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New Year Message

A Blessed Happy New Year! This year 2023 will mark the 20th Founding Anniversary of Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines, Inc. (PSBP). With renewed hope and joyful hearts, Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines (PSBP) is greeting and wishing you all a wonderful new year as we continue to partake in the mission and service for Filipino children. We are grateful for all the goodness and challenges of 2022 that have given us all the courage and inspiration to continue our commitment to PSBP's vision, mission and goals for all its sponsored children and families. Though our country is still suffering from the impact of the pandemic, the Filipino's resiliency and creativity has prevailed. To all the beneficiaries of PSBP, we will be together again and set another journey in this New Year and more years to come with high hopes and million dreams to fulfill for your better and brighter future. Rest assured that PSBP will continue to be true to its commitment of uplifting the lives of Filipino children. To all our sponsors, we will be forever grateful to all your genuine concern and love for our sponsored children and their families. Your concrete help and support fulfills our mission. *Cheers to another year of service, accomplishments and learning!*



from **PRESIDENT Dr. Yolanda G. Tanigue, RSW**



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SUCCESS STORY:

A Personal Encounter of Will and Nicole (Sponsor's Visit)



NICOLE PALMA



A personal encounter between sponsor and sponsored child is one of the most awaited events in Pearl S. Buck Foundation - Philippines. Every sponsored child's greatest dream is to meet their sponsor mainly to personally express their gratitude and show how sponsorship helps them in achieving their dreams. One of many blessed sponsored children is Nicole Anne B. Palma, a 3rd year college criminology student from Olongapo City and has been a beneficiary since 2008. Her Sponsor, Mr. William Taylor as we fondly called Will, a former sponsored child for more than 10 years in the year 70's at Pearl S. Buck International in Manila flew all the way from the United States of America to the Philippines to personally meet his long-time sponsored child for the first time. Nicole and Will only knew each other through letters along with pictures since 2008.



PSBP staff intended to surprise Nicole for the visit as requested by Will, thus Nicole was really surprised when she finally met her sponsor. She could not believe that Will was in front of her and seen her very eyes on that sunny day in her home. She suddenly hugged Will tightly as if they have really missed each other for a long time. Will also embraced Nicole like her long lost child.

Will brought so many material gifts to Nicole, but the best gift he would ever give is the chance to study in the US and continue her law enforcement course that she started in the Philippines. Nicole is now processing her documents to secure an F1 student visa to be eligible to study in the United States in America soon. It was indeed a very touching and moving encounter between sponsor and sponsored child along with their families.

It was a meeting of genuine LOVE and full of HOPE for each other.



"What really touched me about the story of Nicole that she shared with me was that ...all her dreams and goals are the same as mine when I was her age. I have seen myself with her"

"Sir Will has taught me to dream more. He opened my mind to all the possibilities that I thought would be impossible. Now, I dreamed to be in the law enforcement which is more than what I've set myself to be when I was young."



VITAMINS DISTRIBUTION



Since November 2020, we have been giving out vitamins for all our sponsored children as a way of celebrating Children's Month every November. This year, we're able to give 264 bottles of syrup vitamins to all elementary children and 314 boxes of tablet vitamins to all junior high school to college students in the areas of Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales and Ormoc City. The vitamins that were given are good for 3 months although we dream to give more since vitamin is one of the necessities that a child should have.



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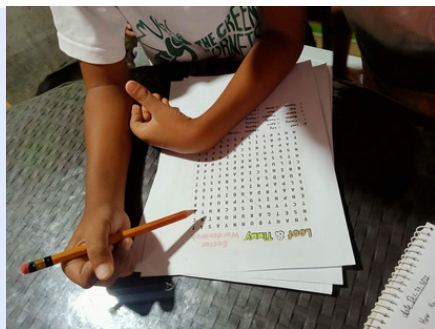
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TUTORIAL SESSIONS



The areas of Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales and Ormoc has successfully started their 1st tutorial session via online and face to face. The main goal of this tutorial session is for the sponsored children to learn how to compose and express themselves through english letters as it is their top requirement to communicate with their sponsors. Second is to help them strengthen subject comprehension, boost confidence, and build important learning skills.



