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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.

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- **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

Per the latest Global Cancer Statistics released in September 2018 by GLOBOCAN¹, leukemia is the 5th cancer killer site in the Philippines. GLOBOCAN is an online database providing estimates of incidence and mortality in 185 countries for 36 types of cancer, and for all cancer sites combined². The data is part of the International Agency for Research on Cancer's (IARC) Global Cancer Observatory, in coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Per the GLOBOCAN 2018 report³, recorded new cases for leukemia in the Philippines is 5,741 (8th Cancer Site), while the recorded number of deaths for the same year is 5,133 (5th Cancer Site). 2018 Philippine and World Mortality Rates (New Cases/Deaths) for leukemia is 89% and 90%, respectively.

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 2019, EPCALM has serviced a total of 280 adult leukemia Filipino patients in the country and abroad. For the Fiscal Year (FY)⁴ 2019, EPCALM is servicing 93 patients and their families.

Table 2.A.1 - EPCALM Patient Statistics

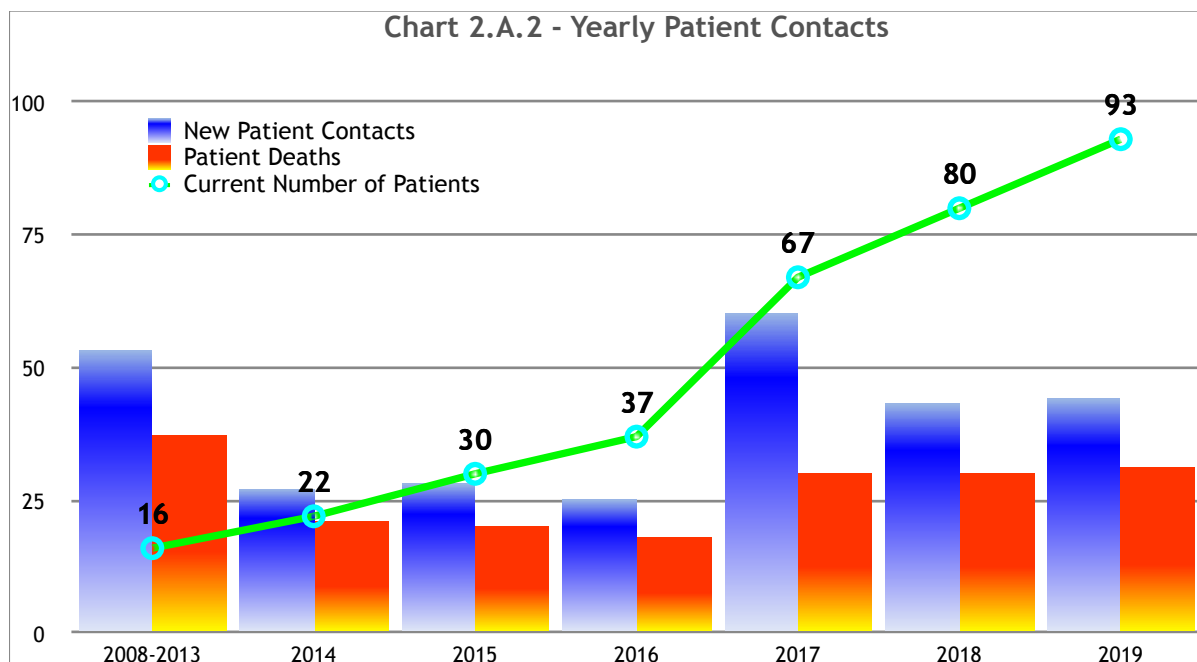
Year	New Patient Contacts	Patient Deaths	Current Number of Patients	Mortality Rate (New Cases/Deaths) %
2008 - 2013	53	37	16	70%
2014	27	21	22	78%
2015	28	20	30	71%
2016	25	18	37	72%
2017	60	30	67	50%
2018	43	30	80	70%
2019	44	31	93	70%
TOTAL	280	187	93	67%

¹ <http://gco.iarc.fr/today/data/factsheets/populations/608-philippines-fact-sheets.pdf>

² <https://www.uicc.org/news/new-global-cancer-data-globocan-2018>

³ <http://gco.iarc.fr/today/data/factsheets/populations/608-philippines-fact-sheets.pdf>

⁴ EPCALM statistics tracking is based on the Foundation's Fiscal Year, starting November up to October of the next year.



Based on the total number of recorded cases nationwide, around 0.7% of these patients were serviced by EPCALM.

Forty-four (44) new patients were processed in FY 2018 – 2019. Based on averages, for the first six years since EPCALM started receiving patients, an average of around 8.83 new patients were being serviced yearly. This number of new patients being serviced has quadrupled in the succeeding six-year period (from 2014 – 2019), where an average of 37.83 patients were being serviced yearly. This average of around 38 new patients every year is sustainable, based on the trend in the last two (2) fiscal years (2018 and 2019). For the next 5 years (Year 2020 – Year 2024), EPCALM will target a yearly average of around 50 – 60 patients to be serviced, or a 30% - 40% increase from the previous 6-year period (2014 – 2019) average.

The trend on the cumulative number of patients being serviced is steadily increasing, which now currently stands at 93 patients. The trend slope though is lesser over the last 2 year period (2018 and 2019) as compared to the previous 2 year period (2016 and 2017), mainly due to its higher mortality rates.

B. DISTRIBUTION BY CURRENT STATUS OF PATIENTS

Of the 280 EPCALM serviced patients to date, 187 of these patients are already deceased. This represents a 67% mortality rate (recorded cases/deaths) as shown on Table 2.A.1 above. Comparing this metric with the 2018 Globocan Philippine and World Mortality rates at 89% and 90%, respectively, there is around a 20% difference in EPCALM's recorded mortality rate of 67% (69% if we included current patients with no information⁵, which can be re-categorized as discharged, as EPCALM has not received any new status on these patients).

EPCALM's mortality rate is an interesting metric to track in the coming years, as these lower rates "might" be an indirect and/or direct effect of the impact of the services that EPCALM is rendering to its patients, resulting in lower mortality rates.

Take note that patients who undergo chemotherapy and/or Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) who survive after 5 years of treatment are considered cured. The current patients⁶ that EPCALM are servicing are in the following stages of their healing journey:

- Patient Survivors
- Post-BMT Patients
- Patients in Remission
- Patients undergoing chemotherapy
- Patients just discharged from the hospital
- Patients undergoing out-patient treatment
- Patients having no Treatment
- Deceased patients

The relevant figure in Table 2.B.1 below is the number of patient survivors, which has doubled from 3 to 6 (100%). The number of deceased patients has increased by 37 (25%), due to the deaths recorded during this fiscal year and updated death information in the previous years. There are more patients in remission after completing their corresponding treatment protocols. We pray that these patients stay in remission.

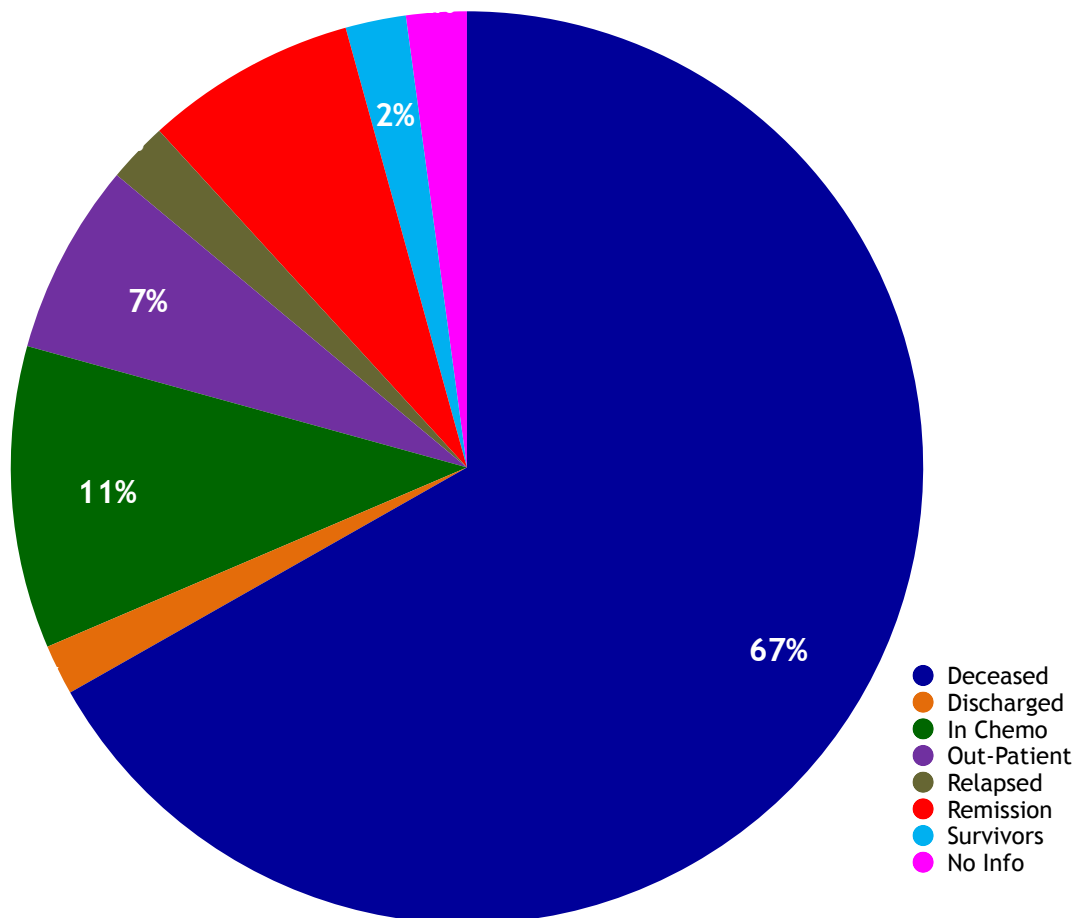
⁵ Note In next report for FY 2019 – 2020, the No Info row will be re-categorized under discharged patients if no new update will be received from patients under this category for the last five (5) years.

⁶ For some serviced patients though, EPCALM was not able to get updated status information.

Table 2.B.1 - Patient Journey Status Statistics

Status of Patients	FY 2018 – 2019 No. of Patients	FY 2017 – 2018 No. of Patients
DECEASED PATIENTS	187	150
DISCHARGED PATIENTS	5	6
ONGOING IN CHEMO	30	30
MAINTENANCE/OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT	19	17
RELAPSED PATIENTS	6	5
PATIENTS IN REMISSION	21	12
PATIENT SURVIVORS	6	3
NO INFO	6	3
TOTAL	280	228

Chart 2.B.2 - Distribution by Current Status of Patients



C. PATIENT DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF DISEASE

EPCALM's registry details out the type of disease of each and every patient that is being serviced by the foundation. Though EPCALM services mainly the adult leukemia patients, it does not close its doors to other blood-related diseases.

