



Two Decades of Realizing Dreams in the Philippines

2023 marked the 20th anniversary of Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines (PSBP) as an independent affiliate of Pearl S. Buck International (PSBI). Many significant events took place this past year as PSBP commemorated its 20-year milestone.

Foremost of these notable events was the educational achievement of 29 college graduates in 2023. The graduates donned their robes and received their diplomas with honor and pride as they persevered through the pandemic. Nine students graduated with honors and Latin awards. Three students passed the licensure exam to become customs brokers in the Philippines.

The launch of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines – Alumni Association (PSBP – ALAS) took place during the celebration of PSBP’s 20th Anniversary on December 1, 2023. To date, PSBP – ALAS has 112 members who have signed the official membership form from all over the Philippines and abroad.

The December 2023 celebration highlighted 20 momentous years for PSBP, focused on the vision of bringing hope and a brighter future to sponsored children through education. Emotional and touching testimonies from successful sponsored youth made guests believe in the power of dreams despite adversity. Reinalyn proudly and tearfully shared that her sponsor’s genuine support in her dream of becoming a doctor was the most wonderful gift she has received in her life. Reinalyn is now working as a behavior therapist and will soon be entering medical school. Angelica astonished guests with her story of how she persevered through the pandemic amid financial constraints



and is now working as a licensed professional teacher. Finally, Rhea shared her success story of how PSBP’s PEARL (Perseverance in Education towards the Attainment and Realization of a better Life) Scholarship supported her college education. She is the newest full-time employee of PSBP, currently a probationary staff member as Community Development Organizer in Pampanga. PSBP believes that being a former sponsored youth will give her the opportunity to become a regular employee after six months.

Another significant highlight was the recognition of the people behind the 20-year success of PSBP. Seventeen PSBP members were given the Plaque of Appreciation for their loyalty and service. The networks and partners of PSBP from public and private agencies from the past 20 years were also recognized.

A 50-page souvenir magazine was launched during the anniversary gala, containing congratulatory messages, sponsor testimonies, a presentation of the former and current board staff, and the 20-year milestones of PSBP.

For the past two decades, PSBP has accompanied sponsored children in their dreams of finishing their education. It has been proven how sponsorship has changed their lives, reiterating how education has made a brighter future for children. PSBP has been true to its original vision of creating a Brighter Future for Filipino children through Education.



Supporting the Pursuit of an Education

As students around the globe are getting back into the swing of things with the new school year, your donation toward Pearl S. Buck International educational gift catalog items gives sponsored children the extra support they need to not only stay in school but excel at their studies.

Tutorial Enrichment: For a donation of \$47 you will enable a child in the Philippines to attend a six-week math and English tutorial program to ensure that they get promoted to the next level. https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_gifts/tutorial-enrichment-47/

School Supplies: For a donation of \$18 you will provide students in the Philippines with a school bag, notebooks, pencils, pens, and art materials, ensuring that they have the tools they need to learn. https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_gifts/school-supplies-18/



School Uniforms: For a donation of \$30 you can provide a school uniform to a child in Kenya so they can go to and stay in school. https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_gifts/school-uniforms-66/

School Shoes: For a donation of \$24 you will provide a student in the Philippines with their own brand new pair of shoes to wear to school. https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_gifts/school-shoes-24/

Education Tuition: Your generosity can help a child from Ogada Children's Home in Kenya go to and stay in school. https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_gifts/education-tuition-1180/

Laptops for Students \$625: Your generous donation can provide high school and college students with a laptop to optimize their ability to complete their schoolwork well, especially during these times when many students are still in online classes. https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_gifts/laptops-for-students-625/

Educational Supplies: For a donation of \$40 you will provide children in Vietnamese orphanages with school bags, notebooks, pencils, crayons, and exercise uniforms for one school year. https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_gifts/educational-supplies-40/

