
EPCALM ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017

November 2016 - October 2017



EPCALM

Adult Leukemia Foundation of the Philippines

1. Introduction

EPCALM is a Christ-centered, non-stock, non-profit organization called to reach out and help victims of leukemia and their families.

EPCALM is the acronym for Erwin Piedad Cabanag Adult Leukemia Ministries. Atty. Erwin P. Cabanag was City Fiscal of Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, Philippines when he succumbed to leukemia on May 12, 2005 at the age of 45. At this time, the vision to build the first adult leukemia foundation in the Philippines was born, now known as the EPCALM Adult Leukemia Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. It is the first and only leukemia foundation of its kind in the country.

A. MISSION

Acknowledging that God is the Hope, the Healer, and the Provider, EPCALM aims to be a vehicle through which patients afflicted with leukemia will experience God's love and faithfulness.

B. VISION

To establish and be an internationally recognized center of excellence for spiritual, physical and emotional nourishment of leukemia patients as they journey towards wholeness.

C. ARMS OF SERVICE

- **SPIRITUAL ARM** – Believing that God is the only Hope of every Leukemia victim and their families, this arm's main thrust is for victims and their families to be strengthened in their journey through the disease, recognizing that in all things God works for the good. This arm aims to provide hope and renewed vigor through EPCALM partners who would provide prayer, counseling and visitations of cheer and love and to extend a helping hand.
- **MEDICAL ARM** – This arm upholds God as the Sovereign Healer and rests not on man but on HIM as the blessed assurance for total healing according to His purpose. Through this arm, victims of leukemia will be given guided options for the best medical care and directed to appropriate centers for treatment locally, nationally or internationally, i.e. Eligible patients could be

recommended to the National Institute of Health / National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI) in Bethesda, Maryland, USA.

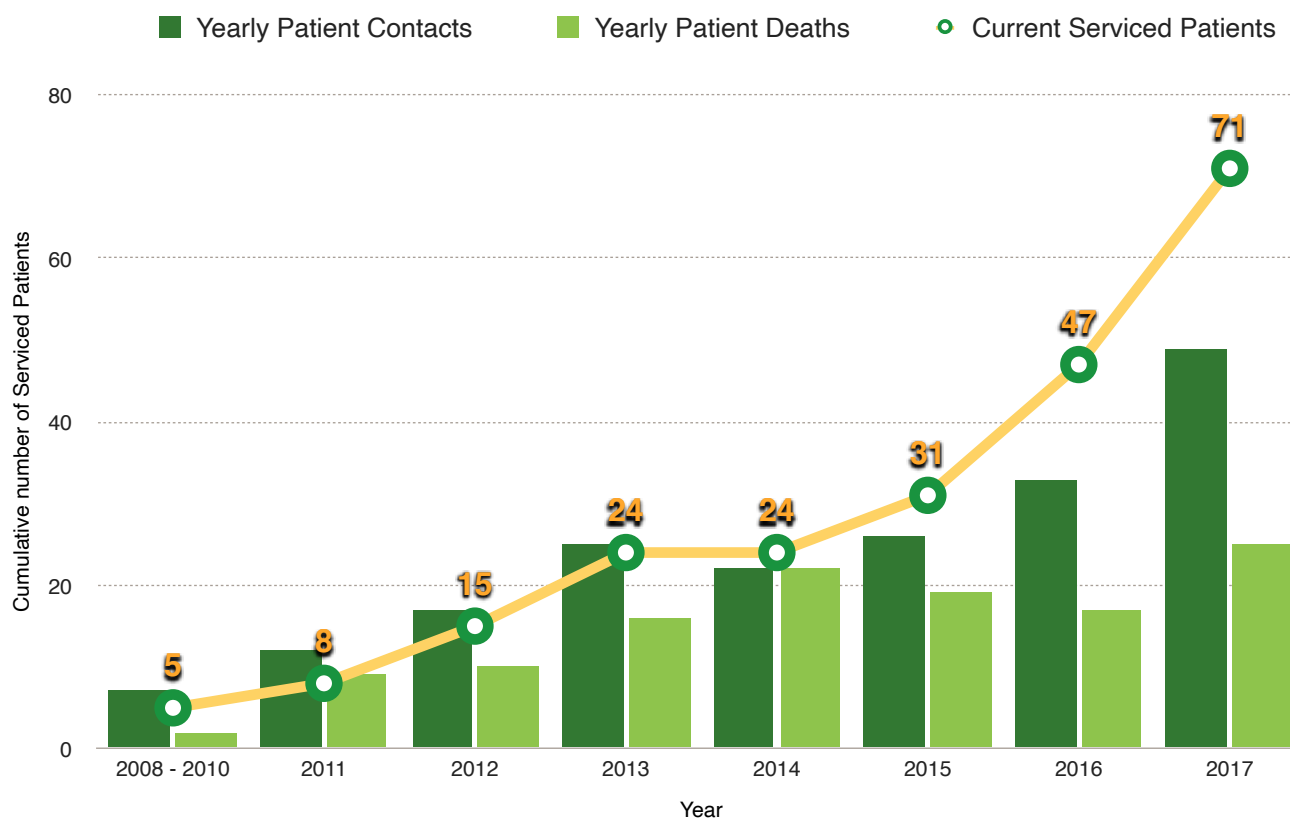
- **FINANCIAL ARM** – The arm of the Foundation that truly believes and stands that God is the Provider. This arm will be the financial life of the Foundation. Programs and projects will be set to help patients and their families raise funds for their medical needs. A website is set up specifically to provide information and guidelines to “would-be” beneficiaries of funding, to allow for worldwide opportunities for aid, to fund the victims’ requirements. This arm will develop connections with charitable institutions like the PCSO or private sectors in the Philippines as well as US based Organizations and Foundations to aid in the growing needs of the Foundation.

2. Patient Information

A. PATIENT STATISTICS

According to the Department of Health (DOH), leukemia is the 4th cancer killer site in the country. Since 2008, the EPCALM Adult Leukemia Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. (EPCALM) started to service Adult Leukemia patients and their families through its three (3) arms of services - Spiritual, Medical and Financial. From the year 2008 up to October 2017, EPCALM has serviced a total of 191 adult

	Patient Contacts	Patient Deaths	Current Number of Patients
2008 - 2010 PATIENTS	7	2	5
2011 PATIENTS	12	9	8
2012 PATIENTS	17	10	15
2013 PATIENTS	25	16	24
2014 PATIENTS	22	22	24
2015 PATIENTS	26	19	31
2016 PATIENTS	33	17	47
2017 PATIENTS	49	25	71
TOTAL	191	120	71



leukemia Filipino patients in the country and abroad. For the year 2017, EPCALM is servicing 71¹ patients and their families.

B. DISTRIBUTION BY CURRENT STATUS OF PATIENTS

Of the 191 serviced patients to date, 120 of these patients are already deceased. This is due to the high mortality rate of adult leukemia patients in the Philippines. Patients who undergo chemotherapy and/or Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) who survive after 5 years of treatment are considered cured. The current patients² that EPCALM are servicing are in the following stages of their leukemia journey:

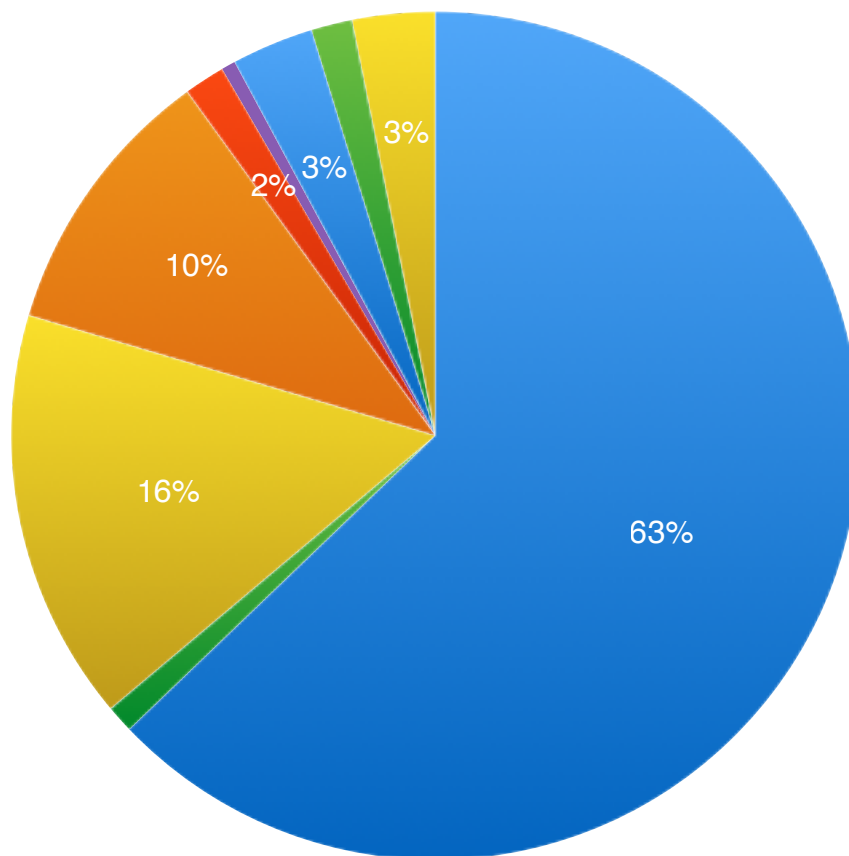
- Patient Survivors
- Post-BMT Patients
- Patients in Remission
- Patients undergoing chemotherapy
- Patients to undergo chemotherapy
- Patients undergoing out-patient treatment
- Patients having no Treatment

Current Patient Status	
DECEASED PATIENTS	120
FOR CHEMO PATIENTS	2
ONGOING CHEMO	30
OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT	20
POST-BMT PATIENTS	3
RELAPSED PATIENTS	1
PATIENTS IN REMISSION	6
PATIENT SURVIVORS	3
NO INFO	6
TOTAL	191

¹ Updated from previous fiscal year, FY 2015-2016, based on latest information.

