**

Playful, adorable, active and cheerful. Wrap all these qualities together and you'll know that these are the traits of a child. It has been a challenging but great activity to be a chaperone for Aeta kids. I was late during the day itself so I haven't heard much of what the chaperones are about to do.

Me and some of my classmates were very lucky that the first day of Makibata landed on a Thursday because we don't have classes on this day. Me and my groupmates were assigned to chaperone Aeta kids. Me and some of my groupmates who are also part of UNICEF was very happy that we are assigned in San Martin B because we already met some Aeta Kids there. We are surprised that some of the Kids are calling us Ate with our names in it, meaning they still remember us. I am used in dealing with Kids since we also do similar activities in CYA. We can see that excitement was an understatement on how the Kids feel. The Aeta kids were active, jolly and cheerful. Yes, we are also cheerful and all that, but they topped our energy with theirs. We even decided to come up with our group name SMB. Two of the kids in SMB even danced with YJ's while the other part of the group are cheering for them. It was really a cute event to see them participating with lots of people watching.

Those children made us realize to appreciate SMALL things. Taking pictures of themselves are one of the things that they always do. Since I brought my camera with me, they always wanted to pose and see what they look like in the picture. It was very simple yet you can see happiness attached to them. The kids were open to communicate. They were ready to participate and most of all they wanted to belong. Even though most of them are tired walking (some of them are even barefoot) and performing in the different offices in UST there were no signs of them getting tired. I had the one of the best experiences of my life joining the Makibata. Yes, it was tiring but it was all worth it.

**MARK CADIENTE
APO**

There are still kids that doesn't need luxury to have fun. Small things that we did to please them is already big thing for them. In that I saw how different children here in manila especially those who are rich.

**KATHRINA LEIRA R. CRUZ
COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE)**

Last December 13 and 14, 2012, I had the opportunity to join the Makibata Activities. At first, I was hesitant to adopt because I knew my parents would not allow me to, but when I was permitted to do so, I was happy to know that I will be able to openly interact with these kids. I took home Diane and Judy Ann, who were both from Malasa.

Seeing their big smiles as we entered the mall before going home, I knew that I have already brought joy to them. It was very heart-warming for me when they kept thanking for the new things I have given them. It was not a lot but for them, it was already enough. We had dinner and headed home afterwards. At home, they were no longer shy, they were actually comfortable in the room. They also told me their stories on how they live back in Malasa and that's when I got to know them even more.

I also had the chance to accompany them to the Mind Museum the following day. Unfortunately, I was not assigned to the community where Judy Ann and Diane were, but it was okay because I got know other kids from other communities. I got very close to these new kids I met especially to Jeriah and Gerald. Our bonding moment in the bus and at the Mind Museum was definitely the best part for me. We really had fun with them. Seeing them

leave the campus was heart-breaking for me. I wish they had more time to interact with us. But I hope that in the short period that we have spent with them, they were able to have a wonderful time as much as I have.

I am very thankful for the opportunity of being part of this Makibata Festivities. Bringing joy to these kids during the Holiday Season was definitely an unforgettable experience for me. I have always looked forward in participating in Makibata Activities since I was in 2nd year because I also participated in their festivities two years ago. I really hope that more students will be able to experience this kind of interaction with other communities because I'm sure that they will enjoy it like I have.

MAXINE MARIA M. DE LA COSTA
4TH YR, UST COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
THOMASIAN JUNIOR MARKETING ASSOCIATION

Last school year, I was fortunate enough to be a chaperone for Makibata. I was with the kids when they went to National Museum, Luneta and Fort Santiago. It was a good experience that I promised myself that I'll do it again; but this time, I wanted to be a foster.

