A. Educational Assistance for a year

- P 5,000 for Secondary School
- P 3,000 for Primary School

B. Food - P 75 per day

C. Medical— case to case basis

Each child needs special care and attention. Each orphan needs a hand to help him/her cope with her/his everyday necessities. For this year, CRC aims to reach out to 500 orphans in areas all over the country — Northern Luzon, Southern Tagalog, Bicol, Eastern Visayas and Southern Mindanao. Because of this, CRC seeks assistance from the responsive individuals, groups or agency for the provision of each orphan's needs. Concerned individuals, groups or agencies can pledge to fund an orphan for his/her daily needs, especially his/her education. In return, the orphan will regularly communicate with his/her benefactor about his/her progress in school.

Through this project it will also promote the orphans' welfare in particular and the situation of the Filipino children in general.

Your moral support and financial assistance will go a long way in re-building these children's hopes and aspirations.

Description of the Implementing Organization

The Children's Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that serves the children affected by State violence. It primarily deals with helping the children overcome the psychological effects of war. It has four regional centers located in Southern Mindanao, Bicol, Panay and Negros. Since 1995, CRC is setting-up community based program in able to serve far-flung areas where there is a heavy presence of military operation and there are reported cases of human rights violation. CRC also coordinates with other agencies, groups and individuals to better help and answer the needs of the children and their families. As state violence continues CRC is receiving more clients who are orphaned by the ongoing political re-

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A Hand for an Orphan

Project: A Hand for an Orphan

Background Information:

Adeliza Albarillo was barely 12 years old when she witnessed how her parents were tortured and brutally murdered by the elements of the 16th IBPA in Mindoro Occidental last April 2003. Six months after the murder of her parents, she continued to cry out in her sleep. The incident left her and her 7 other siblings orphans.

At dawn of July 2005, Alrico Barbas Jr. woke up to the sound of gunshots that killed his father and eldest brother, and left him maimed by suspected military agents. Alrico, his mother and 5 siblings whose ages range from 1 year old to 9 years old, have been constantly on the move for the last 10 months as they struggle to put their lives back together.

Adeliza and Alrico are just two of the thousand children affected by the heightened political repression and massive military operations. Since 2001, the number of victims of human rights violations has continually rose to proportions comparable to that of the Marcos regime.

Innocent children are not spared from the brutalities employed by government agents. In the last five years the Children's Rehabilitation Center has documented more than 800 incidents of HR violations affecting some 215,233 children.

The most alarming trend at the moment is the increasing number of orphaned children. An average of 3 children are orphaned every week due to killings that are political in nature.

" A Hand for an Orphan" project aims to solicit support from concerned individuals for the growing number of orphaned clients of the Children's Rehabilitation Center. The *"orphans"* are the children who, for reasons due to the heightened political repression and massive military operations can no longer be with their parents. Specifically they are :

- Children, whose parent/s was slain, maimed and has been left incapable to work as a result of state violence.

- Children, whose parent/s are community organizer/s or development worker/s and who is/are forced to leave their families because of the constant and imminent threat and surveillance from the military.

The project aims to provide and maintain a holistic service for the orphaned children through:

- Educational Assistance
- Therapy and related activities that would make them understand better their condition and will give them a choice to resolve it;
- Supplementary assistance for foster homes that could provide the children with the love and care that they need; and
- Providing venues and activities for the adjustment process of the orphans to their foster families.
- Medical support for those with evident/emergency health needs.

The Center actively searches for adoptive and foster families for the orphans to provide a "normal" atmosphere for their growth and development. More often, however, the Institution has to provide counterpart for the child's needs. To maintain such services we seek for regular donors who will pledge support to our orphans.