As of now, all areas are on their Week-7 tutorial session. A total of 41 selfless College Scholars (Bulacan-13, Pampanga-6, Zambales-15 and Ormoc-7) participated in this tutorial session to guide and teach their young co-sponsored child in English language, speaking and writing. With the initiative of our very own Executive Director - Ms. Teresita R. Latoza - she presented a Certificate of Appreciation to all college scholars last Christmas Gathering as way of saying thank you for the extra time and massive effort they devote for PSBP's Tutorial Program SY 2022-2023. Since this tutorial session is still on hybrid approach, the Community Development Organizers are still over-seeing and facilitating the whole session to make sure that every goal and objective of this program are met and tutees are indeed learning and improving not only in their studies but also their attitude towards studying, critical thinking and embracing new knowledge instilled by their tutees. After the 15 sessions, each area will conduct a Culminating Activity to give certificates and awards to all sponsored children who participated in this session.



Almost 400 sponsored children attended the December Gathering. The said gathering also aim to Orient and Re-orient all old and new sponsored children to Foundation's sponsorship agreement for the purpose of responsibility awareness. Zambales and Ormoc conducted their gathering last Dec. 10, 2022. Dec. 11, 2022 for Bulacan and Dec. 17, 2022 for the area of Pampanga. With the initiative of Executive Director, Ms. Tess R. Latoza, college tutors received Certificate of Appreciation for their selfless service in Tutorial Program. All Sponsored Children received a pack of spaghetti and set of Bibles in courtesy of Ms. Mary Ang. With the concerted effort of PSBP Staff especially the CDOs, they have gathered donations from existing private partners and LGU such as Food Packs, sacks of rice, School needs, Hygiene Kit, Home appliances and many more that has been distributed to all sponsored children. This activity also promotes camaraderie among sponsored children as they get to interact with their co-sponsored children from another city or barangay that they won't possibly meet without PSBP's gathering. After games and raffles, sponsored children and the other attendees shared a simple lunch while happiness is clearly visible in each and everyone of them. The activity ended just after lunch time and the area coordinators helped the children to go back to their designated transport service and be home safely. This activity wouldn't be possible without everyone's helping hands.



THANK YOU Mary Ang And the Anonymous BIBLE Donor

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines, Inc. (PSBP) is truly grateful for the Bible donations given to all 430 sponsored families. PSBP distributed these Bible in four (4) areas of operations: Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales and Ormoc City Leyte last December 10, 11 and 17, 2022 respectively.

This project: Bible for All Sponsored Families is an initiative project of the Chairperson of PSBP, Professor Elizabeth L. Diaz. She believes that this project will nourish the spiritual formation of sponsored families and deepen their personal relationship with the Lord.



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NETWORKING ABSNET - DSWD

ABSNET Central Cluster General Assembly 2022 at People's Hall, Quezon City Circle last December 7, 2022. It was attended by Executive Director, Ms. Teresita R. Latoza along with Supervising Social Worker, Mr. Rolando Gocon, RSW.



ABSNET Bulacan Cluster had their General Assembly at Balagtas Hall Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, City of Malolos Bulacan last November 4, 2022. It was attended by Ms. Maria Johanna Rendon - Community Development Organizer of Bulacan Satellite Office. The said assembly aim to highlights the accomplishment of the members for the past year that aim inspire other organizations. Fund Raising in Partnership with Tupperware was also the main agenda. PSWDO Head, Ms. J. Rowena Tiongson gave a small talk and distributed goods to all attendees.

4th Quarter ABSNET Cluster 2 meeting was held at CSWDO Building, Ormoc City last October 19, 2022. It was attended by PSBP's Community Development Organizer, Ms. Eden Danah Mae F. Cañete. The said meeting tackled the Status of Operation of NGO's and the difficulties and Challenges they are facing in procuring DSWD Registration, License and Accreditation Certificates. ABSNET new Guidelines were also tackled while questions and concerns were raised and was addressed properly Ms. Carissa O.



Mendoza of Standards Section Region 8. The new elected President of ABSNET cluster is Mr. William L. Mendoza of HOPE Worldwide - Philippines Ormoc Satellite while Pearl S. Buck Foundation PH - Ormoc Satellite was elected as treasurer.



Last December 5, 2022, ABSNET Pampanga Cluster had their 4th quarter meeting at Sacop Grounds, San Fernando, Pampanga. It was attended by PSBP's Marketing coordinator, Ms. Caren Komicho, RSW. ABSNET President, Ms. Sheenie Hesite from IMA's Home spearheaded the meeting. New ABSNET Memorandum Circular 12 S2022 and its salient points were discussed, brainstorming and Planning for the 2023 ABSNET activities per committee and presentations afterwards. Issues/concerns were properly addressed by the ABSNET President and its officers. The cluster also took the opportunity to have a simple Christmas gathering and exchange gift that gave an obvious happiness to everyone present in the meeting.