² For some serviced patients though, EPCALM was not able to get updated status information.

● Deceased ● For Chemo ● Ongoing Chemo ● Out-Patient ● Post-BMT ● Relapsed ● Remission
● Survivor ● No Info



C. PATIENT DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF DISEASE

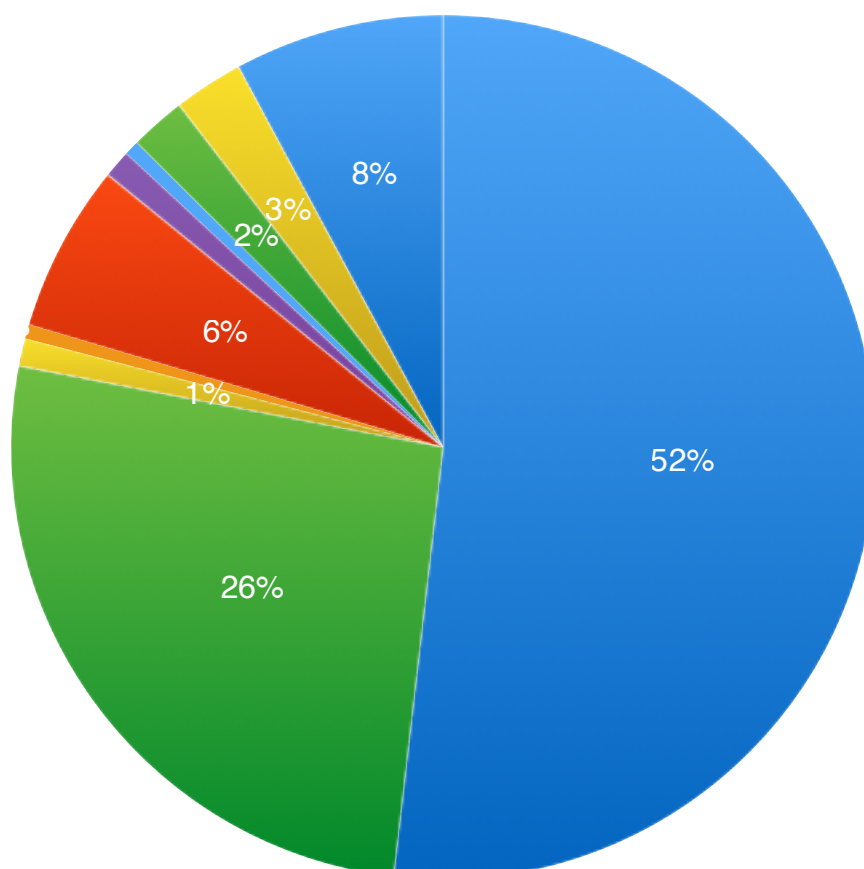
Distribution as to the type of leukemia or related disease of the 191 serviced patients³ to date are as follows:

- Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)
- Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL)
- Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)
- Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia (APL)
- Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)
- Amyloidosis (AA)
- Lymphoma

³ For some serviced patients, EPCALM does not have documented information of their type of disease or leukemia.

Type of Leukemia/Disease	
AML PATIENTS	99
ALL PATIENTS	50
AML/ALL PATIENTS	2
AA PATIENTS	1
CML PATIENTS	12
CLL PATIENTS	2
MDS PATIENTS	1
LYMPHOMA PATIENTS	4
APL PATIENTS	5
NO INFO	15
TOTAL	191

● AML ● ALL ● AML/ALL ● AA ● CML ● CLL ● MDS ● LYMPHOMA ● APL
● No Info

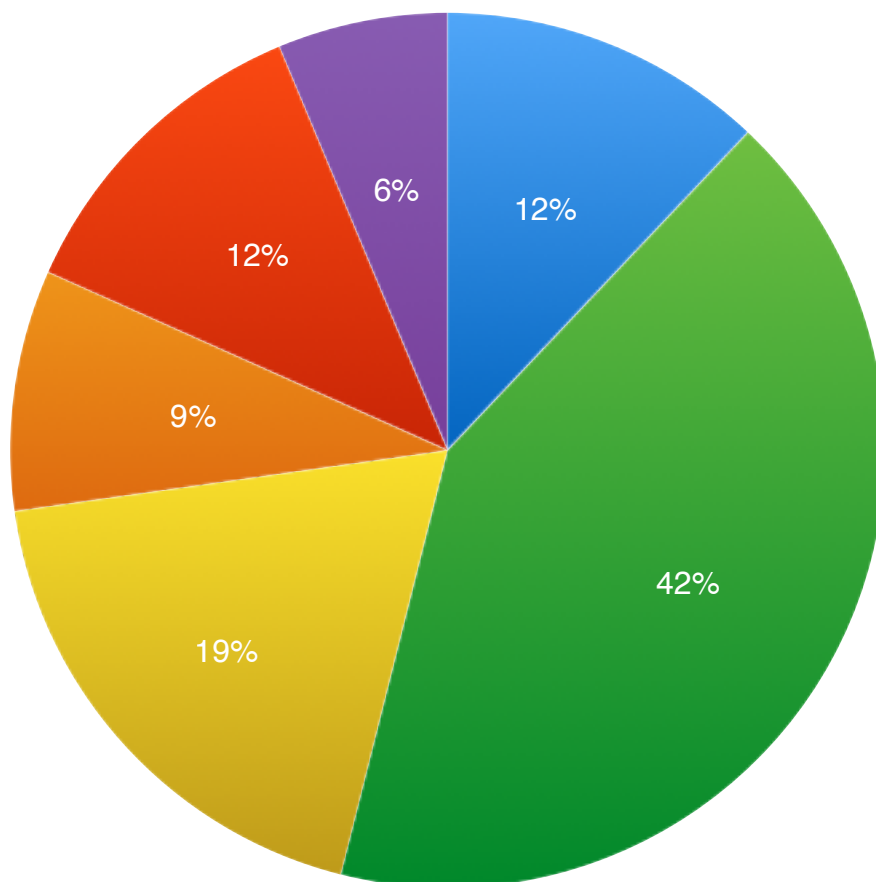


D. PATIENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

EPCALM services adult leukemia patients⁴ 18 years old and above, although patients below 18 (pediatric age group) have contacted EPCALM as well.

Age of Patients	
PATIENTS 18 Y.O. and BELOW	23
PATIENTS BETWEEN 19 - 30 Y.O	80
PATIENTS BETWEEN 31 - 40 Y.O	36
PATIENTS BETWEEN 41 - 50 Y.O	17
PATIENTS ABOVE 50 Y.O	23
NO DATA ON AGE	12
TOTAL	191

● 18 and below ● bet. 19-30 ● bet. 31-40 ● bet. 41-50 ● above 50 ● No info

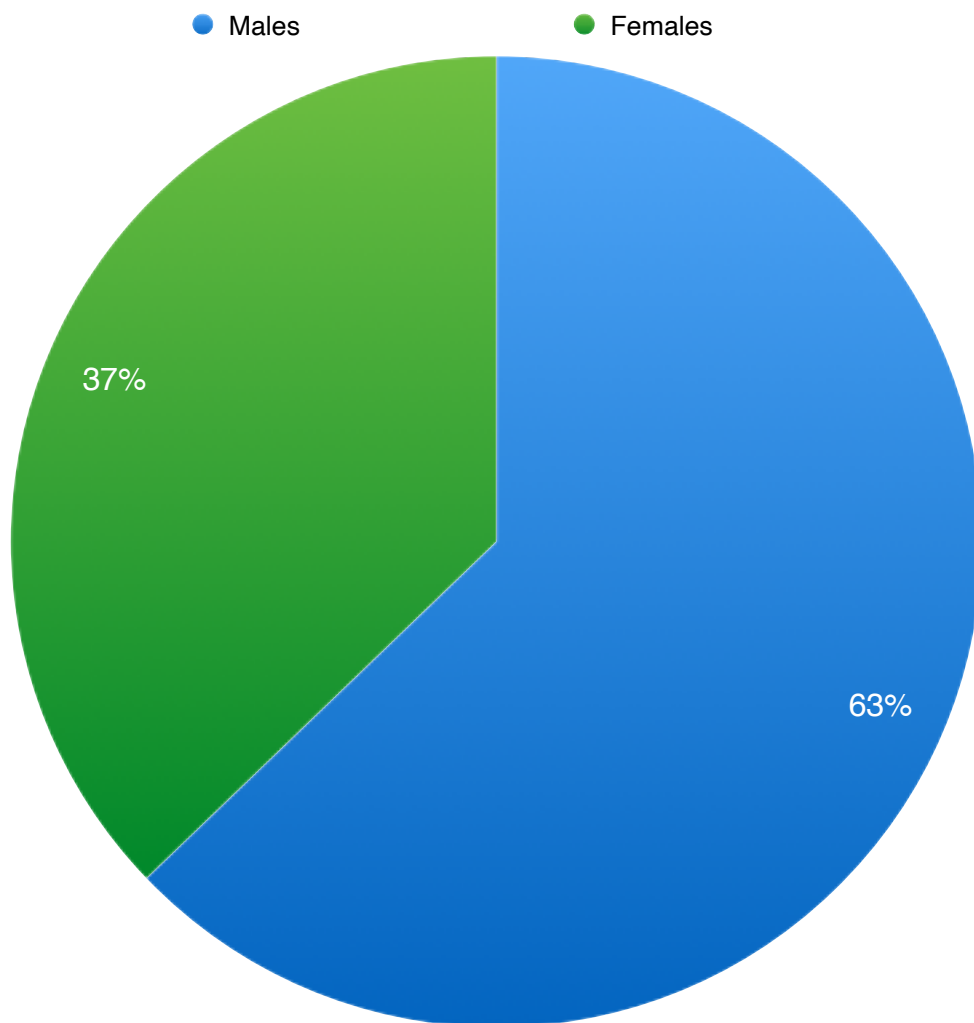


⁴ EPCALM does not have complete information on all its serviced patients.