Distribution as to the type of leukemia or other blood-related diseases of the 280 serviced patients⁷ 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 Syndrome (MDS)
- Amyloidosis (AA)
- Lymphoma

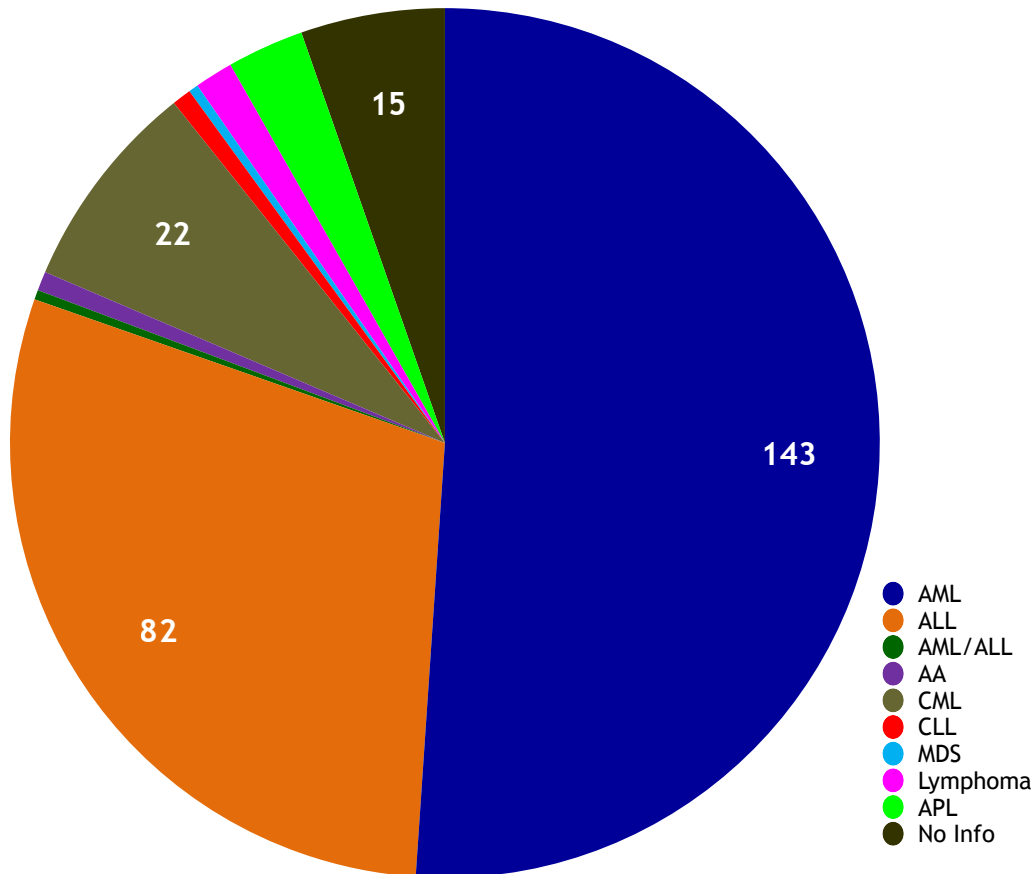
Table 2.C.1 - Patient Disease Statistics

Patients by Type of Disease	FY 2018 – 2019 No. of Patients	FY 2017 – 2018 No. of Patients
AML PATIENTS	143	120
ALL PATIENTS	82	63
AML/ALL PATIENTS	1	1
AA PATIENTS	2	2
CML PATIENTS	22	15
CLL PATIENTS	2	2
MDS PATIENTS	1	1
LYMPHOMA PATIENTS	4	4
APL PATIENTS	8	5
NO INFO	15	15
TOTAL	280	228

⁷ For some serviced patients though, EPCALM was not able to get updated status information.

Per Table 2.C.1 above, AML and ALL cases had the biggest increases in the number of patients, at 23 (19%) and 19 (30%), respectively. CML and APL cases also had moderate increases at 7 (47%) and 3 (60%), respectively.

Chart 2.C.2 - Patient Distribution by Type of Leukemia



For FY 2018-2019, the percentage of AML patients has dipped last fiscal year from 53% to 51%. AML patients though remain as the biggest group of patients that EPCALM is servicing. ALL patients showed an increase by a percentage point, from 28% last fiscal year to 29% this year. As mentioned earlier, the biggest gainers percentage-wise are the APL (60%) and CML (47%) cases.

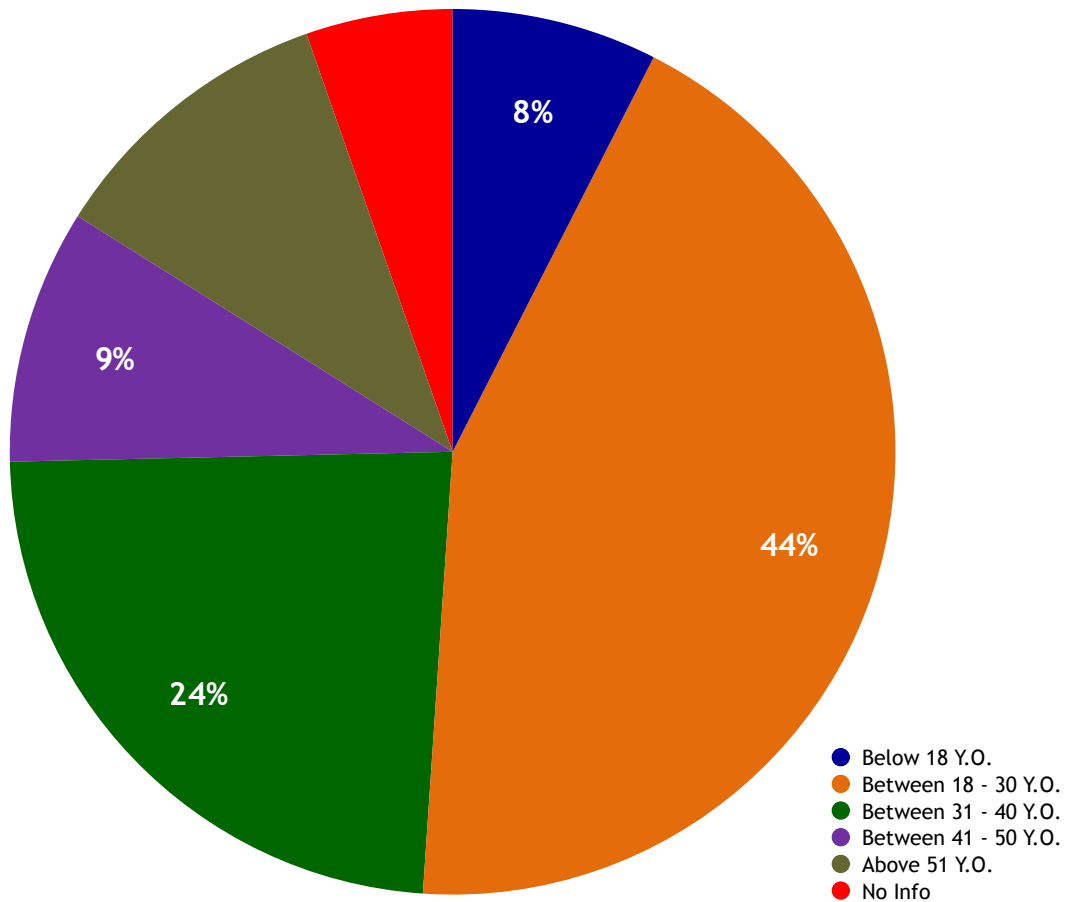
D. PATIENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

EPCALM services adult leukemia patients⁸ 18 years old and above, although patients below 18 (pediatric age group) have contacted EPCALM as well, and are being serviced on a case-to-case basis in accordance with EPCALM's Patient Processing Flowchart.

Table 2.D.1 - Patient Age Statistics

Patient Age Groups	FY 2018 – 2019 No. of Patients	FY 2017 – 2018 No. of Patients
PATIENTS BELOW 18 Y.O.	21	15
PATIENTS BETWEEN 18 - 30 Y.O.	122	100
PATIENTS BETWEEN 31 - 40 Y.O.	66	49
PATIENTS BETWEEN 41 - 50 Y.O.	26	22
PATIENTS ABOVE 51 Y.O.	30	27
NO DATA ON AGE	15	15
TOTAL	280	228

Chart 2.D.2 - Patient Distribution by Age



⁸ For some serviced patients though, EPCALM was not able to get updated status information.

Per Table 2.D.1 above, patients between the age range of 18 – 30 years old (22) and between 31 – 40 years old (17) registered the highest number of new cases in FY 2018 – 2019.

Percentage-wise, patients belonging to the 18 – 30 year old age group category maintained the highest percentage of patients that EPCALM is servicing at 44%. Patients in the 31 – 40 age range registered a moderate jump from 21% last year to 24% this year.

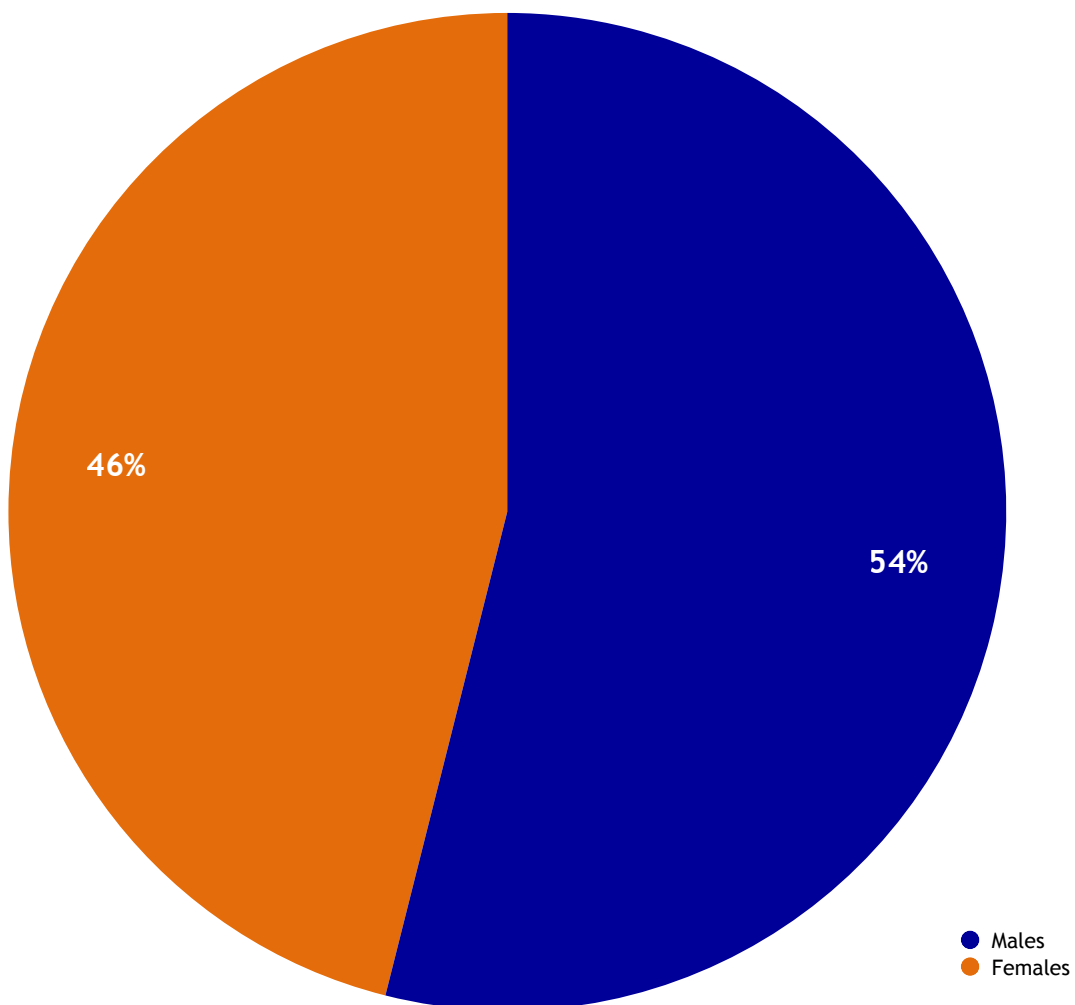
E. MALE-FEMALE PATIENT RATIO

Per Table 2.E.1 below, Female patients had more new cases (28) as compared to the Male patients (24).