Even before our org president informed us about the Makibata 2012, I already told her that I wanted to be a foster. So when the official announcement came, she immediately told me and I said yes. I was really excited because it will be something different. I found out that it will be December 13-14, with 2 kids. I became hesitant at first because our thesis defense will be on the 16th and my thesis groupmates were scheduled to go to my house and practice our report. Another thing is that my parents thought that I will be bringing home only 1 kid. They didn't allow me at first because they know that I will be busy that day because of our thesis and I won't be able to take care of the kids. I remembered why I wanted to be a foster and I told myself, "kaya mo yan max. Ang tagal mong hinintay yan. Magsisisikapag di ka nag foster" So there. I was able to convince my parents, promising them that I will take care of the kids on my own.

December 13 came and I was really nervous because I don't know how I'm gonna take care of the kids with my friends and thesismates coming over at home. I was really lucky and very thankful that my friend helped me bring the kids home, take care of them while I was busy doing house chores and doing out thesis. We took turns taking care of them. I was also thankful for my thesismates because they played with the kids, sang and shared stories with them.

I was really touched when my siblings and my parents helped me with them. I really thought that I will be the only one taking care of them. When I got home, my mom welcomed us in our living room, gave the kids a pair of slippers and let them eat. I was teary eyed when my little sister helped be bathe the kids and prepared a loot bag for them containing clothes, coloring books, headband and other kikay stuff. Akalakotalagapapabayaang nila ako kaya sobrangakongnatouch because my parents and siblings was so accommodating. While we were eating, it was my mom's turn with the kids. I saw her coloring with them while telling some stories and asking how their life was in their home. I was a little worried that my brother will just be ignoring them at home that's why I was really surprised when he saw them and said "Hello! Ako si Diego. Wag kayongmahiya☺" It really touched my heart. My dad also made jokes with them because it was already 10:30pm and they were still awake. He joked, "Pag kayo di pa natulog, kukulutin ko mga buhokniyo!" and they all laughed, even the kids and they slept.

Before they slept, they went down again and gave me a plastic containing some vegetables. I opened it and saw a bunch of gabi inside and hugged them. It was their token of appreciation for me. They also gave me a necklace. It made sense now why they were

laughing when I introduced them to my friend, Gabby on our way home and kept saying "hahaha! Yung pangalan niya parang pagkain! Hahaha!"

This experience with the kids will be something that I will treasure for a long time. Para akong naging mommy for a day. My friends, thesismates, my family and I were all touched and felt that we were able to gave the kids something that they will never forget. But truthfully, as my friend Gabby told me the night I took home the kids, I think they gave us more to cherish than we did to them. :) Thank you for giving us this wonderful and unforgettable experience ☺

Me with Sophia and Jaycee (both girls! hihi)My older sister with her friend, and the kids ☺



Sophiya with my little sister Alex and my friend, Gabby

SARAH MAE LINGAO
THOMASIAN YOUTH BUILDERS

For me, Makibata 2012 is one of the best way to celebrate Christmas not just for the kids but also for the "fosters" and the "chaperones" who, inspite of their busy schedules, gave their time and effort to make those kids feel the true essence of Christmas. It made me really happy to get to know those kids and to be able to join them as they show their talents to other people. There are a lot of things that I have learned from that experience that I will surely treasure for the rest of my life. This event was really remarkable and I will surely recommend this to my friends. I hope that there will be more events like this in the future. And sana po mas mahaba na yung time allotted para sa bonding time with the kids ☺

JESSICA BAUYA
THOMASIAN JUNIOR MARKETING ASSOCIATION
COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Makibata 2012: An experience that never fades.

"This event is such a fruitful one." Everyone claims after they finish the set program of the event or should I say after we give back the kids we adapt for overnight. This sentence symbolizes a lot as every foster meant it on their own point.

I, a first timer foster parent, feels so great to be part of this event. The happiness it brings to me is irrevocable. If someone wants a pure and natural happiness, try this event and you'll get it for free.

I got excited when one of the officer of our organization ask if who wants to be part of this event wherein you'll adapt kids for overnight only but those qualifiers are only who lives

on their own homes, meaning living together with the family because the root cause of having this event is to let the kids feel at home on one of the Thomasian's family. "Ah, this is the time and the event that SOCC says during MAKIPAMUHAY experience, okay I will join." I said. My decision is going smoothly at first but later on hindrances pops out yet at the end my decision remains. I'm so happy that I can be part of this event.

