

## Don Bosco Boys Home in Cebu/Philippinen

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Don Bosco Boys' Home in Cebu is a shelter for the marginalized boys of society categorized either as street children, orphans, the homeless, abandoned, rejected and economically poor. Ever since its establishment in 1989, Don Bosco Boys' Home sought to answer the basic needs (food, clothing, shelter and education) of these boys in an atmosphere of a warm and welcoming home. Generous benefactors and friends help sustain the operations of the home



and run its programs.



Presently, Don Bosco Boys' Home has a total of 125 boisterous, lively, highly-spirited yet emotionally-scarred boys whose ages ranges from 10-22 years. For school year 2006-2007, there are 41 in elementary level, 79 in high school, and 5 in vocational skills training. A Salesian community of 2 priests and 3 brothers take care of these boys assisted by 2 full-time social workers whom the boys consider 'ate' (elder sister) and friend.

Apart from the challenging work with the boys, Don Bosco Boys' Home also serves the local community through its Training Center (for out-of-school youth) and its weekend apostolate (masses and religious services for the locality). Work in the training center and services to the community have grown parallel with the work in the home such that it has become imperative to put up facilities and logistics for both.

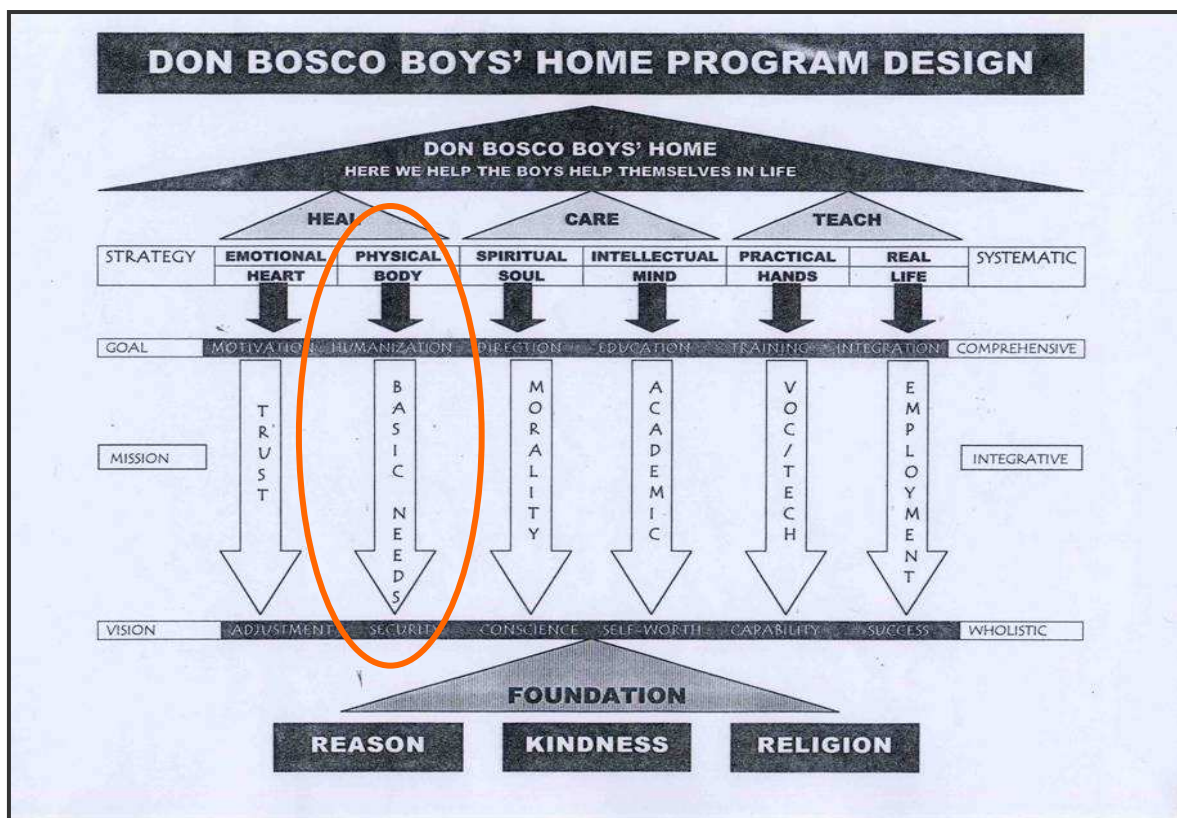
It is in this area of facilities improvement that this proposal is presented.

## Project Description

One of the pillars of Don Bosco Boys Home's program design is healing – both of the emotional and physical self. One of the ways where physical healing is carried out is in the primacy given to the child's right to play. But beyond this, Don Bosco, the founder of the Salesian congregation, also saw the playground as a place where "gradual education of the youth" takes place in an atmosphere of "personal rapport of 'friend' between Salesian and youngster and the brotherly 'presence' of the educator among the boys" (General Chapter 21 of the Salesians).

At present, Don Bosco Boys' Home's two playgrounds has served the purpose with which it has been set-up. However, it has not been fully maximized as yet because constraints in the weather (too hot or rainy) would hamper its use (mostly in the afternoons only) and would send the boys back to the Boys' Home building where space is limited. Hence, the project proposes two the following:

1. cover the two (2) open playgrounds of Don Bosco Boys Home for the boys and the youngsters in the neighborhood to play in, congregate, and undertake group activities at any time of the day and in any weather condition; and
2. construct four (4) restrooms within the playgrounds' perimeter.





The two (2) existing open playgrounds with several basketball rings. These playgrounds face the entrance of the Boys' Home building.

The open playgrounds are being used for various purposes...



- ... games
- ... assemblies
- ... prayers and reflection



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