E. MALE-FEMALE PATIENT RATIO

Male-Female ratio mix of EPCALM serviced patients is about equal at 63% males to 37% females.

Description	
NUMBER OF EPCALM PATIENTS	191
NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS	103
NUMBER OF FEMALE PATIENTS	88



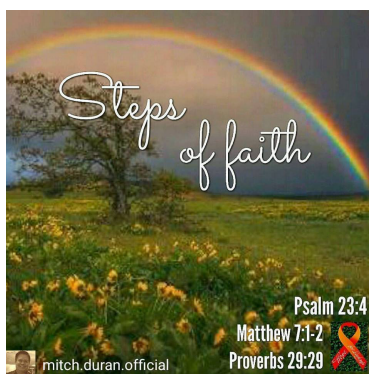
3. Patient Services Updates

A. SPIRITUAL MINISTRY UPDATES

“...Edifying God as the Hope, Healer and Provider, the EPCALM Spiritual Ministry endeavors to reach out to adult leukemia patients and their families by extending spiritual services and resources through an established network of partners and volunteers...”

For Fiscal year 2016 - 2017, following were the Spiritual services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:

- Continued to pray continually for EPCALM Patients and their families through EPCALM's network of Prayer volunteers and groups (e.g. affiliated churches and small group prayer clusters);
- Continued to conduct regular home, hospital and virtual visits (through Social Media - Facebook, Instagram or Twitter; e-mails; phone). Visits were conducted by EPCALM staff - i.e. Executive Director, Administrative Director, Board of Trustees, Social Workers or Volunteers;
- Continued to provide pastoral support, encouragement and counseling during visits to patients and their families; during grief counseling and family huddles; during patient visits to the EPCALM office; and when patients and their families call the EPCALM hotline;
- Continued to give out reading materials to

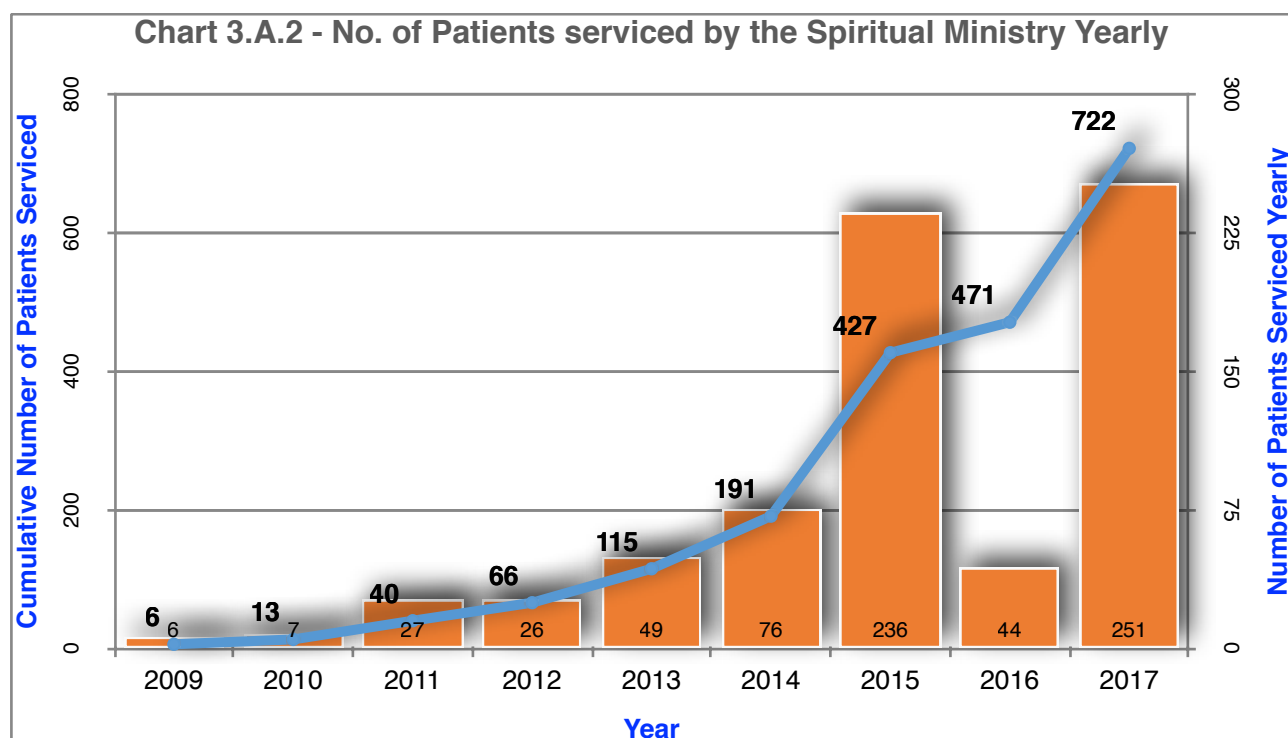


EPCALM patients and their families, to provide them with renewed hope, strength and vigor as they read the Bible and Spiritual reading materials during their confinement and/or idle time as they await their next treatment or chemo session; and

- Continued to post in Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, EPCALM's Daily Reflections and Daily Devotions for its followers, EPCALM serviced patients and their families, volunteers, friends, donors and supporters.

Table 3.A.1 - Spiritual Ministry Services Statistics

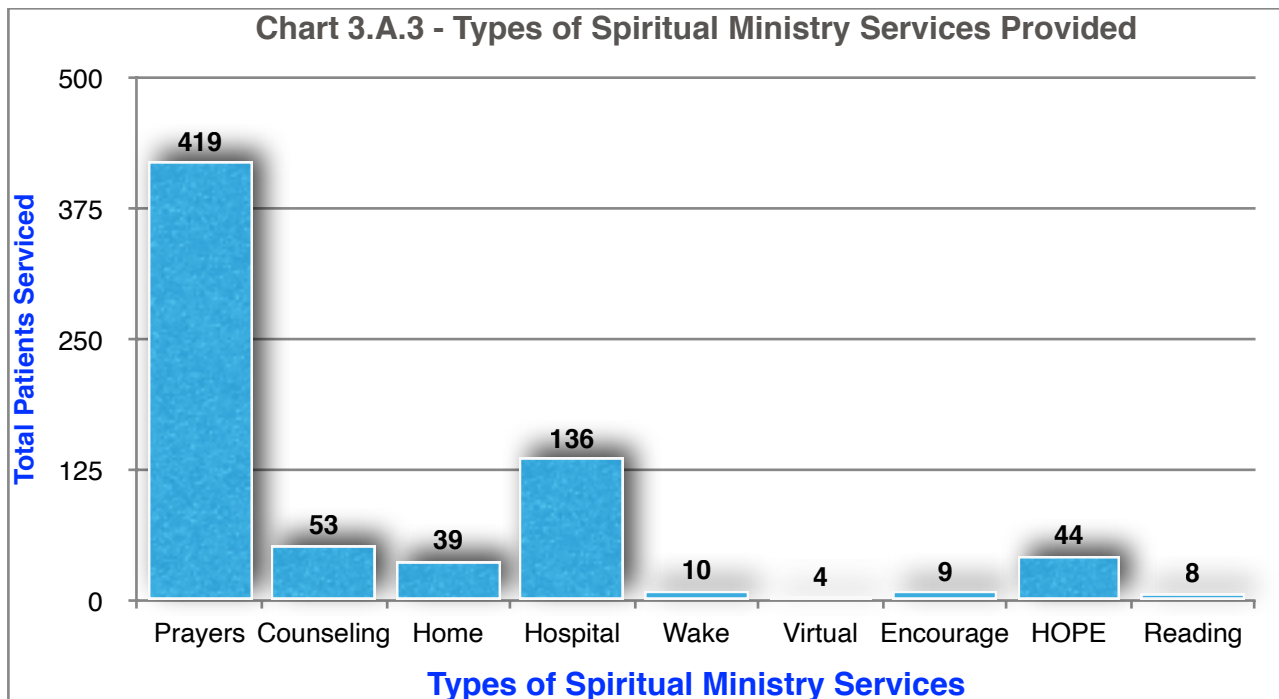
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Prayers	3	3	10	11	24	45	204	12	107	419
Counseling	2	1	6	5	10	17	5	5	2	53
Home Visits	0	1	3	4	4	2	7	10	8	39
Hospital Visits	1	1	6	6	8	11	16	11	76	136
Wake Visits	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	6	10
Virtual Visits	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Encouragement/Remembrance	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	9
HOPE Pack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	44
Reading Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	8
Total	6	7	27	26	49	76	236	44	251	722



For FY 2016 - 2017, we see an increase in the number of patients being serviced by this ministry, as additional social work staff (2) and interns (2) have been added to

this group towards the end of the fiscal year (August 2017). With the additional personnel, a remarkable increase was noted in the number of hospital visits conducted.

With the increased visits, the number of HOPE packs being distributed have also increased. Cumulative amount of HOPE Packs and reading materials given to patients now stands at in PESOS: **TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED &00/100 (Php 22,600.00)**.



Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of Spiritual Ministry service offerings, please refer to <http://www.epcalm.org/spiritual-arm/>.

B. MEDICAL MINISTRY UPDATES

“...The Medical Ministry endeavors to provide the victims of leukemia with guided options for the best medical care and direct them to appropriate centers for treatment locally or international...”.

Currently, EPCALM offers medical support to patients admitted in various centers through blood products and medicines depending on availability.