Table 2.E.1 - Male-Female Patient Statistics

Patient Gender	FY 2018 – 2019 No. of Patients	FY 2017 – 2018 No. of Patients
NUMBER OF EPCALM PATIENTS	280	228
NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS	151	127
NUMBER OF FEMALE PATIENTS	129	101

Chart 2.E.2 - Male-Female Patient Ratio



On a cumulative basis since 2008, the Male patients still had a higher percentage (54%) as compared to the Female patients (46%). The current percentage ratio is more or less comparable to the 2018 Globocan statistics⁹, which showed a 56% vs .44% Male - Female ratio, with a sample size of 5,741 patients.

⁹ <http://gco.iarc.fr/today/data/factsheets/populations/608-philippines-fact-sheets.pdf>

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 2018 - 2019, following were the Spiritual services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:

- Liaised with the Christ Commission Fellowship’s (CCF) Life to the Max program, to bring spiritual feeding to EPCALM patients, their families and volunteers. CCF’s Life to the Max meets every Sunday at the CCF Building in Ortigas.
- Continued to pray continually for EPCALM Patients and their families through EPCALM’s network of Prayer volunteers and groups (e.g. Social media, 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. Social Work Program Director, Board of Trustees, Social Workers and/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 HOPE Packs and reading materials to EPCALM patients and their families, to provide them with renewed hope, strength and vigor with the holding cross and 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.

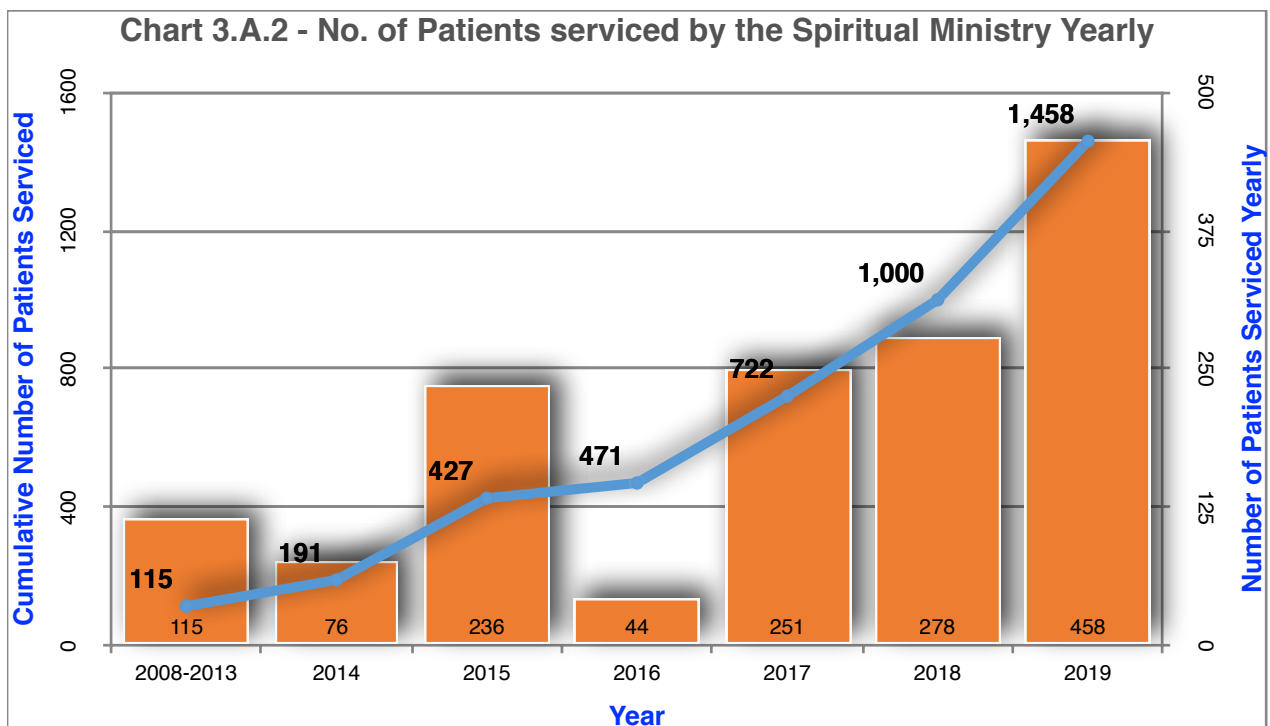


- Continued to post in Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, EPCALM's Daily Reflections and Daily Devotions for its followers, EPCALM serviced patients and their families,



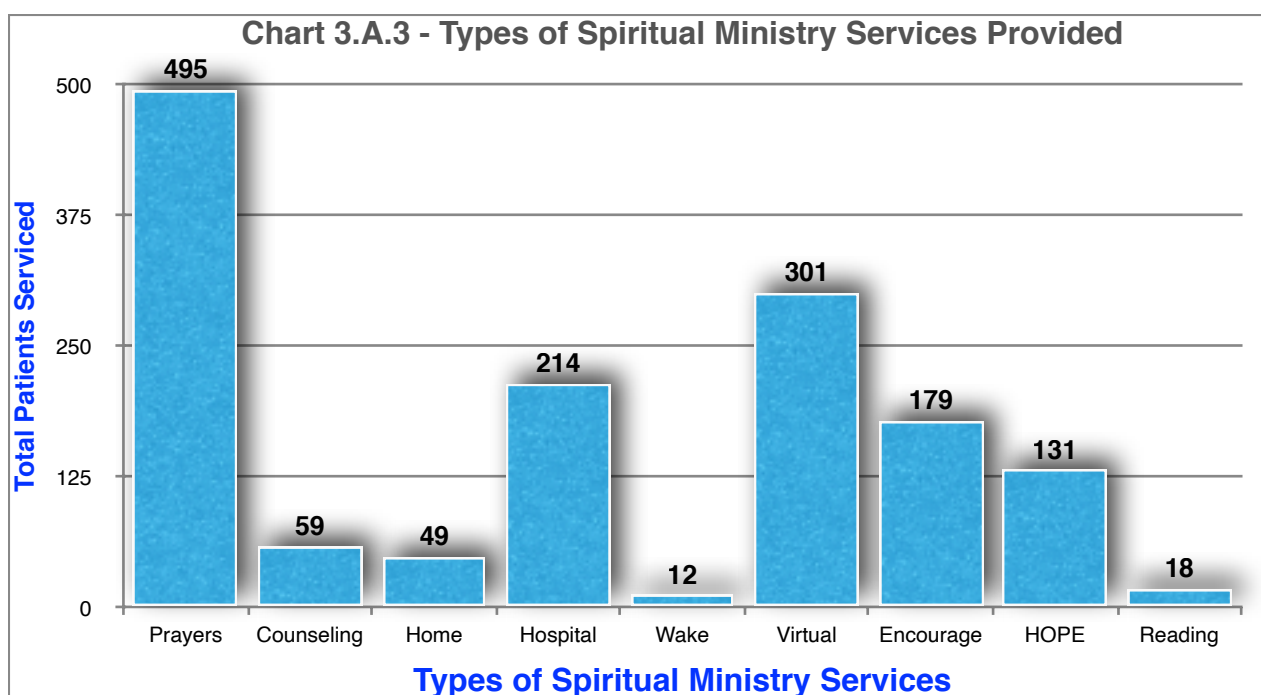
Table 3.A.1 - Spiritual Ministry Services Statistics

	2008 - 2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Prayers	51	45	204	12	107	39	37	495
Counseling	24	17	5	5	2	0	6	59
Home Visits	12	2	7	10	8	6	4	49
Hospital Visits	22	11	16	11	76	38	40	214
Wake Visits	1	0	0	3	6	0	2	12
Virtual Visits	4	0	0	0	0	74	223	301
Encouragement/Remembrance	1	1	2	2	3	78	92	179
HOPE Pack	0	0	0	0	44	42	45	131
Reading Materials	0	0	2	1	5	1	9	18
Total	115	76	236	44	251	278	458	1458



volunteers, friends, donors and supporters.

EPCALM has maximized the use of Social Media (through FaceBook), texts and phone calls to communicate, monitor the status and health condition of our patients. FY 2018 – 2019 saw a more than triple growth in the virtual visits of our Social Workers. The number of Hospital and Home visits remained relatively constant throughout the years, although we target to increase the number of visits as more EPCALM Social Workers have come on board (4). Being there and lending a hand during confinement is better



appreciated by our patients and their family members.

Prayers for our patients and their families are lagging behind the other Spiritual Ministry services, although this service remains as the top service being utilized for this Ministry. Moving forward, EPCALM will efficiently utilize our website and social media to request for prayers for our patients.

The number of HOPE packs being distributed this year corresponds to the number of new patients. As we target more patients to be serviced in the coming years, the number of packs will also increase.

Cumulative amount of HOPE Packs, special occasions cards and reading materials given to patients now stands at in PESOS: **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & 00/100 (Php 121,700.00).**

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

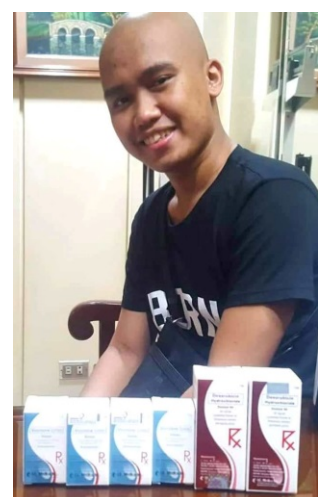
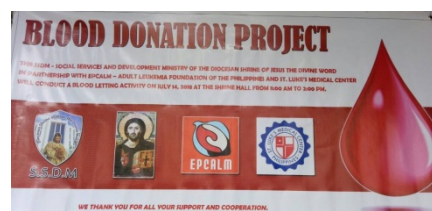
“...The Medical Ministry endeavors to provide the victims of leukemia with guided options for the best medical care and direct them to appropriate centers for treatment locally or internationally...”

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



For Fiscal year 2018 - 2019, following were the Medical services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:

- Continued to provide assistance to 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; drug donations from partner drug companies; and/or unused medicines from EPCALM patients;
- Utilized social media to request for patient's blood and donations for their other medical needs; and
- A consultation time for patients with in-house hematologists was planned starting fiscal year 2017-2018, although this program never really got off the ground. This service



though is available for any/all patients who would require consultations, although in the future, these will be scheduled on a per request basis.

Table 3.B.1 - Medical Ministry Services Statistics

Service Descriptions	2008-2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Provided medical options	13	7	2	0	0	0	0	22
Gave Chemo Drugs	1	2	9	1	46	25	30	114
Gave/Assisted in getting Blood	1	5	9	1	18	5	2	41
Gave Medical supplies	0	0	0	1	11	10	1	23
Gave Doctor Referrals	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
Provided Other services	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	4
Total	16	18	21	3	78	40	33	209

FY 2018 – 2019 saw a slight dip in the number of medical services given to patients as compared to the previous fiscal year (FY 2017 – 2018). The leading Medical Ministry service this year was still the provision of chemo drugs to patients. Chemo drugs are provided to patients based on the patient protocols. EPCALM then sources out the common drugs and provides the needed chemo treatment drugs to our patients.

Cumulative amount of Chemo drugs, blood and other services given to patients for Fiscal Year ending 2018 - 2019 now stands at in PESOS: **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN & 00/100 (Php1,683,113.00)**.

