

i am a
CHILD



Stairway Foundation, Inc. is a non-stock, non-profit, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) located in the Philippines. It was established in 1990 by Lars C. Jorgensen and Monica D. Ray as an alternative strategy to meet the needs of neglected and abused children.

Today, SFI has grown and expanded into a Learning and Resource Center with a large array of programs and activities aiming to promote and protect children's rights in accordance with the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Stairway constantly strives to reach and protect more children through direct services, through training of care givers and through advocacy. It is always our aim to come up with new strategies and programs that will further enhance our status as a most innovative and effective Child Rights NGO.

The colorful collection of artworks gracing the pages of this storybook was created by the children in our programs. Your purchase of this book helps to sustain and expand our work to protect and empower the most disadvantaged of children.

Enjoy!



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I have the right to a name and a nationality.

My name is Mark.

I was born on November 20,
2003, which is Universal
Children's Day, the day that the
United Nations (UN) adopted
the Convention on the Rights
of the Child (UNCRC) back in
1989.

The UNCRC is a document
that was created to protect
children's rights all over the
world. It says that....



I have a
right to a
family and a
home.

This is my family.



I have a
right to an
education.

I love school and study hard.



I have a
right to
nutritious
food and
good
health.

I eat 3 times a day. I love fresh
fruits and vegetables.
They keep me strong and
healthy. I can think when I'm in
school.



I have the
right to
grow up in a
healthy and
peaceful
environment.

I love the sea and all that is
in it.



I have the
right to be
part of a
group and to
be active
in my
community.

I enjoy being with my friends
and playing sports.



I have the
right to
grow and
develop to
my
fullest
abilities and
potentials.

When I grow up, I want to help
to protect the environment.



I have the
right to rest
and play.

The beach is my playground.
My friends and I play there
everyday.



**I have the
right to
information.**

Through my family, my friends,
my teachers, and through
technology like television and
the Internet, I get to better
understand the
world around me.



**I have the
right to
voice my
opinion
and to be
listened to.**

It's a good feeling to know
that my opinions and
ideas are valued and that
I can participate in making
decisions.



But...
I cannot
enjoy my
rights if I
am abused in
any way:
physically,
mentally,
emotionally
or sexually.

Adults must protect us children
from all forms of abuse and
exploitation.



I want the
whole world
to believe in
us children.
We have the
potential to
make a
better
tomorrow.



Every human
has rights!
Please help
to protect
and promote
children's
rights all
over the
world!

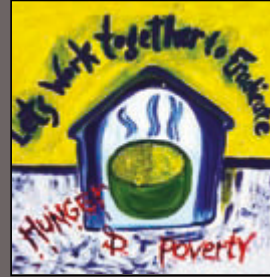


Stairway's Vision

*Through innovation, creative excellence and professional networking,
we strive for universal promotion and upholding of the United Nations'
Convention on the Rights of the Child.*



Mark Galang
The right to a name and a nationality.



Children from Youth
 for Change Camp
*The right to nutrition and
 good health.*



Christian Z. Oraye
The right to a family.



Rey B. Diestro
*The right to a safe and
 peaceful environment.*



Wilmer D. Salazar
The right to an education.

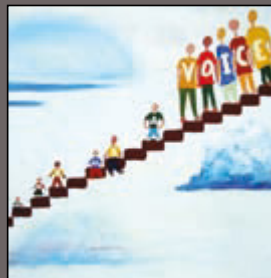


Mark Galang
*The right to be part of a
 group and to be active in
 the community.*



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for Change Camp

*The right to grow and
develop abilities and
potentials.*



Children from Youth
for Change Camp

*The right to express
opinions and to be heard.*



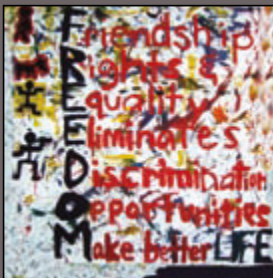
Children from Youth
for Change Camp

The right to play and rest.



Children from Youth
for Change Camp

*The right to be protected
from all forms of abuse.*



Children from Youth
for Change Camp

The right to information.



Children from Youth
for Change Camp

*Every Human has Rights.
Respect, protect and
promote children's rights
now!*



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