GET TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS

After more than two years of pandemic, the PSBP Board of Trustees come together face to face once again. Meeting, awarding, oath taking and gift givings have been part of this short but sweet get together for Christmas.



STAFF GATHERING DECEMBER

After how many years, Pearl S. Buck Foundation celebrated its December Staff Gathering with the Area Coordinators of all areas.

All the region III and national office staff were present in the said event apart from Ormoc area due to travel distance. Nevertheless, the true meaning of Christmas were apparent to each and every one in the t. PSBP would also took the opportunity give appreciation to all area coordinators that never get tired of supporting and lending a helping hand to all staff and sponsored children in times of difficulties. In the future, we're hoping to include the Ormoc area in the gathering.



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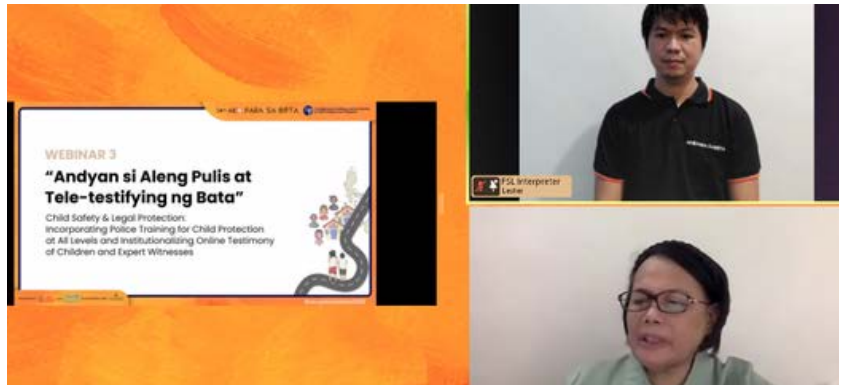
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ACTION



Executive Director attended the Associations of Foundations' 50th Founding Anniversary last October 14, 2022 at Araneta City. Associations of Foundations (AF) was established in 1972 and is the first heterogenous non-government organization (NGO) network in the Philippines working together for equitable, inclusive, and sustainable development. PSBP has been a member of AF for couple of years and looking forward to continue collaborating with one another for capability and sustainability of more than 200 Foundations in the Philippines. December 1, 2022 the AF had invited PSBP to attend the culminating activity of Write it Write Workshop in partnership with Telus International in the same venue in Manila. The aim of the workshop is to help NGOs get more funding thru project proposals.

STAFF CORNER EMPOWERMENT



In the past quarter, PSBP's Staff had attended various Webinars such as Fundraising for Social Change last Nov. 16, 2022 that encourage NGO's to write Project Proposals in order to secure funding and guides on what kind of funding institutions to look for. We also attended series of Webinars for Ako Para Sa Bata which ended on November 2022. One of the key speakers for Webinar 3 is our current president, Dr. Yolanda G. Tanigue, RSW. Lastly, our community Development Organizers have attended Child Protection Laws via zoom to have a refresher course on Child Policy.

**ACCOMPLISHED
SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS****850**

TOTAL OF CORRESPONDENCE

Family Information Sheet	56
Individual Family Letter	55
Individual Response Letter	426
Family Journal	27
Family Greeting Letter	11
Non-Verbal Communication (Christmas Card)	278

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL**460**

OVER-ALL TOTAL OF SPONSORED CHILDREN

Elementary (Grade 1-6) - 144
 Junior High School (Grade 7-10) - 111
 Junior High School (Grade 10) - 31
 Senior High School (Grade 11) - 29
 Senior High School (Grade 12) - 36

TOTAL - 351

COLLEGE

1st Year - 25
 2nd Year - 35
 3rd Year - 18
 4th Year - 31

TOTAL - 109**HEALTH UPDATE**

BMI	Sept. 2022	Dec. 2022
Normal	360	364
Underweight	53	57
At Risk	24	23
Obese	18	16
TOTAL	455	460

**SPECIAL CASH GIFT
RECIPIENT****368**OVER-ALL TOTAL OF RECIPIENT FOR
OCT. 2022 - DEC. 2022

Bulacan	104
Pampanga	51
Zambales	124
Ormoc	89