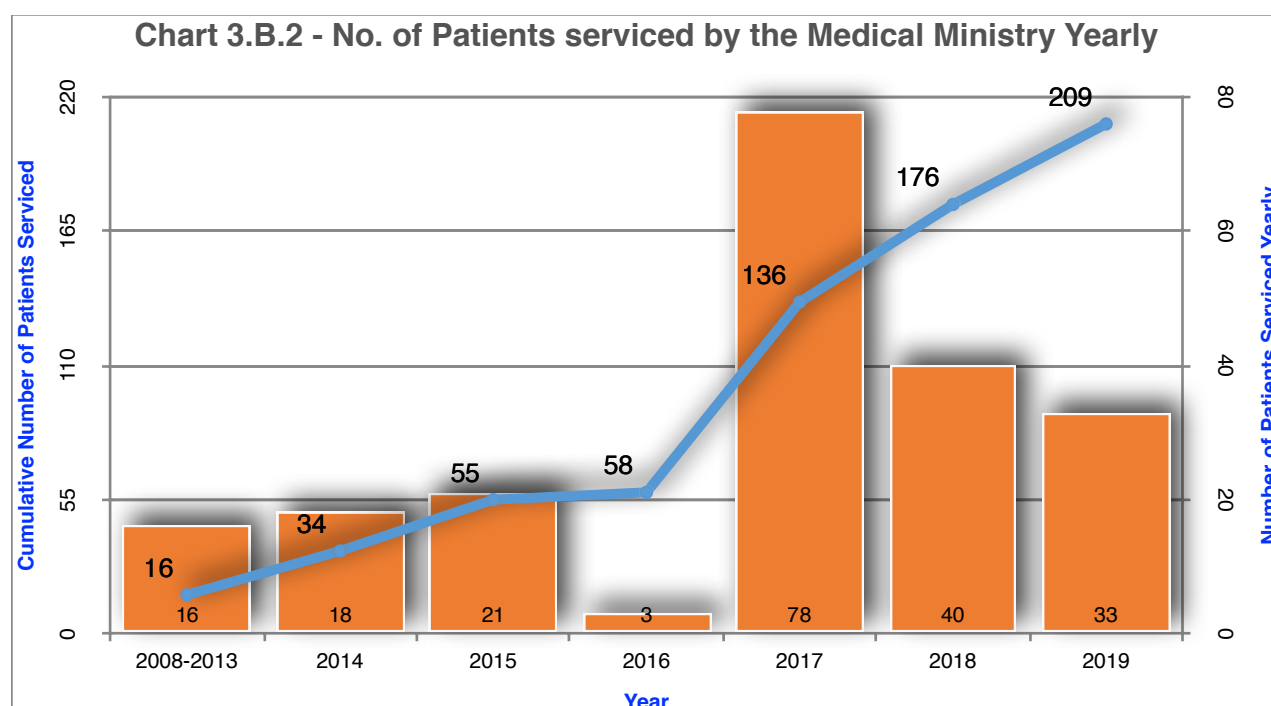


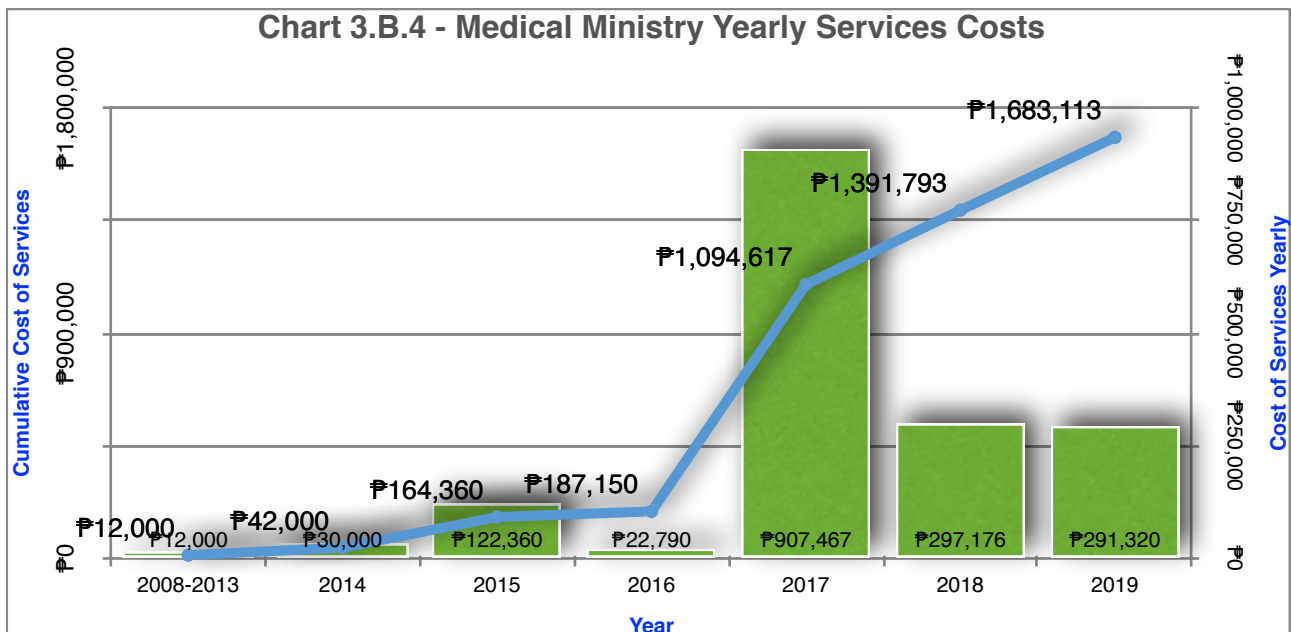
Chart 3.B.3 - Medical Ministry Services Cost Statistics

Service Descriptions	2008-2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Gave Chemo Drugs	₱10,000	₱20,000	₱87,860	₱20,790	₱875,017	₱277,396	₱258,320	₱1,549,383
Gave/Assisted in getting Blood	₱2,000	₱10,000	₱28,500	₱0	₱20,000	₱8,000	₱13,000	₱81,500
Gave Medical supplies	₱0	₱0	₱0	₱2,000	₱12,450	₱11,780	₱20,000	₱46,230
Provided Other Services	₱0	₱0	₱6,000	₱0	₱0	₱0	₱0	₱6,000
Total	₱12,000	₱30,000	₱122,360	₱22,790	₱907,467	₱297,176	₱291,320	₱1,683,113

FY 2018 – 2019 spending on medical services has slightly decreased (Php 291,320), as compared to the previous fiscal year (Php 297,176). As EPCALM continues to build up its coffers through its various activities and events and engaging more individual and corporate donors, EPCALM will target to increase more our spending on Chemo drugs, blood supply and other medical supplies, so that we can service more patients.

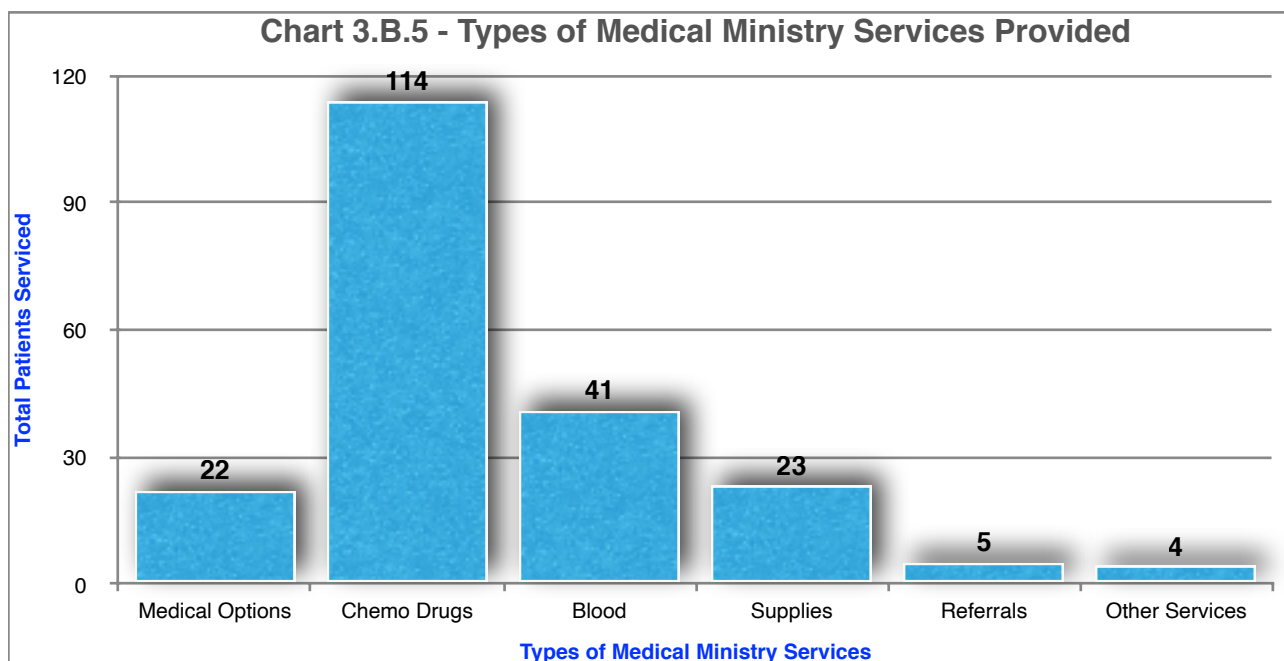
EPCALM needs to engage our affiliated hematologists and oncologists to provide more guided medical options, especially for patients who still do not have doctors or need second opinions, and also increase the number of doctor referrals in the coming fiscal year, as these services have not been fully utilized in the past few years.

Chart 3.B.4 - Medical Ministry Yearly Services Costs



Providing Chemo drugs to Patients continues to top the list of services offered by the Medical Ministry. This service has been proven to be very helpful especially for patients who are running short on their finances, to tide them over during their scheduled chemo sessions.

Next to giving chemo drugs is providing blood coming from the blood drives that EPCALM has conducted, or through calls for help using Social media.



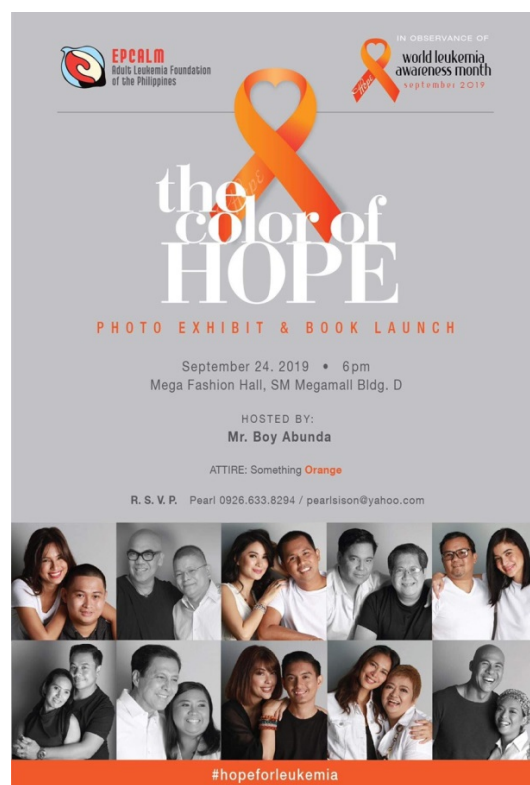
Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of Medical Ministry service offerings, please refer to <http://www.epcalm.org/medical-arm/>.

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 2018 - 2019, 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 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, through the following activities: Fun Runs; Coffee Table Book, Sale of Items (i.e. Martin CDs, EPCALM shirts and mugs) among others.



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 about Leukemia.



For FY 2018 - 2019, 57 patients were serviced by the Financial Ministry's services. The number of Financial Ministry services have more or less remained stable over the last three (3) Fiscal years (2017 – 2019), averaging 65 Financial services provided to patients. Most of this Ministry's services are done in December (Groceries/Gift Packs). There is a very big drop in the published/posted articles though, which EPCALM needs to boost in the coming Fiscal year.