The whole experience, I can't find the exact word to explain it. I just realized that it is hard on the front act to become a mom but it's really wonderful to feel that you'll think every possible way to let your kids feel okay or for their good sake. I wanted them to have a good time. When I give them back to the organizers of the event, sadness filled my heart. Even if the kids stayed for overnight, every second of it filled with happy memories that will forever cherish. Those picturesque and times are already part of my life, an experience that teaches me to reality that I should be contented to what I have today because like my foster kids, they think my blessings were much enough and opens my mind to wider aspects of life.

It feels great that they put me into pure happiness so do I. Those smiles were the key that we really enjoyed the experience and completing this program signifies that we've finished a fruitful event. An incredible moment to share, a once in a lifetime, cherishable and memorable moments to keep.

This experience one of those which cannot be bought easily by money and one of those which cannot be steal by anyone; thus, it will only be felt if you voluntarily participate and only be owned if you let yourself in it.

**JON BENJIE R. SAING
(PACI RHUTMOS - AMV COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANCY)**

Participating in Makibata 2012 was really heart-warming. Being able to help the partner community, especially the kids, and made their day were some of those things that you wouldn't forget about this experience. Although hindi kami nagbigyan ng chance na makapag-alaga ng bata and let them stay in someone's house, what's really great is yung napasaya naman namin sila during their visit in UST.

We, together with all the organizations in AMV - College of Accountancy, were able to make a mini pool with lots of shredded papers, let them find puzzle pieces inside and complete a cartoon puzzle (SpongeBob, Dora, and Batman to be exact). Nakakatuwa kasi sobrang nag-enjoy silang lahat, especially dun sa shredded papers. It's like reminiscing what we usually do nung mga bata pa tayo. Well, seeing the smile on their faces is fulfilling kasi alam namin na in our little ways, we were able to help them talaga. Hopefully, next year will be that fulfilling too. Thank you SOCC, especially to Reijinne Quevada, for the opportunity! God bless us all. :)

**SANTIAGO, NEMEI S.
THE POLITICAL SCIENCE FORUM**

I will be concise about my wonderful experience in Makibata. It opened my eyes to a wider perspective of things especially on how blessed I am now. Fostering to two girls somehow fulfilled my dream of having two little sisters that I could cuddle in the night, shares bedtime stories with, and took long showers with. Having them around made me realized how convenient and fast-forward my life was. Unlike them I need not care what to eat during meals nor bother myself financially. Maybe what I have given them is not enough for them to have a comfortable life but I hope that the care, concern and love that I showed them made a difference. Because in me, fostering them was such a pretty good and awesome experience that will be long remember. ☺Sayanglang kasi a night was a really short time to know them but then I am really thankful of this Makibata activity kasi at least once they let me step on someone else's shoes. In this case, I think I've been a good sister and mother for a day.

Before I forgot, the two bunches of bananas they gave me really touched everyone's heart in the household. Rubilyn and Rhealyn are two sweet girls. I wish to see them later in the future to know how life has been going for them.

KARMELA KATE B. SALVADOR
EARTH-UST

The MAKIBATA event was such a good opportunity for me to help other people. Truthfully, it was my first time to do such thing, and as a first timer, I was hesitant at first. I don't know how to interact and approach the kids. I admit that at the beginning, it was hard for me to talk to them. But as time went by, I became comfortable with the kids. I enjoyed everything that happened that day. It was really an honor to be a part of the event. Through that event, it made me appreciate every little thing that I have. It made me realize that helping other people was one of the happiest things to do in life.

JULEANNE MAY ROQUE
3-LITERATURE, FACULTY OF ARTS & LETTERS
UST MEDIATRIX

The Makibata experience for me was truly unforgettable, for one reason: I've always wanted to adopt a kid for a day or two but because I live in a dorm and my house is an hour away from UST, I couldn't, but it happens that I don't have classes on a Thursday so I volunteered to be a chaperone instead. For another reason: it is a fulfilling goal of mine to make kids and elders happy even in the smallest ways. People from a far more cultural place amaze me and they give me a fascinating experience on how I interact and relate with them.