For Fiscal year 2016 - 2017, following were the Medical services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:

- Attended an exploratory meeting last September 21, 2017 with the Department of Health (DOH) to discuss the implementing guidelines on the National Integrated Cancer Control Act. During the meeting, EPCALM was designated as Trustee of the subcommittee on Leukemia, Lymphoma and Multiple Myeloma;
- Continued to assist EPCALM patients and their families in medical assessments, medical evaluation, medical counseling and medical referrals to the right doctors and medical institutions;
- Continued to conduct blood drives for patients through our blood bank affiliates to provide blood products to our patients;
- Continued to provide to EPCALM serviced patients: free chemo drugs and related medicines; discounted drug purchases from drug companies; donations from partner

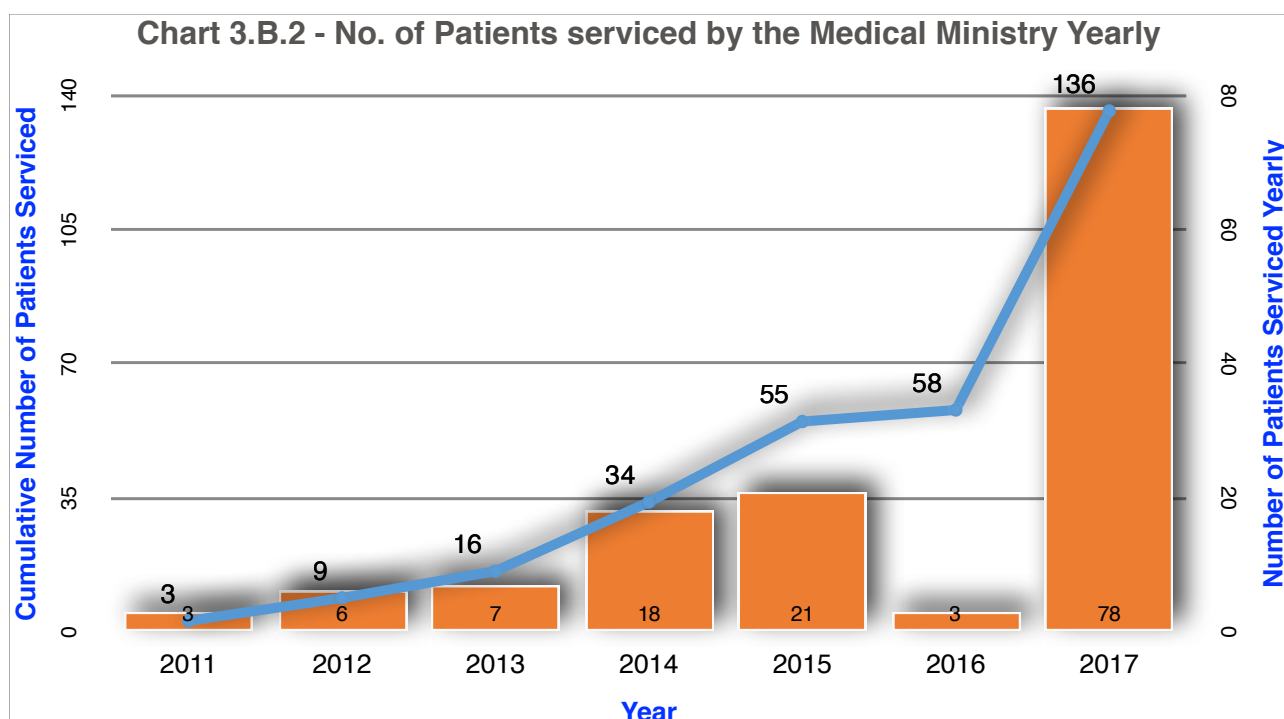


- drug companies; and/or unused medicines from EPCALM patients;
- Utilized social media for patient's blood requirements and other medical needs; and
- Designated a consultation time for patients with in-house hematologists at the EPCALM office every 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

Table 3.B.1 - Medical Ministry Services Statistics

Service Descriptions	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Provided medical options	3	5	5	7	2	0	0	22
Gave Chemo Drugs	0	1	0	2	9	1	46	59
Gave/Assisted in getting Blood	0	0	1	5	9	1	18	34
Gave Medical supplies	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	12
Gave Doctor Referrals	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	5
Provided Other services	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4
Total	3	6	7	18	21	3	78	136

The number of Medical Ministry services have greatly increased this fiscal year 2016 - 2017. As more financial support was received, this translated to more services, especially in extending free chemo drugs and blood supply support to our EPCALM

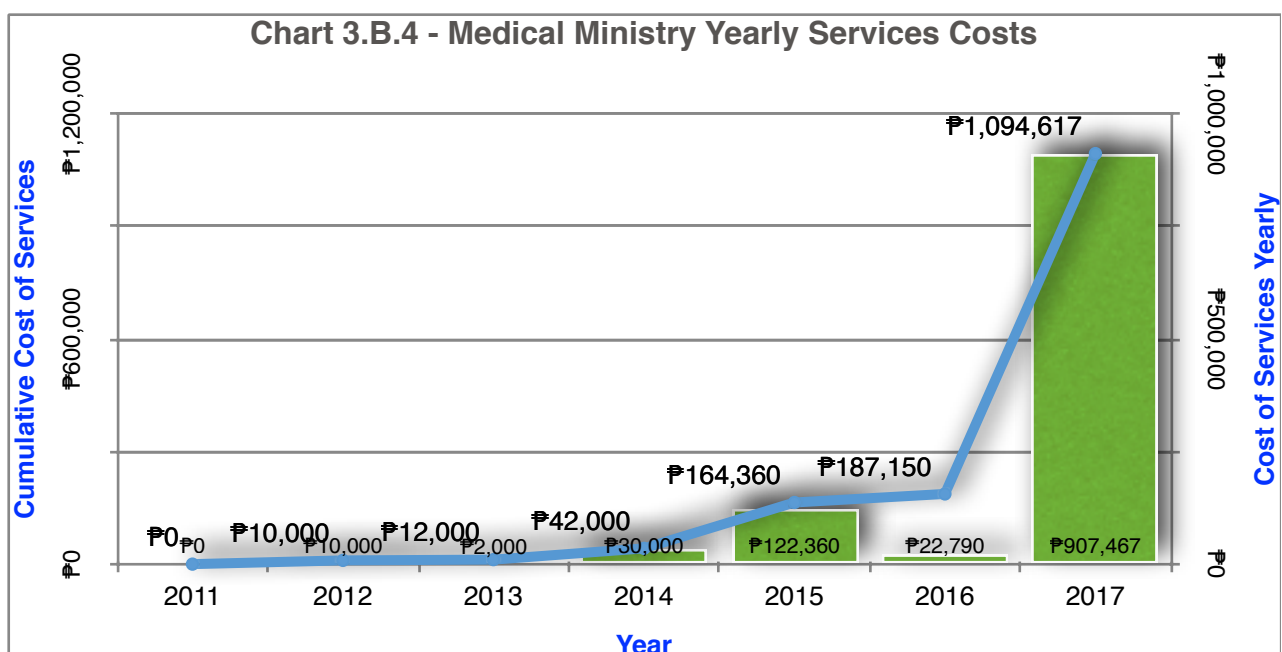


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Table 3.B.3 - Medical Ministry Services Cost Statistics

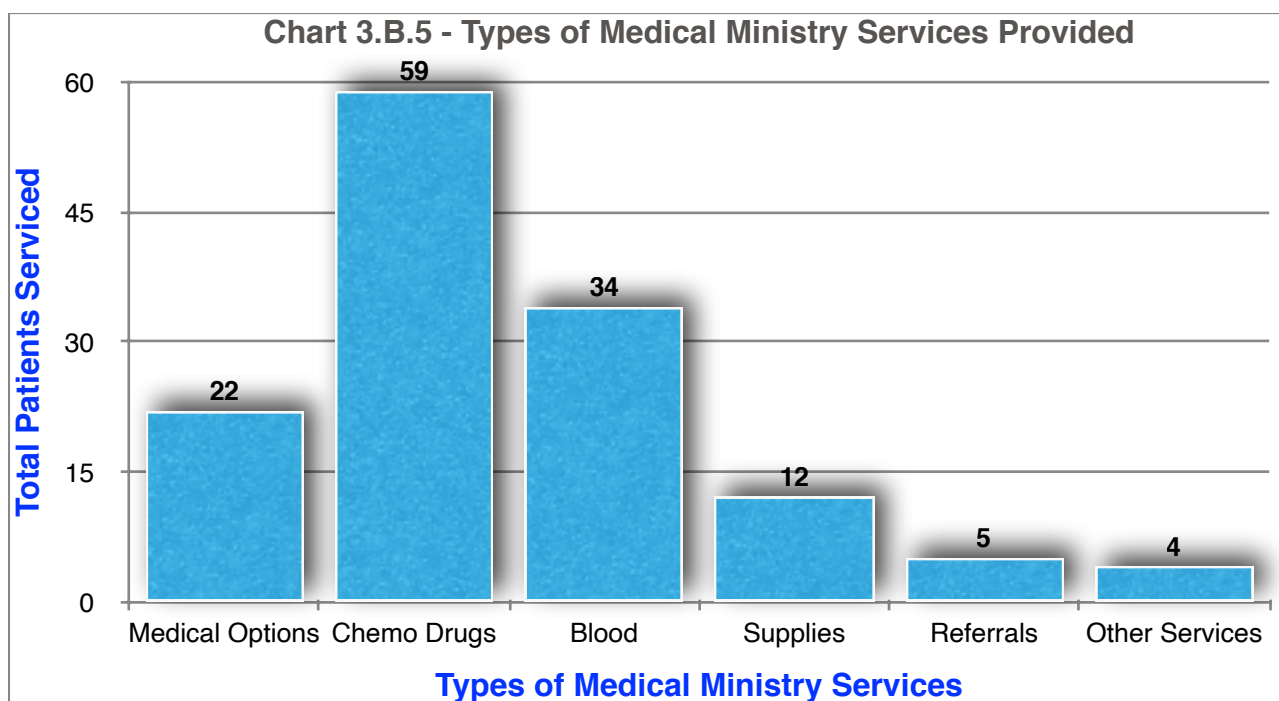
Service Descriptions	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Gave Chemo Drugs	P0	P10,000	P0	P20,000	P87,860	P20,790	P875,017	P1,013,667
Gave/Assisted in getting Blood	P0	P0	P2,000	P10,000	P28,500	P0	P20,000	P60,500
Gave Medical supplies	P0	P0	P0	P0	P0	P2,000	P12,450	P14,450
Provided Other Services	P0	P0	P0	P0	P6,000	P0	P0	P6,000
Total	P0	P10,000	P2,000	P30,000	P122,360	P22,790	P907,467	P1,094,617

Cumulative amount of Chemo drugs, blood and other services given to patients now



stands at in PESOS: **ONE MILLION NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTEEN & 00/100 (Php 1,094,617.00).**

Another answered prayer for the Medical Ministry is the entry of and election into EPCALM's Board of Trustees, Adult Hematologist Dr. Kaye Rosales. With Dr. Rosales onboard, we expect to see an increase in our medical options and referral services in the near future.



Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of Medical Ministry service offerings, please refer to <http://www.epcalm.org/medical-arm/>.

C. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION (FINANCIAL) MINISTRY

“...The Resource Mobilization Ministry endeavors to help patients and their families raise funds for their medical needs. As well as raise funds for the Foundation’s administrative needs...”

For Fiscal year 2016 - 2017, following were the Resource Mobilization services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:

- Continued to conduct fund raising activities for the foundation;
- Continued to provide direct monetary assistance to EPCALM Patients and their families;
- Continued to publish in the EPCALM website the EPCALM patient’s articles, to generate awareness, support and donations for EPCALM patients and the foundation;
- Continued to utilize Social Media - FaceBook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube to publish the EPCALM patients’ and the Foundation’s articles, information, updates/status, prayer requests and other information to promote awareness, generate support and spur action among its members, volunteers, supporters and donors;
- Continued to give grocery items/gift packs to EPCALM patients and their families; and

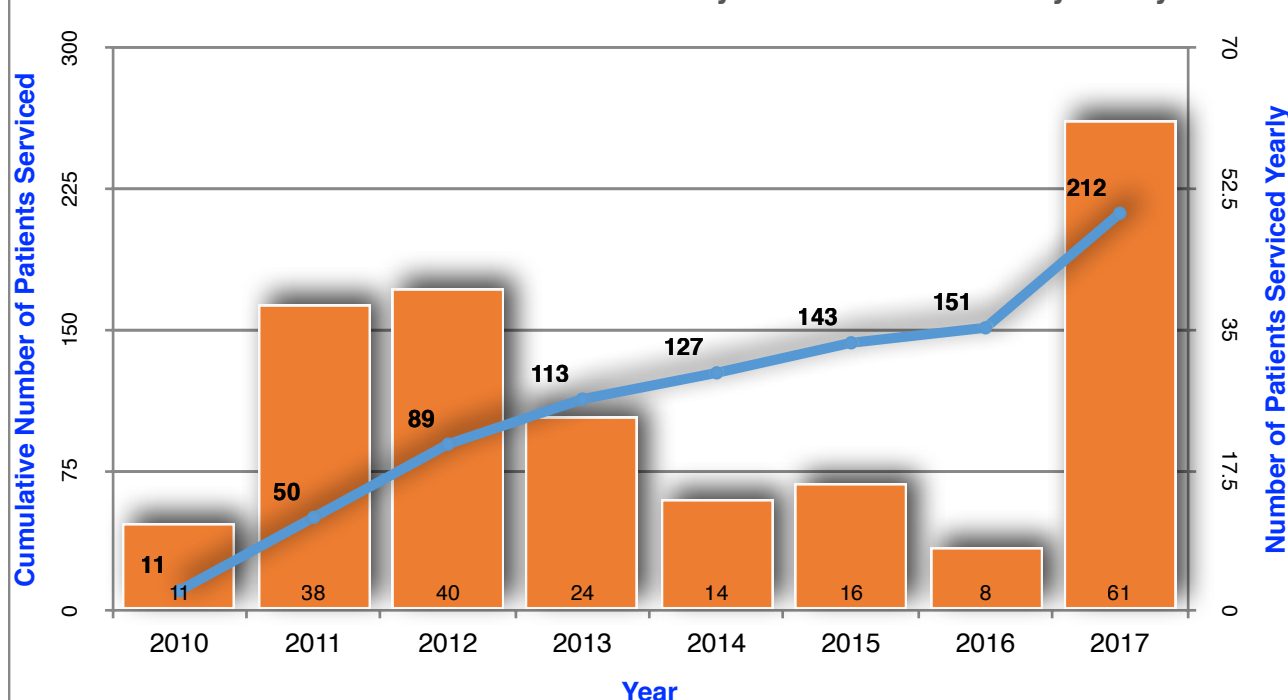


- Continued to solicit direct donations and financial support for the Foundation as a whole and/or individual EPCALM patients, through the following activities: Bingo Activities; Concerts For A Cause; Fun Runs; Sale of Items (i.e. Martin CDs, EPCALM shirts and mugs) among others.

Table 3.C.1 - Financial Ministry Services Statistics

Service	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Monetary Assistance	1	10	17	6	3	5	4	35	81
Groceries/Gift Packs	0	1	10	1	5	0	1	24	42
Fund Raising	0	3	0	0	3	6	0	1	13
Published/Posted Articles	10	23	13	15	1	1	3	1	67
Others Assistance	0	1	0	2	2	4	0	0	9
Total	11	38	40	24	14	16	8	61	212

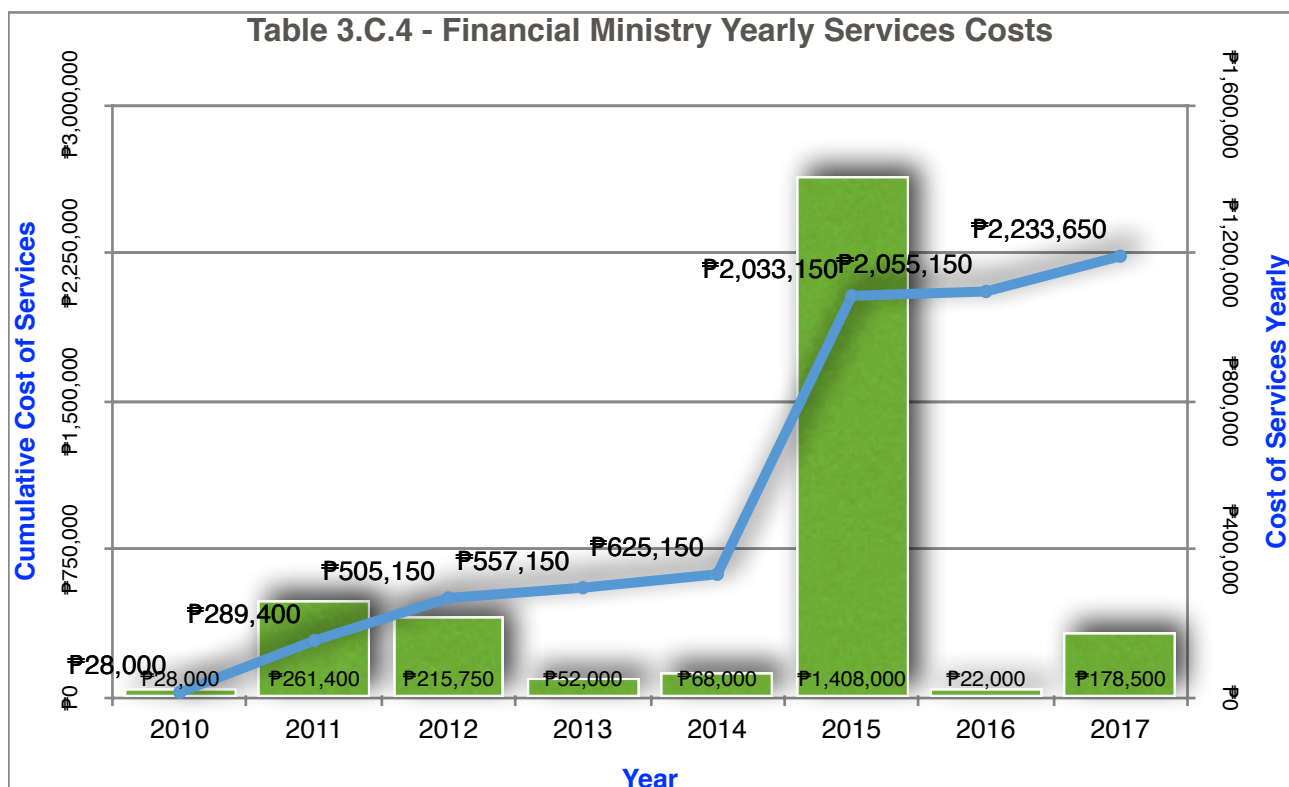
Chart 3.C.2 - No. of Patients serviced by the Financial Ministry Yearly