Table 3.C.1 - Financial Ministry Services Statistics

Service	2008 - 2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Monetary Assistance	34	3	5	4	35	2	5	88
Groceries/Gift Packs	12	5	0	1	24	73	52	167
Fund Raising	3	3	6	0	1	0	0	13
Published/Posted Articles	61	1	1	3	1	0	0	67
Other Assistance	3	2	4	0	0	4	0	13
Total	113	14	16	8	61	79	57	348

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

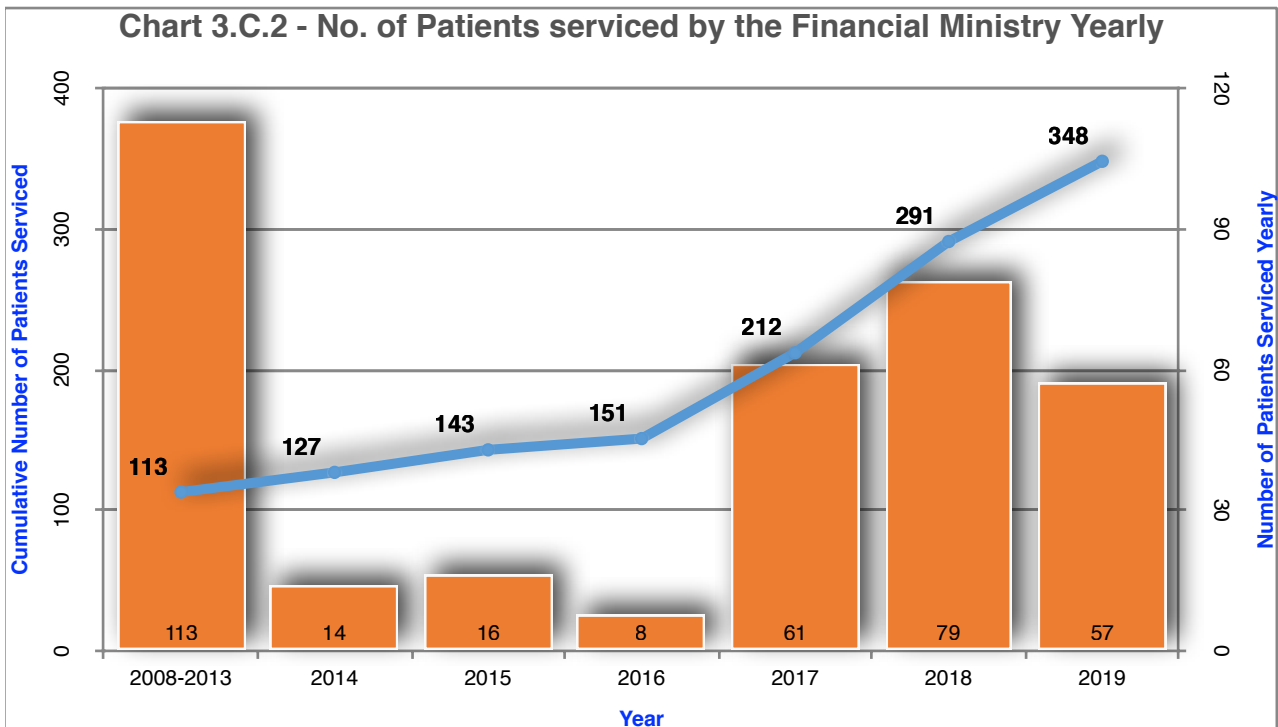
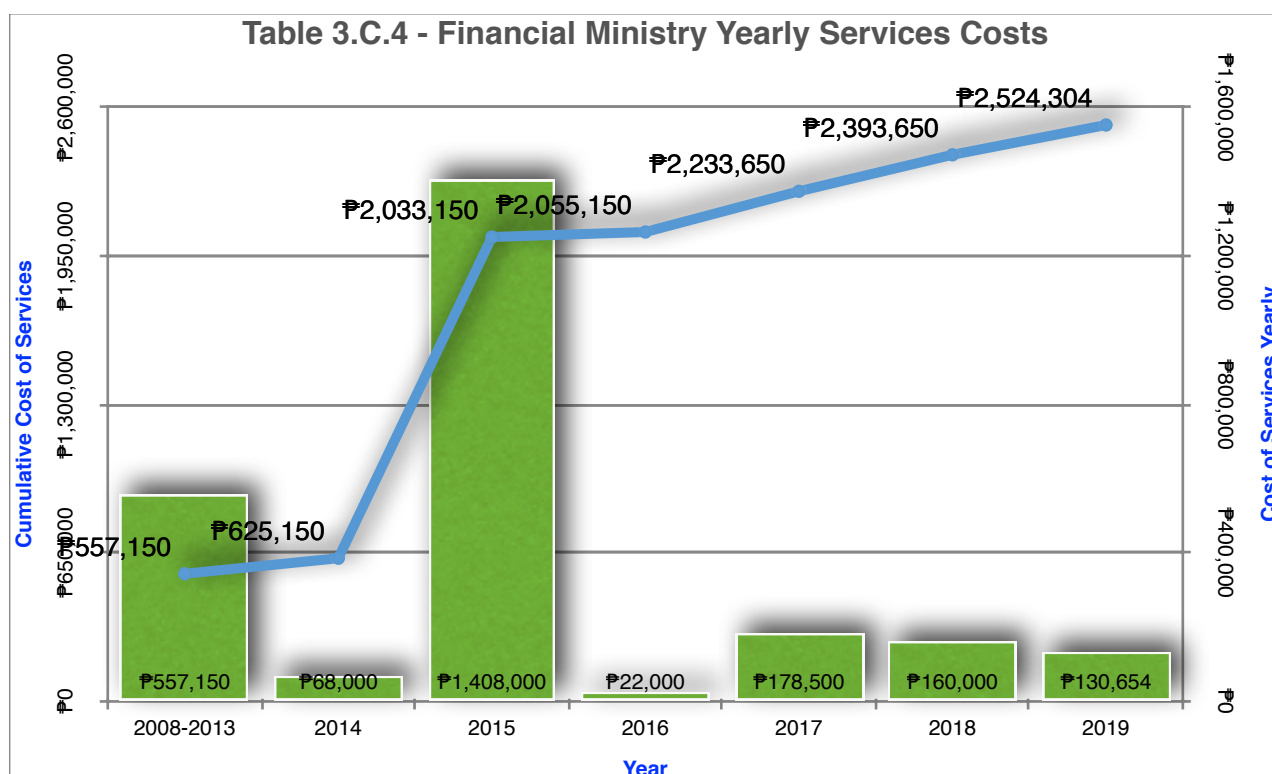


Table 3.C.3 - Financial Ministry Services Cost Statistics

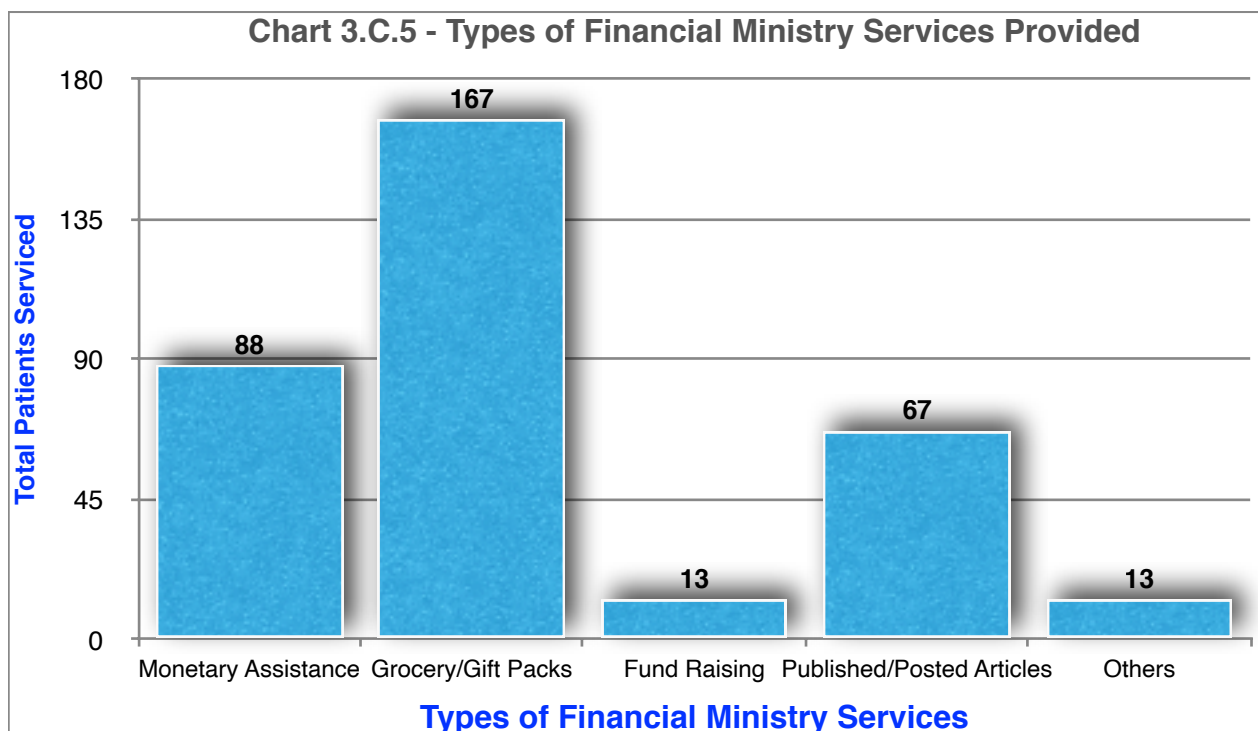
Service	2008-2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Monetary Assistance	₱341,150	₱18,000	₱44,000	₱20,000	₱34,500	₱14,000	₱26,654	₱498,304
Groceries/Gift Packs	₱18,000	₱15,000	₱0	₱2,000	₱44,000	₱146,000	₱104,000	₱329,000
Fund Raising	₱183,000	₱30,000	₱1,300,000	₱0	₱100,000	₱0	₱0	₱1,613,000
Others Assistance	₱15,000	₱5,000	₱64,000	₱0	₱0	₱0	₱0	₱84,000
Total	₱557,150	₱68,000	₱1,408,000	₱22,000	₱178,500	₱160,000	₱130,654	₱2,524,304

The frequency of services in this Ministry has been erratic, as shown in the statistics below. To date, a total of PESOS: **TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOUR & 00/100 (Php2,524,304.00)** have been given to EPCALM patients and their families, through the fund raising efforts of the Resource Mobilization Ministry.

Table 3.C.4 - Financial Ministry Yearly Services Costs



Focus of EPCALM's services has shifted to the Medical Ministry, where providing assistance in kind (i.e. Chemo drugs, blood, etc.) is found more effective than giving direct monetary assistance, hence the decline in the amount of the Financial Ministry services over the past few years.



Topping the list of services for the Financial Ministry is the Grocery/Gift Pack services, which is seasonal. Publishing and/or posting of requests for patient financial assistance using Social Media comes in next but showed a very sharp decline over the past few years. This service has to be reinvigorated to draw more support and donors for our patients.

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)...”