It's my first time participating in Makibata, and I think that my entire day just went so well despite the exhaustion and muscle aches. I came in feeling extra sleepy, having only 3 hours of sleep the night before, but when I met these kids, I wished I could have saved more energy for me to have a fuller day playing with them. They were very adorable and filled with so much energy – more energized than I am. I think they are talented and coming from a different place, I also think they are curious with the city and all. They interact with us although kids around here are usually shy and would prefer to stick with their guardians. Some of them are just super friendly and they won't quit making me laugh! I can see that they possess beautiful Filipino traits that we rarely see around the city and I am beyond amazed whenever students around the campus pay attention to them and even greet them. There was a girl from the college of Pharmacy who sneaked in behind us and asked me what was going on. I told her that we were accompanying these kids for their caroling activity around the campus, and then she came closer to hold the children's hands and ask them their names. I think it was priceless. My heart melted for these kids because not everyone appreciates them, and not everyone takes time to come closer to say hi and feel the warmth in their hands.

I regret that I had not been prepared. If only I had been given enough time to get something for them all and give them a token of my love so they would know how significant that they went for me, I'd put much effort into it. Luckily, my entire day was dedicated to them, and I enjoyed every bit of it. The next day, I caught them by the lobby, getting ready to leave. I gave out hugs to them and kissed the one who wouldn't let go of my hand, Micah, and I don't know why I almost cried, but it was just so precious.

To the people who made this wonderful event possible, Thank you.

**KIM MARTIN STA. CRUZ
MEDIARTRIX**

The Makibata experience was a fruitful and an eye-opening moment for me. I live in a place where almost everything that I need and I want is in my hand's reach. These children made me feel, let's say, more human again, because to be honest, there are times when I forgot that there are other people who are in dire need of help and all I am thinking about is myself and people who are close to me, I forgot that when I am eating three meals a day, or sometimes more than three, there are people who made pass a day with only eating a single meal. I am also thankful for these children for giving me the chance to understand what this place needs. I remember when we were roaming around the campus, in the morning, when I tried to talk to the children, they tend to cover their face and show that they are shy, but after we had lunch, they held my wrist and drag me to their place and ask me to watch them play. When we were doing their caroling, we saw their enthusiasm, letting me see the real spirit of Christmas, for the children and giving love to all people. Those children became attached to me, they filled a place in my heart that was once occupied by my unnecessary wants in life. My org mates and I really miss them. We really hope to see them again next Makibata. I hope that someday, this experience will not just be felt by us, but by all the Thomasian community and perhaps the whole country.

**ERNESTINE QUIJANO
THE POLITICAL SCIENCE FORUM**

My Makibata experience rekindled in me what I thought I forgot when I graduated from high school. Being chaperons for a day, I experienced once more how tiring but fulfilling taking care of an 8-year-old is. Even more when we had to take care of 10 children. With Makibata, I was able to see how much I may have been taking for granted in my life.

**ELEIA MARTINA TAN CRUZ
UST AMV COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANCY
SECTION 4A3
JUNIOR PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS**

Christmas is always a very special occasion. But the Christmas of 2012 was extra special for a lot of reasons, and this was partly because of the Makibata activities I attended.

The first time I heard about the event and was informed that we could adopt children for one night, I was really excited. I volunteered to join the event as our organization's representative. On the day of the Makibata, I didn't attend any of my classes because I decided to help as a chaperone to the kids during their day activities. I wanted to get to know them early on. I was put in the group of SitioMabilog B from Tarlac. The main program of the day was their carolling presentation to the different faculties and offices in UST. We were given a schedule of the locations we were expected to visit. Our group's stations were all in the Main Bldg. so we didn't have to go around UST and switch from buildings to buildings. I was worried that the kids would get tired easily.

