

# R.I.S.E. CAMP 2017

(Respecting Individuality and Striving for Equality)

It is a big opportunity to be part of this camp and by God's grace I am one of the chosen facilitator to facilitate with this activity that is being held last April 28-30 2017. As we arrived on the Balay Kauswagan, I feel amazed because there were 9 US Peace Corps volunteers that welcome us, they were friendly, jolly, love to talk with us, share their experiences and different ideas, and most of all approachable. At first we get to know each other and we continue we practice and do some energizers and it is fun and we enjoyed it. The facilitators are free to choose what we like to discuss and present and me and my partner choose the topic HIV/AIDS because of our curiosity to know deeper with this topic. Miss Danielle and Sir Cris is our mentor and they help us explain what HIV/AIDS and the contents of the topic, they also help us prepare the visual materials needed in the activity. Our mentor is very delicate to teach and do things that enhance our learnings. They all provide what we need and most of all the support that we need from them.

The next day, we make our final presentation and in the afternoon is the rehearsal with the other group. We felt nervous but we overcome it as we continue to discuss and deliver our discussion. It is great to have first a rehearsal in order for us to be informed as what we much do to improve more. Many comments and suggestions we get from them and we accept it and apply to have a best presentation. We have also made a freedom wall and put it on the side part at the window. Everyone is free to write some suggestions and comments.

## DAY 1 - April 28, 2017

First day of the seminar and we are very excited. Each one of us has task assigned and responsibilities to do. I am assigned on the registration and name tag of the participants with the help of Biofyle. As we start the session/program, they begin with singing of National Anthem followed by Sagay Hymn and welcomed Address by Miss Amanda. I feel amazed to the 3 emcees because they are very energetic that everyone are alive and also they introduced the facilitator of the day. In morning Charice and Josie will be discussing GENDER and in the afternoon Janine Zamora and Junjun will discuss Persons w/ Disabilities / PWD. These 4 facilitators were very energetic and knowledgeable on their presentations. They make sure that all participants learn more about their topic and ask them the learnings they get from the topic. Almost all participants joined the activity.

After the 2 sessions we gather and form a circle and share how we feel on the first day of the camp. Everyone share and a job well done from the 4 facilitators.