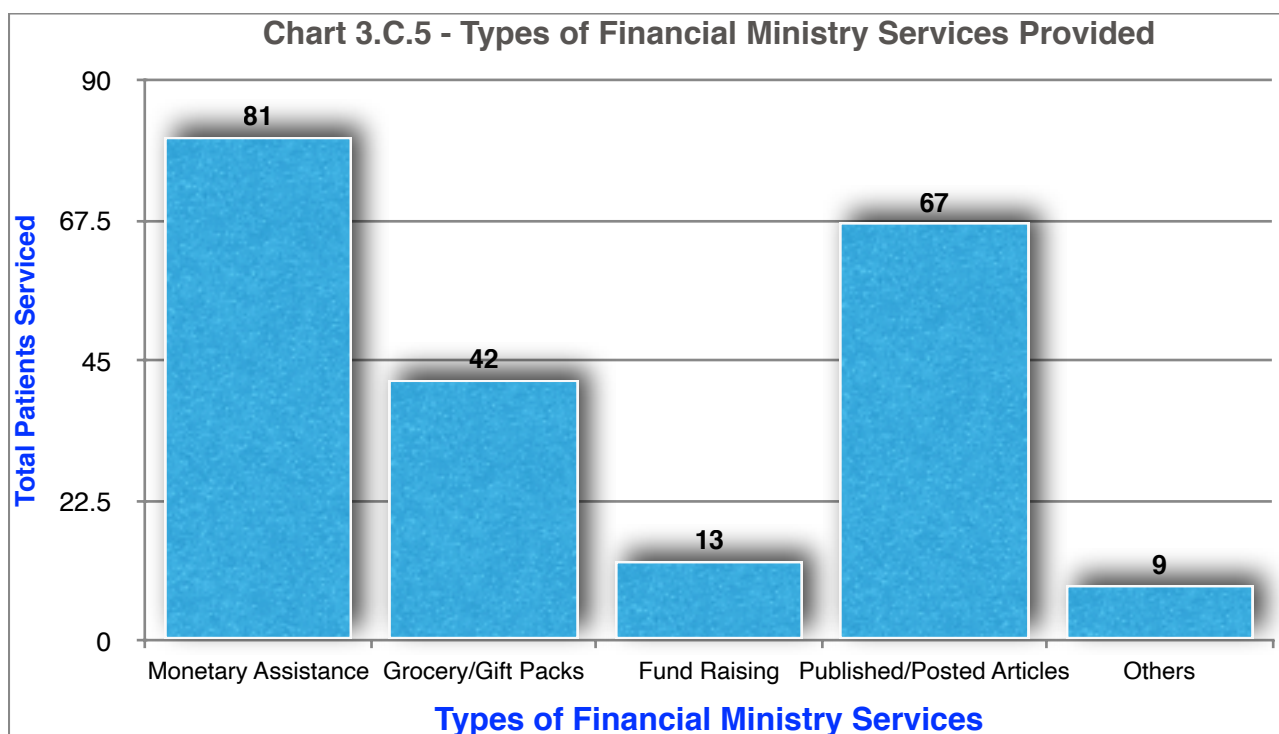
Together with the Awareness and Advocacy Program, this Ministry has been very active in promoting the goals and objectives of the Foundation and has been responsible for creating public awareness on Leukemia.

Table 3.C.3 - Financial Ministry Services Cost Statistics

Service	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Monetary Assistance	₱28,000	₱60,400	₱203,750	₱49,000	₱18,000	₱44,000	₱20,000	₱34,500	₱457,650
Groceries/Gift Packs	₱0	₱3,000	₱12,000	₱3,000	₱15,000	₱0	₱2,000	₱44,000	₱79,000
Fund Raising	₱0	₱183,000	₱0	₱0	₱30,000	₱1,300,000	₱0	₱100,000	₱1,613,000
Others Assistance	₱0	₱15,000	₱0	₱0	₱5,000	₱64,000	₱0	₱0	₱84,000
Total	₱28,000	₱261,400	₱215,750	₱52,000	₱68,000	₱1,408,000	₱22,000	₱178,500	₱2,233,650



To date, a total of PESOS: **TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY & 00/100 (Php2,233,650.00)** has been given to EPCALM patients and their families, through the fund raising efforts of the Resource Mobilization Ministry.



Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of the Resource Mobilization Ministry service offerings, please refer to <http://www.epcalm.org/financial-arm/>.

D. OUTREACH PROGRAM SERVICES

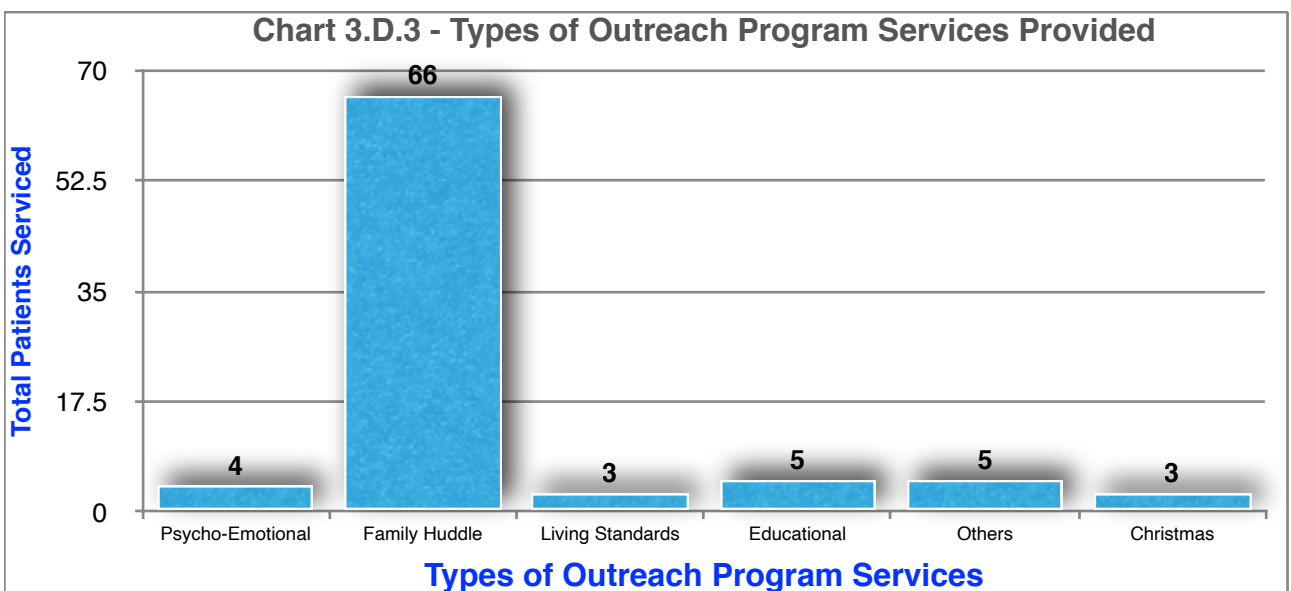
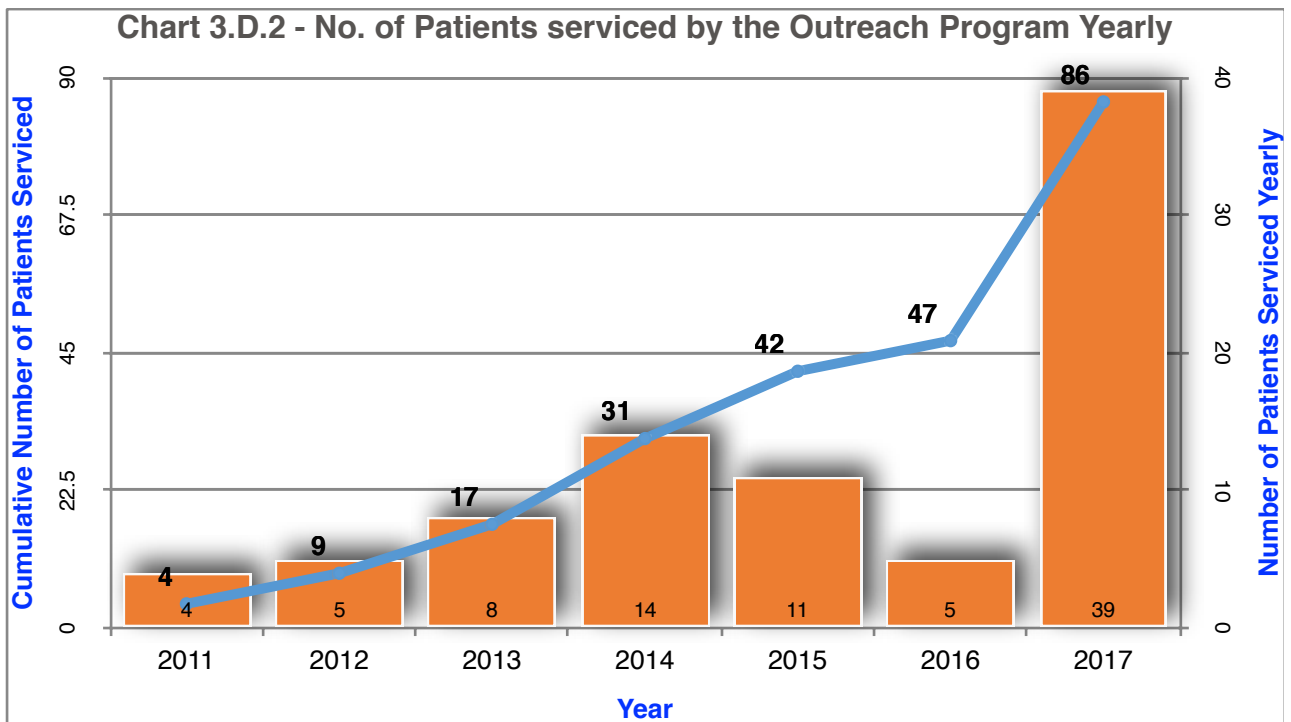
“...The Outreach Program endeavors to provide auxiliary support and guidance to its patients and their families outside of, but in conjunction with the three arms of service (Spiritual, Medical and Resource Mobilization)...”

For Fiscal year 2016 - 2017, EPCALM focused on conducting Family Huddles for its patients, patient families, volunteers and staff; to fellowship together so as to uplift each other as experiences and testimonies are shared. Conducting Family huddles is EPCALM’s way of gathering patients and their families together to promote a sense of community, to pray for one another and help carry each other’s burdens.



Table 3.D.1 - Outreach Program Services Statistics

Service Descriptions	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Psycho-emotional support	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4
Family Huddle	0	0	8	10	6	5	37	66
Alleviate Living Standards	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Educational Assistance	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	5
Other Assistance	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	5
Christmas Party	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	4	5	8	14	11	5	39	86



This year, EPCALM has designated regular counseling time for patients and their families at the EPCALM office every first and third Saturday of every month to be conducted by our in-house psychologists.

Note: Moving forward, the Outreach Program needs more volunteers to implement its various plans and activities.