January 2019 Family Huddle



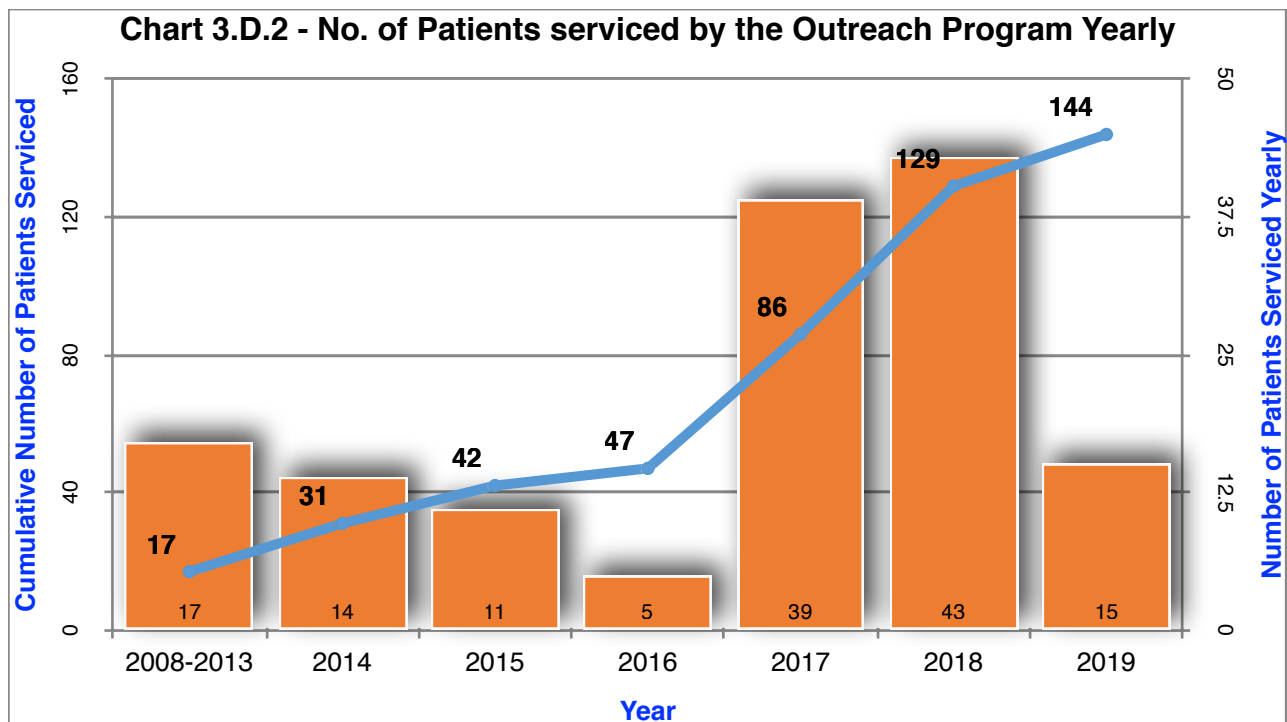
March 2019 Family Huddle





October 2019 Family Huddle





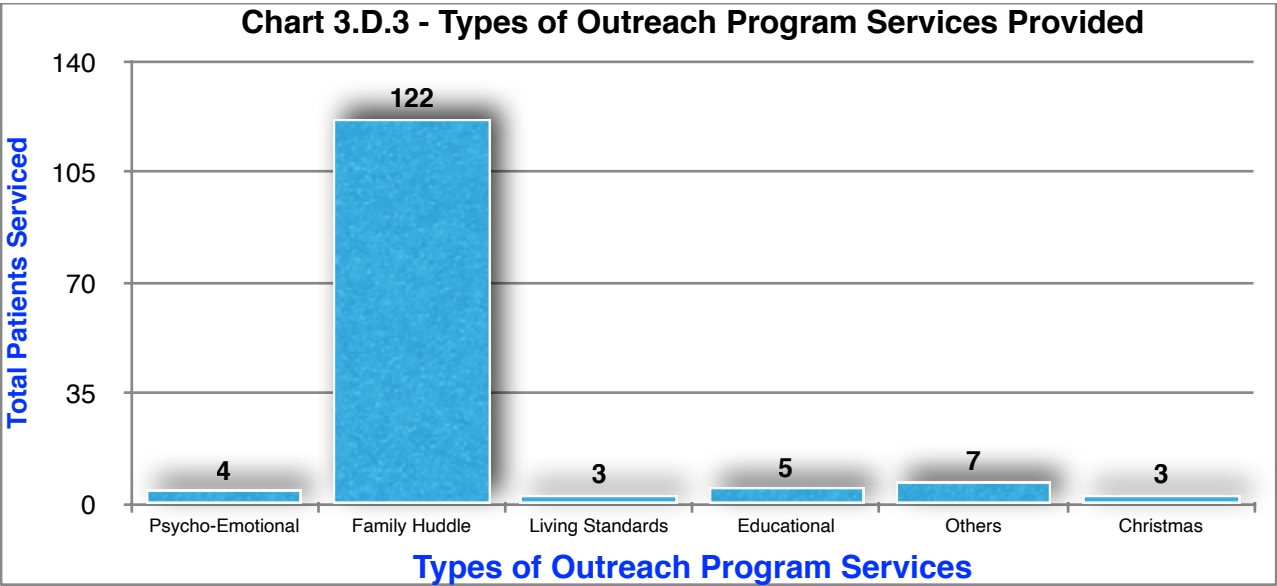
For Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019, EPCALM continued to focus on conducting Family Huddles for its patients, patient families, volunteers and staff to fellowship together, so as to uplift each other as experiences and testimonies are shared. Conducting Family huddles is EPCALM's way of gathering patients and 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	2008-2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Psycho-emotional support	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
Family Huddle	8	10	6	5	37	41	15	122
Alleviate Living Standards	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Educational Assistance	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
Other Assistance	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	7
Christmas Party	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	17	14	11	5	39	43	15	144

Per Table 3.D.1 above, the number of patient/patient family participants has gone down for FY 2018 – 2019 as compared to the previous Fiscal year (2017 – 2018), due to the lesser number of patient/patient family attendees during these events. EPCALM will continue to conduct these family huddles and encourage patients and/or their families to attend such huddles, although patient constraint is really their current health condition, which is preventing them from attending these sessions, aside from financial/travel considerations going to the huddle venue.

For the 3rd straight fiscal year, the only ongoing regular patient service of the Outreach Program is the Family Huddle, which is being run on a regular basis (quarterly). The EPCALM Patients and their families have found this service as a helpful venue to meet, talk and touch base with the other patients who are going through their own individual journeys. EPCALM will target to provide more service offerings designed to assist patients and their families as they journey through the disease (i.e. living standards, educational assistance, etc.).



Total cumulative cost of outreach services for Fiscal year ending 2018 – 2019 in PESOS is:
TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED & 00/100 (Php 25,200.00) ONLY.

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 the pursuit of advocacies...”

For Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019, the three (3) activities conducted which involved patients and their families were the annual Friends of EPCALM assembly, the annual EPCALM-Cancer Warrior Foundation (CWF) Fellowship, and the annual World Leukemia Awareness Month (WLAM) celebration, where an event was organized by EPCALM to launch its Coffee Table Book (CTB).

The next Friends of EPCALM Assembly will be held during the Annual EPCALM Membership Meeting scheduled on November 16, 2019, while Understanding Grief 6 : Beyond Mental Health (Grief Seminar) is scheduled on

November 28 – 29, 2019. The annual EPCALM – Cancer Warriors Foundation (CWF) is also still scheduled on December 7, 2019.



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

Service Descriptions	2008-2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Grief Seminar	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	6
HOPE Fund	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
WLAM Activity	0	3	0	2	5	0	5	15
EPCALM-CWF Activity	0	5	0	0	11	0	0	16
Volunteers Assembly	1	7	2	4	0	0	0	14
Others - NIH, Evening of Hop	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Friends of EPCALM Assembly	0	0	3	2	3	13	9	30
Total	15	15	8	13	19	13	14	97

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

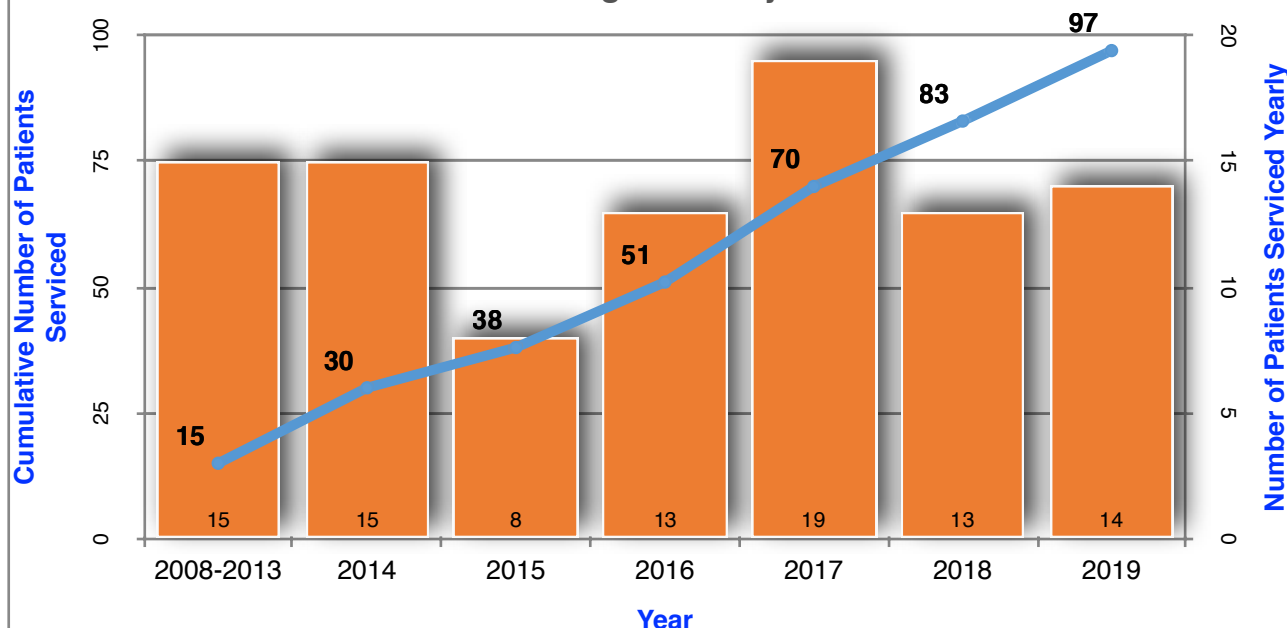
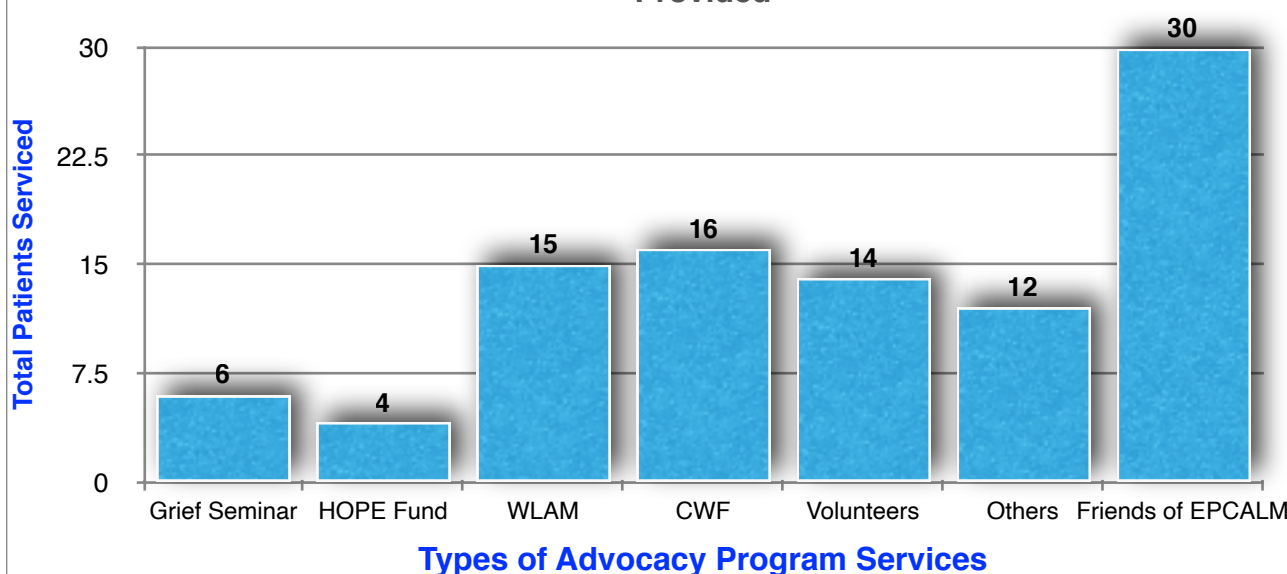


Chart 3.E.3 - Types of Advocacy & Awareness Program Services Provided



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 2018 - 2019, following were the Partnerships and Affiliations Program Services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:

- Established links with the Christ Commission Fellowship (CCF) church last October 21, 2018, through their “Life To The Max” program. Dr. Erlyn Demerre, EPCALM Founder and Chairman was invited to speak during this time and EPCALM Patients and/or their families attended. Around 20 patients/patient families attended during this time. This will be a weekly activity for EPCALM Patients and their families, to get to fellowship with fellow believers and get spiritual nourishment, in support of the Spiritual Ministry’s programs.
- Continued to utilize Church linkages to do Hospital and Home visitations (i.e. Ellinwood Malate Church (EMC));
- Continued to utilize Drug Company linkages to buy discounted medicines;
- Continued to utilize Hospital linkages for referrals/accommodation of EPCALM patients during treatment, EPCALM activities and/or blood drives (i.e. University of the Philippines – Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH); St. Lukes Medical Center (SLMC) – Global and Quezon City); and



- Met with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) Hospital Ships to explore possible areas of collaboration.