The people from SitioMabilog were very kind. The children were sort of demure but very obedient of their elders and very well behaved. I could see that they were truly happy with the activities Makibata had prepared for them. The smiles that I saw on their faces when they won a small toy from the mini-games at the fair were pure and filled with bliss.

At the end of the day, we had to say goodbye and it was time to meet my adoptees. As much as I wanted to adopt the kids I chaperoned during the day, it wasn't possible because they were already assigned to other fosters. It was fine because the two pretty girls I fostered were no less than them.

I was able to adopt two pretty girls from Lambakin, Bulacan. They told me that they were best friends since their mothers were friends as well. They were more vocal than the Mabilog kids from earlier that day and physically, they had more modern clothes and belongings. I was even surprised that they knew how to use the computer and even had Facebook accounts of their own! After we left UST, we headed to our toy store in Tutuban where I asked them to pick out something they liked. They both picked matching guitars and Barbie dolls. They were very excited about the guitars because immediately after we arrived home, they opened it and started strumming and singing along. We talked and played after dinner and at about 11 pm, they finally exhausted all their energies and decided it was time for bed.

I learned so much from this activity. I was able to see firsthand that there really are a lot people who need our help. I wish that the UST Community Development department would continue their outreach programs to these less fortunate communities and maybe introduce more ways on how the Thomasian community can help. Maybe something for the alumni since this will hopefully be my last year in UST.

Thank you to the wonderful people of SitioMabilog B --- Jamin, Alvin, Mariella, Didit, Siting, Liezel, Jessica, Maica, Arlene, Jenelyn, Ate Rachel and her baby, and Nanay. Thank you my two enthusiastic adoptees, Arcielle and Aliana of Lambakin. Thank you for filling my heart with an immense feeling of love and hope this Christmas. These words cannot amount to the gratitude I have for the intangible gifts you gave me.

GIAN CLYDE BIGORNIA

I'm excited and also kinda nervous when I volunteered myself for Makibata as a foster. Syempre, I want to experience handling kids at that age and know how hard it is to raise them. Nungnameetko na si Princess and Bryan, my heart starts beating faster kasi ayan na eh, magsisimula na yung challenge sa akin. Naging mahirap sa akin nungunakasi umiyak si Princess and I don't know how to calm her. Namiss nya agad mom nya so ibumalik kami para tumahannasya. Pinalitan siya ni Melanie and sa tingin ko magigingmaayos naman lahat and totoo nga!!! nagingmaayos naman ang lahat.

Di naman ako masyado namublemasakanila the whole night. I really enjoyed having them in my house especially my parents are happy having them. I experienced waking up so early just to prepare their things, usually kasi late ako magising. I cannot imagine kungpaanosilapalakihin ng mabuti, yung maging maayos na tao. Naalalako lang ang sinabi ng prof ko sa Theo. Madalingsagutin ang "bata, batapaanoka ginawa?" pero mahirapsagutin ang "bata, batapaanokapinalaki ng maayos at mabuti ng magulangmo? Having a child entails big responsibility. I realized that before you can influence them, you need to influence and change yourself first. Mahirap ngunit hindi impossible. Maging maayoskamunasa sarili mo bago kapumasok sa buhay pamilya para sa pagpasokmo, dumating man ang hirap tungkol diyan, kakayaninmo yan.

GERARD LUIS E. RECIO **COLLEGE OF REHABILITATION SCIENCES** **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SOCIETY**

So there I was, attending the meeting on SOCC's Makibata 2012, dead tired from dissecting cadavers and reviewing for my first shifting examination for the semester. How convenient it was that our College had its own schedule for examination periods, a schedule that basically says "We're having our exams while other Colleges can relax", great. The smell of formalin constantly pestered with my attention as I listened to Reij's discussions regarding the Makibata event to be held next week. Of course, as much as I wanted to pass off the opportunity, I couldn't. I really had no choice because being the cluster head of CRS; I had to

know every detail of the event, for information dissemination's sake. Although, I did think to myself that no one from my college would really have the time to adopt a child being that the event simultaneously transpired with our dreaded examination week but still, attention.