E. ADVOCACY & AWARENESS PROGRAM SERVICES

“...The Advocacy & Awareness Ministry endeavors to generate awareness and interest in the goals, mission, vision, objectives and programs of the Foundation through the conduct of awareness activities and pursuit of advocacies...”

For Fiscal year 2016 - 2017, the activities of the Advocacy & Awareness Program did not just involve EPCALM patients and their families but also other groups that shared the advocacy. Following were the various activities implemented during the fiscal year:

- Conducted the 3rd Friends of EPCALM Assembly last November 19, 2016 at #50 West Avenue, Quezon City;
- Participated in the St. Lukes Heart Institute Christmas Gift-Giving last November 30, 2016, held at the Child Haus;
- Participated in the “Bridal and Debut Fair” held last July 29 - 30, 2017 at the SMX Convention Center, SM Aura, Taguig City, by distributing information materials and sold items (CD’s and rags). EPCALM and UNICEF were the two advocacy groups at the fair; and
- Joined the Wagayway Battle of the Band Concert Festival on May 13, 2017 with an information booth for awareness, signing up of volunteers and selling of items to help raise funds.



Table 3.E.1 - Advocacy & Awareness Program Services Statistics

Service Descriptions	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Grief Seminar	0	2	0	3	1	0	6
HOPE Fund	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
WLAM Activity	0	0	3	0	2	5	10
EPCALM-CWF Activity	0	0	5	0	0	11	16
Volunteers Assembly	0	1	7	2	4	0	14
Others - NIH, Evening of Hope	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Friends of EPCALM Assembly	0	0	0	3	2	3	8
Total	12	3	15	8	13	19	70

Chart 3.E.2 - No. of Patients serviced by the Advocacy & Awareness Program Yearly

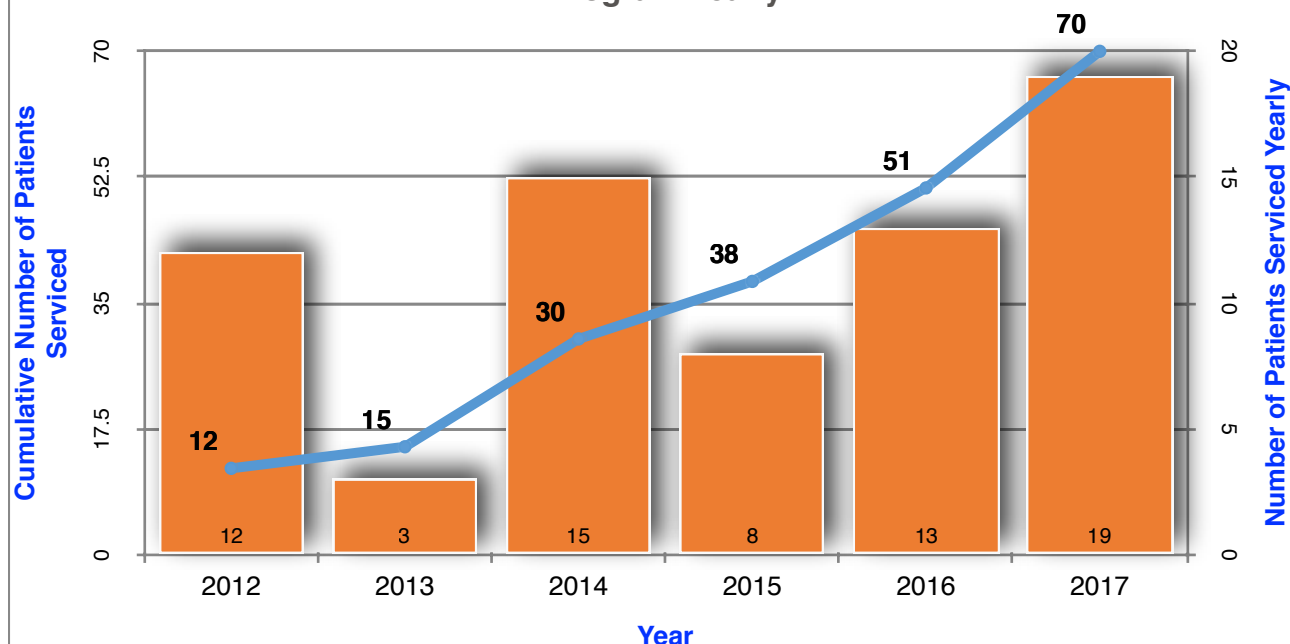
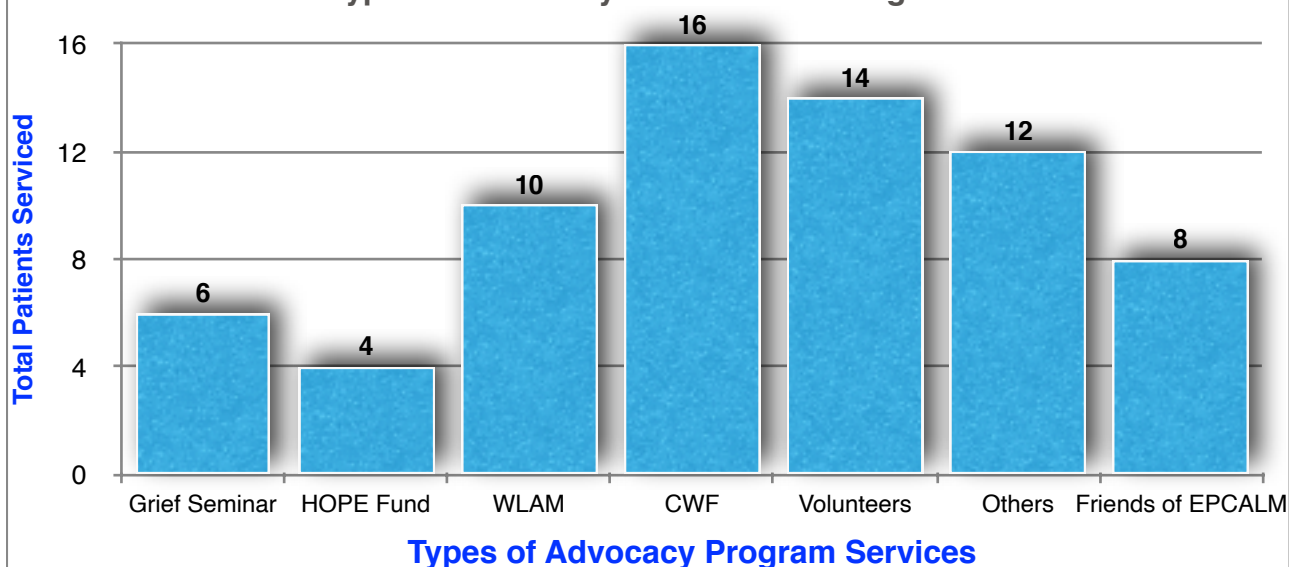


Chart 3.E.3 - Types of Advocacy & Awareness Program Services Provided



F. PARTNERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS PROGRAM SERVICES

“...The Partnerships & Affiliations Program endeavors to foster relationships and linkages with different networks, companies, associations, organizations as deemed necessary to carry out the vision, mission and goals of the Foundation...”

For Fiscal year 2015 - 2016, following were the Partnerships and Affiliations Program Services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:

- Re-established church based linkages during the EPCALM-NCUC Assembly last February 17, 2017;
- Continued to utilize Church linkages to do Hospital and Home visitations (i.e. Ellinwood Malate Church (EMC) and National City United Church (NCUC));
- Established informal linkage with CCF Christ's Commission Fellowship) through the participation of their worship team during the Hope in Wellness convention in Sept 2017;
- Continued to utilize Drug Company linkages to provide subsidized and/or free leukemia medicines (i.e. MidInfinity);
- Continued to utilize Hospital linkages for referrals/accommodation of EPCALM patients for treatment, EPCALM activities and/or blood drives (i.e. University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH); St. Lukes Medical