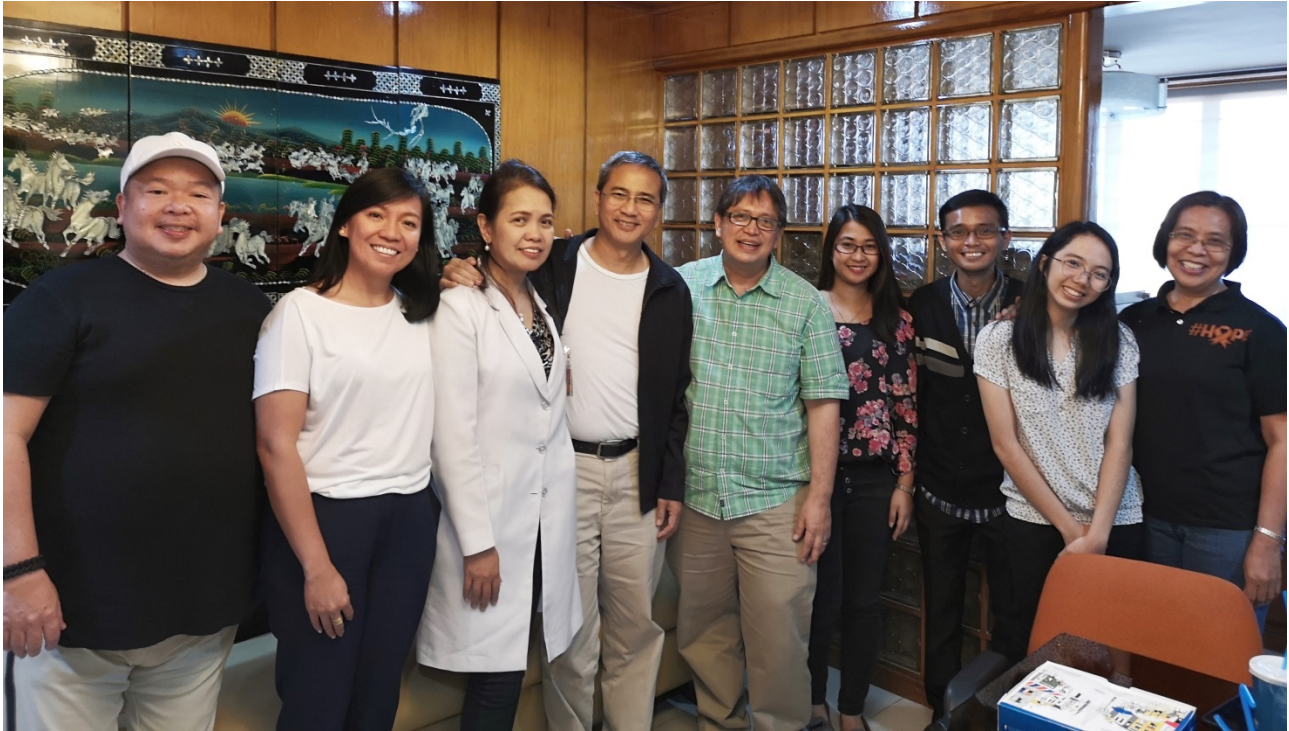
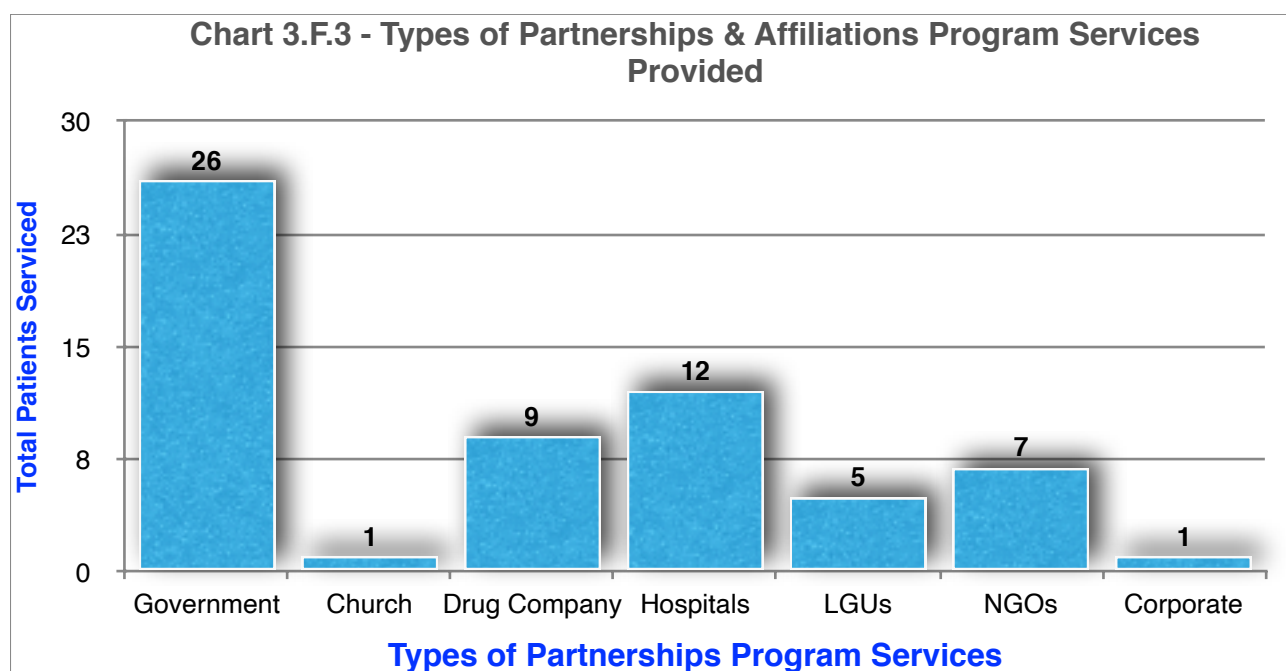
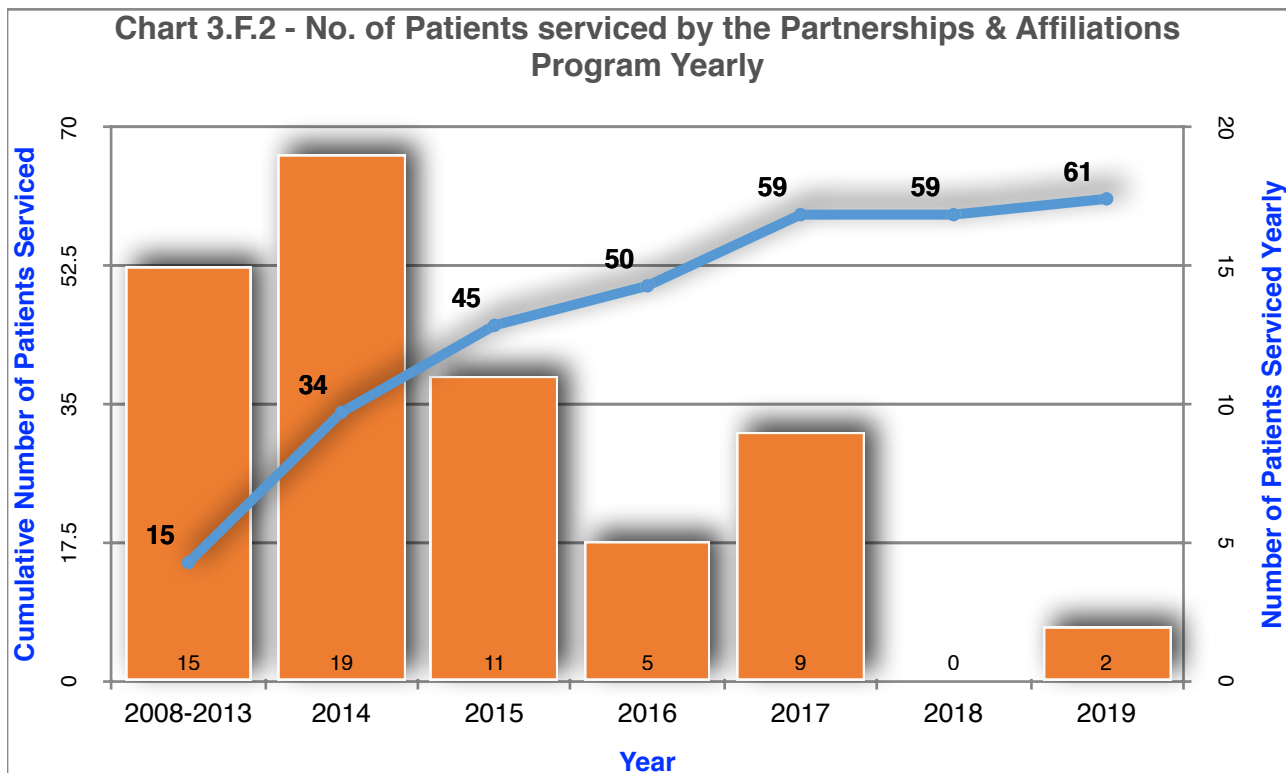


Table 3.F.1 - Partnerships & Affiliations Program Services Statistics

Service Descriptions	2008-2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total Patients Served
Government Agencies Linkage	10	13	2	1	0	0	0	26
Church Linkages	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drug Company Linkages	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	9
Hospital Linkages	2	1	4	2	2	0	1	12
LGU Linkages	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	5
NGO Linkages	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	7
Corporate Linkages	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	15	19	11	5	9	0	2	61

For the coming Fiscal Year, EPCALM needs to maximize existing linkages to deliver the much needed services to our patients. Not much service was rendered this year utilizing EPCALM's existing linkages. Current linkages with our Church partners: Ellinwood Malate Church (EMC), National City United Church (NCUC) and Christ Commission Fellowship (CCF) can be mobilized to provide Spiritual guidance and counseling for our patients and their families while they are admitted in hospitals for treatment.



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

4. 2018 - 2019 EPCALM Highlights

A. CCF'S "LIFE TO THE MAX" – OCT. 2018

Starting October 21, 2018 up to the present, EPCALM has been sending its patients and their families, volunteers and staff to join the weekly (every Sunday) Life to the Max Fellowship at the Christ Commission Fellowship (CCF) church located along Ortigas Avenue corner C5.