Upon reaching my dormitory room, I immediately texted every organization head within our college regarding Makibata, and as usual, days would pass without any reply. I mean, seriously, no replies at all. With only three days prior to the event, I eventually had to approach every org head face-to-face, asking them if they would foster or tour the children and the general response would be "its finals week, I don't think anyone can make it from our org." This would then proceed with a pout, but I was pretty sure they were just looking for an excuse to not tag along. Finally, I got responses from the Speech-Language Pathology, Sports Science and Physical Therapy Societies, all of which were willing to participate. Honestly, I didn't know if these guys were in it for the sense of 'helping' or for organization compliance's sake. Heck, not even I could answer that question. Though, I didn't bother questioning them, I took what I could get, I mean four [including my organization] out of our nine college organizations was a pretty good deal for me.

Sadly, none of us had the chance to adopt a child or even tour them about the university. As much as we would love to do so, there were two conditions hindering us; first, we were dorm-dwellers, and second, our professor-doctors aren't really people you can reason with for a reschedule of examinations. We wouldn't let that put us down though; we still had to make it up to the children in whichever way we could. With time running down and the event being on the following day, we decided to include therapeutic value to the obstacle course we made for the children. Winners or losers, whatever the outcome was, they would all receive the best prize any child (or even adult) would ask for. Trolli jelly burgers. Mmmm...who wouldn't want that now?

It was the morning of the event, I woke up in a panic, not sure what to prioritize first and who to contact next. I took my exam a few hours before preparation of the booths. While the exam was demanding answers from my Anatomy textbook, my mind was demanding eye-popping designs for our Makibata booth. I immediately rushed to the booth after my exams with the accompaniment of a friend, preparing it in a way I 'think' children would be attracted to. A few wandering hours had passed; no sign of the children. My colleagues were beginning to think of packing up and calling it quits, hey, even I was starting to think that. All until my friend caught sight of small children blocked by a crowd of Thomasians as they were all captured by the stunts and screams of the Yellow Jackets. Their curly hair, cool dark brown skin and wide eyes stood out from the crowd of students. This was it. Alas, judgment day had arrived. We introduced ourselves to the children and went about the obstacle course. Nothing but the sincere joyful screams and expressions of happiness filled our booth. They raised their hands in delight as they were given a ride on the wheelchair. It was a magical moment, and when they had left already and we were cleaning up the battered booth, it was then and there that I realized that I had been subconsciously smiling the whole time. No exams, no responsibilities, no priorities, no org works had occurred to me but only the heartfelt words from twenty Aeta children as they said with a smile, "Salamat Kuya."

CARMELA FRANCHESCA MIRANDA
UST BIOSOC

My Christmas was made brighter by the Makibata experience.
Being a part of the event opened my eyes to the needs of others, and how blessed I am.
The experience was spiritually fulfilling and enlightening.
I love children. I will surely participate next year.

VI. Recommendation for future projects

- Extension three days and two nights
- More time
- Task better and more effective communication
- Encourage more Thomasians to join this kind of events
- Earlier and bigger promotion

VII. Financial Report

(see attached)

VIII. Photo Document

(see attached)

Prepared:

CHARMAINE B. TOLENTINO

Project Head

Secretary

Student Organizations Coordinating Council 2012-2013

REIJINNE S. QUEVADA

Project Head

Assistant Treasurer

Student Organizations Coordinating Council 2012-2013

Noted:

BENJAMIN ZOILO MARIO L. RAVANERA III

President

Student Organizations Coordinating Council 2012-2013

ATTY. ANTONIO M. CHUA, J.D.

Director, Student Welfare Development Board

Adviser, Student Organizations Coordinating Council

Endorsed:

PROF. EVELYN A. SONGCO, PH. D.

Assistant to the Rector for Student Affairs

University of Santo Tomas