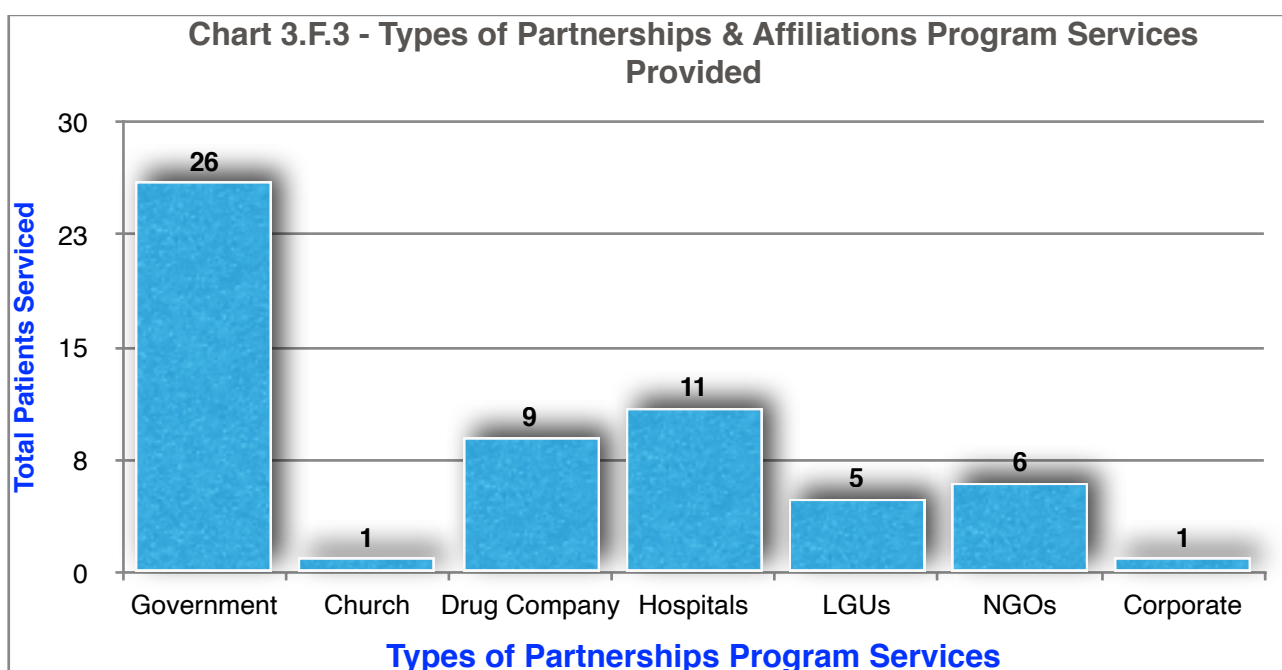
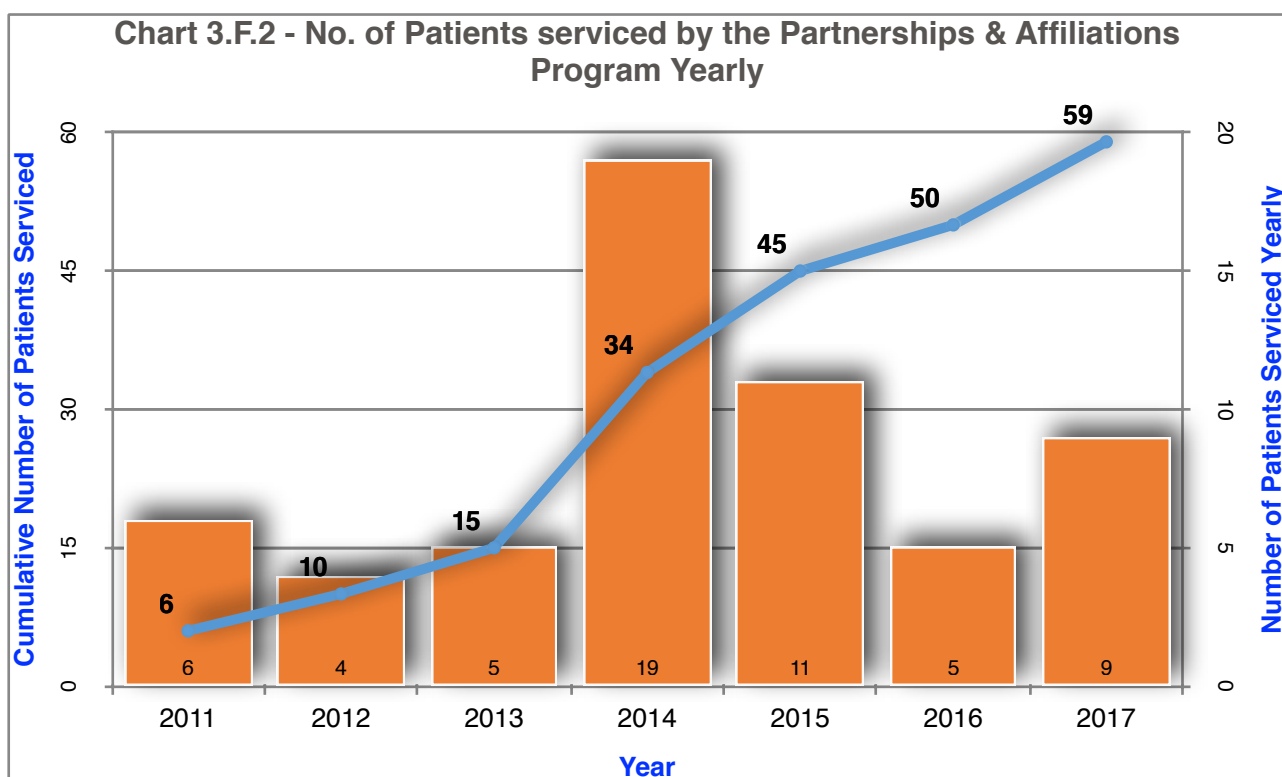


Table 3.F.1 - Partnerships & Affiliations Program Services Statistics

Service Descriptions	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total Patients Serviced
Government Agencies Linkage	4	3	3	13	2	1	0	26
Church Linkages	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Drug Company Linkages	0	1	0	1	3	0	4	9
Hospital Linkages	1	0	1	1	4	2	2	11
LGU Linkages	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	5
NGO Linkages	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	6
Corporate Linkages	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	6	4	5	19	11	5	9	59

Center (SLMC) - Global and Quezon City; Cardinal Santos Medical Center; and Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC); and

- Coordinated with Local Government Unit (LGU) linkages for fun run (i.e. Malvar, Batangas LGU).



Note: Moving forward, the Partnerships and Affiliations Program need to explore and connect with more organizations and institutions to partner with.

4. 2016 - 2017 EPCALM Activities Updates

A. FRIENDS OF EPCALM GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NOVEMBER 2016

The single seed that fell to the ground and died on May 12, 2005, have produced way many more seeds throughout the nine years of EPCALM's efforts of being the vehicle through which patients afflicted with leukemia experience God's love and faithfulness. The Foundation has grown to be a band wagon of families of patients, friends of

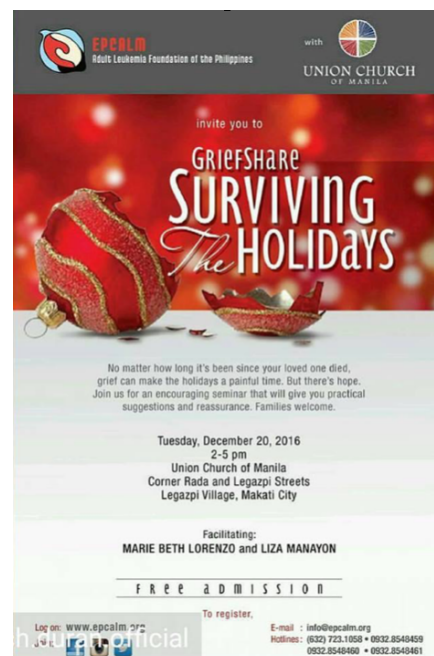
friends, corporations, institutions and concerned citizens from all walks of life, with varying gifts, talents, expertise and resources to share, who have joined in and bonded together as a group to become what is now, Friends of EPCALM – a group of helping hands with a passion to care.



The 3rd Friends of EPCALM General Assembly was held last November 19, 2016 at #50, West Avenue, Quezon City Metro Manila.

B. GRIEFSHARE'S "SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS" - DECEMBER 2016

In the last quarter of 2016, EPCALM in cooperation with the Union Church of Manila (UCM) conducted a Griefshare session entitled "Surviving the Holidays". This session was focused on providing a perspective on how grieving persons can go through the holiday period with God's grace after the loss of their loved ones.



C. EPCALM VOLUNTEERS TRAINING - DECEMBER 2016

Trained volunteers at the Pembo Barangay Hall, Pembo, Makati City, Metro Manila last December 2016.



D. EPCALM FAMILY HUDDLE - APRIL 2017

Family Huddle with Patients and their families , EPCALM staff and volunteers, conducted last April 8, 2017 at the 5th Floor, St. Lukes Medical Center, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, Metro Manila.



E. “AMORSOLO: LOVE & PASSION” COFFEE BOOK LAUNCH - MAY 2017

EPCALM participated in the Fernando Amorsolo Foundation’s book launching of the Coffee Table book entitled: “Amorsolo: Love & Passion”. The launch was held last May 30, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ortigas, Mandaluyong City.

EPCALM is a beneficiary of part of the proceeds of the coffee book.



F. “AMORSOLO: LOVE & PASSION” COFFEE BOOK 2nd LAUNCH - JULY 2017

The 2nd book launch was held last July 25, 2017 at the 5th Floor of the Rustan’s Department Store, Makati City.



G. HIRING OF SOCIAL WORKERS - AUGUST 2017

Two social workers were hired in the month of July 2017: Joseph Barrera and Daneille Joy Sy.



H. BRIDAL & DEBUT FAIR - JULY 2016

“Bridal and Debut Fair” held last July 29 - 30, 2017 at the SMX Convention Center, SM Aura, Taguig City



I. EPCALM FAMILY HUDDLE - AUGUST 2017

EPCALM Family Huddle last August 12, 2017 at the Heart Room, Ground Floor, St. Lukes Medical Center, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, Metro Manila. Kuh Ledesma was the guest speaker



J. HOPE IN WELLNESS CONVENTION - SEPTEMBER 2016

The EPCALM Adult Leukemia Foundation of the Philippines, Inc., in observance of the World Leukemia Awareness Month 2017 last September, organized the first "Hope in Wellness Convention 2017", the first of many conventions, which brought together health and wellness speakers, enthusiasts and entrepreneurs into one roof, with an auction as the main attraction for the 3-day event.

Also, to stay true to EPCALM's mission to assist adult leukemia patients with their blood requirements, a blood-letting activity with the St. Luke's Global, St. Luke's Quezon City and Cardinal Santos Medical Centers was an important and integral part of the event as well.

The convention gathered exhibitors from the traditional and non-traditional medicine, health and fitness practices.

Guest celebrities were invited for meet and greet sessions, entertainment and inspirational talks. Health and Fitness gurus and lecturers also gave lectures and demos.



K. EPCALM FAMILY HUDDLE - OCTOBER 2017

A 3rd Family Huddle was conducted last October 21, 2017 at the 10th Floor, One Shangri-la Condominium, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila.

Resource Speakers: Rita Gonzalez, Cancer survivor and Kuh Ledesma



L. RELEASE OF DSWD LICENSE - OCTOBER 2017

DSWD has upgraded EPCALM's accreditation to a DSWD-licensed NGO. Approval was received last October 2017, after EPCALM passed the rigid documentation and inspection requirements of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) application process.

M. SEMINARS ATTENDED BY EPCALM RESIDENT SOCIAL WORKER

- October 20, 2017 DSWD Forum- Public Solicitation and SWDA Act
- November 10, 2017 DSWD-ABSNET cluster general assembly
- Nov 15-17, 2017 Training on Basic Counseling