The weekly fellowship provides our patients and their families with Christian fellowship, nurturing and spiritual feeding and guidance as they journey towards wholeness, as the Life to the Max fellowship has corresponding D-Groups, composed of a small group of men, women, couples, children, or youth, who commit to meet regularly to learn how to become committed followers of Christ.



EPCALM sends speakers to these weekly fellowship gatherings. Life to the Max D-Group leaders in turn also joins EPCALM's family huddles, to continue with the nurture and spiritual growth of EPCALM's patients and their families.

B. FRIENDS OF EPCALM GENERAL ASSEMBLY – NOV. 2018

The single seed that fell to the ground and died on May 12, 2005, have produced way many more seeds throughout the thirteen (13) 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 5th Friends of EPCALM General Assembly was held last November 17, 2018 at the Avalon Condominium, San Juan City, Metro Manila.

C. EPCALM - CWF FELLOWSHIP – DEC. 2018

Once again last December 8, 2018, EPCALM and the Cancer Warriors Foundation (CWF), a Philippine based patient support organization for families of children with childhood cancer had its annual fellowship gathering at the Ellinwood Malate Church (EMC), one of EPCALM's partner churches.

Food, fun, games and inspirational messages were



part of the annual fellowship program. Grocery pails were also distributed to the patients/patient families during the event.



D. EPCALM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – DEC. 2018

Every Christmas, EPCALM holds a Children's Christmas party at the EPCALM Chairman's neighborhood in Antipolo City, Rizal. Together with volunteers and friends,

the event was held hosting 75 children from the nearby squatters area.



Fun, games, prizes and pail loot bags were given to each and every child who

attended.



E. EPCALM CHRISTMAS THANKSGIVING – DEC. 2018

EPCALM also held a thanksgiving celebration last December 2018, celebrating the lives of the EPCALM patients and thanking the patients' family members for the support they have been providing for their sick family member.



The thanksgiving celebration was held at the 2nd Floor for the Christ Commission Fellowship (CCF) building located at the intersection of Ortigas Avenue and C5. Joining the celebration were the G-Group leaders of CCF's Life to the Max.



Fun, Games, raffle draw and Christmas gifts were given out to patients, patient families and volunteers. Gifts and raffle prizes were donated by EPCALM's patrons, donors and supporters.

F. EPCALM FAMILY HUDDLE – JAN. 2019

The first EPCALM Family Huddle for 2019 was held on January 26, 2019 at #50 West Avenue, Quezon City. The huddle started with the singing of praise songs, followed by the National City United Church (NCUC) men's chorale who sung a couple of songs.



As one of the activities during the huddle, participants were made to choose emoticon cards to describe what they were feeling as of the moment, then share their latest experience/s to the group. This exercise is a way of releasing grief and stress, especially for patients and their families journeying



through leukemia.

EPCALM's Spiritual Director and Board of Trustees member Bennie Lagos then gave an inspirational talk, to encourage the patients and their families.

The huddle was attended by EPCALM Board of Trustees members, patients, their families, volunteers, supporters and staff.

G. EPCALM YWAM MEDICAL SHIPS TALKS – FEB. 2019

Conducted exploratory talks with officials of the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Medical Ships Philippines last February 15, 2019, to look into possible linkages. YWAM medical ships carry volunteers and supplies, bringing compassion, hope and training to remote locations accessible only by ships. Possible linkages could be through EPCALM providing training materials and FAQs on Leukemia, and YWAM doing 1st screening of suspect Leukemia cases.



H. EPCALM FAMILY HUDDLE – MAR. 2019

The 2nd EPCALM Family Huddle was held on March 23, 2019 at #50 West Avenue, Quezon City. The first part of the huddle was the conduct of griefworks, using the colored water analogy to describe the grief process that each and every grieving person goes through.

The 2nd part of the huddle introduced art as therapy for the journeying patients, which was conducted in coordination with the Fernando C. Amorsolo Art Foundation. EPCALM and the Amorsolo Foundation's linkage goes back several years, with



EPCALM being the beneficiary of past Amorsolo Foundation activities, i.e. Coffee Table Book.



For this huddle, Art therapy through water color painting and pastel drawing was introduced. The Amorsolo Foundation brought in Art instructors who taught the huddle

participants the basics in watercolor painting and pastel drawing.



I. RESORTS WORLD MANILA'S RUN WITH ME – AUG. 2019



EPCALM was once again selected as a foundation beneficiary for the 3rd straight year for Resorts World Manila's (RWM) award-winning annual celebrity-led fun run for charity **Run With Me**, now on its 4th year. This year's event was held on August 25, 2019 at the SM MOA concert grounds, which attracted around 7,000 runners.



The beneficiaries of this year's edition of the annual fun run were Right Start Community Development Inc., Tahanang Walang Hagdanan, HERO Foundation, ERDA Tech Foundation and EPCALM Adult Leukemia Foundation. These five charity beneficiaries shared portions of the proceeds from the five celebrity-led teams.



EPCALM's Celebrity runners under the Orange Team was bannered by Rovilson Fernandez, an EPCALM Supporter, who has run and represented EPCALM for the 3rd straight year. Joining Rovilson in the Orange Team were celebrities: Meg Imperial, Ray Gibson and Ronnie Liang.

For this year's run, EPCALM's Orange team got 3rd Place and the prize awarded in PESOS was: **NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND & 00/100 (Php 900,000.00).**



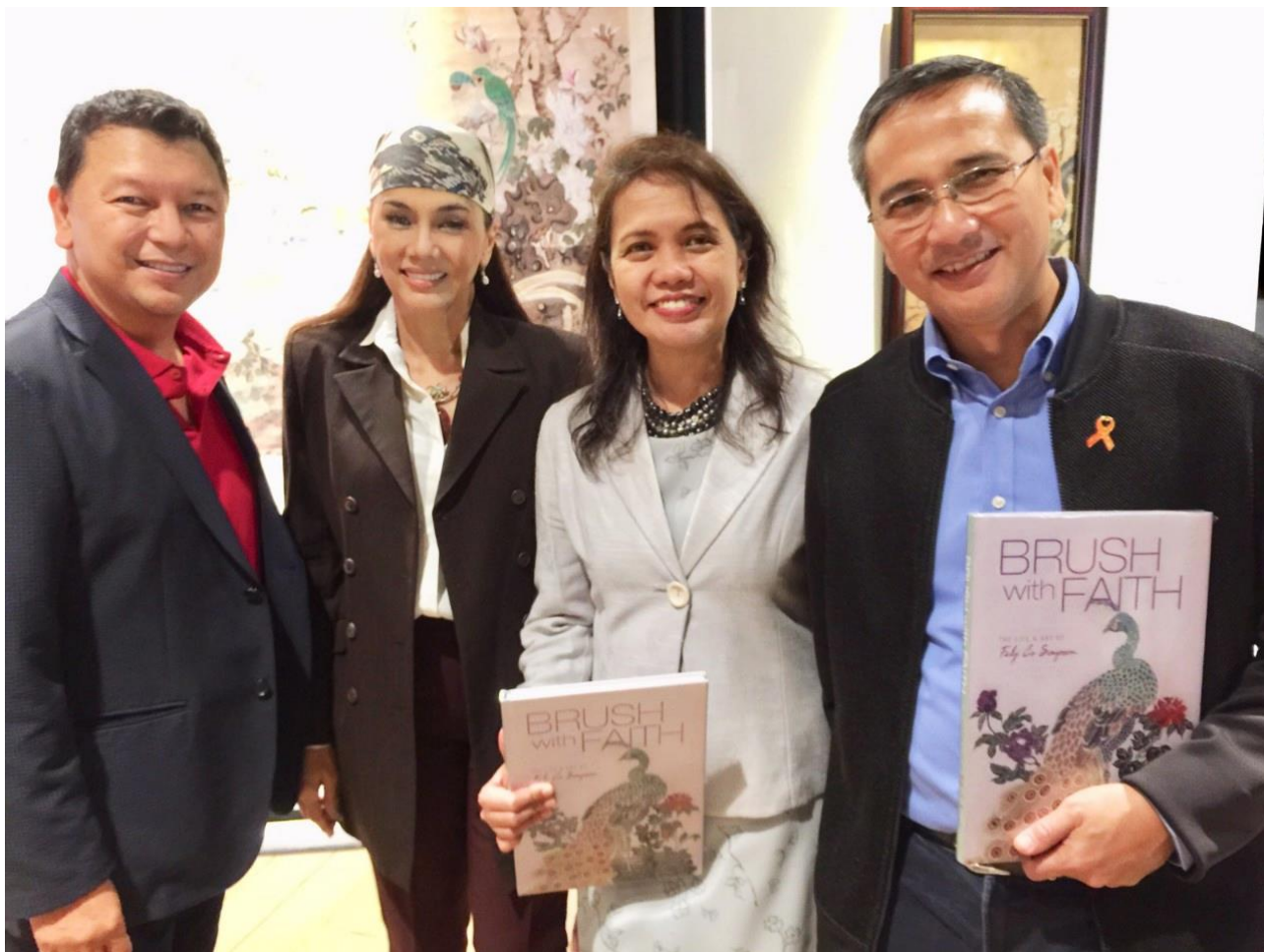
J. “BRUSH WITH FAITH” CTB LAUNCH – SEP. 2019

Fely Co Simpson, an EPCALM Supporter, launched her Coffee Table Book (CTB) entitled “Brush With Faith” last September 19, 2019 at the Garden Pavilion of the Grand Hyatt Manila, 8th Ave. corner 35th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.



One of the beneficiaries of the proceeds on the sale of the paintings and her coffee table book is EPCALM. Other beneficiaries are as follows: Uplift Cares Global Foundation, Biblical Seminary of the Philippines, CCF Beyond, International Graduate School of Leadership.





K. “COLOR OF HOPE” CTB LAUNCH – SEP. 2019

In support of the World Leukemia Awareness Month (WLAM) celebration in the month of September, EPCALM formally launched its “Color of Hope” Coffee Table Book (CTB) last September 24, 2019 at the Mega Trade Hall, SM Megamall Building D, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City.

Hosting the launch was EPCALM Advocate and King of Talk – Boy Abunda who did a series of talks and interviews with the EPCALM Chairman Erlyn Demerre and President and CEO Justice Demerre, EPCALM Advocates and personalities, namely: Tirso Cruz III, Top Suzara, Jonalyn



Lim, Shiela Romero, Linda Ley and Nikki Tang.

EPCALM Advocate and Concert King Martin Nievera sang during the event, including duets with the Concert Queen, Pops Fernandez. Singers Top Suzara and Heart Salvador also did song renditions.

Plaques of Appreciation were also given to Boy Abunda, Martin Nievera, Steven Tan, Pops Fernandez and Top Suzara, for their unwavering support for EPCALM's events and advocacy.







L. EPCALM FAMILY HUDDLE – OCT. 2019

EPCALM once again conducted a family huddle last October 12, 2019 at The White House, #50 West Avenue, Quezon City. A total of 14 patients and/or their families attended, together with PGH Cancer moms and their children-patients.



It was a fun-filled morning with songs of praise, prayers, uplifting talks and games.



The 2nd portion of the Family Huddle again introduced another type of therapy which is crafts making. Craft Instructor, EPCALM Executive Director Mitch Duran led the workshop which featured the Decoupage technique. Decoupage or *découpage* is the art of decorating an object by gluing colored paper cutouts onto it in combination with special paint effects, gold leaf and other decorative elements. Commonly, an object like a small



box or an item of furniture is covered by cutouts from magazines or from purpose-manufactured papers. Each layer is sealed with varnishes (often multiple coats) until the "stuck on" appearance disappears and the result looks like painting or inlay work.

