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PSBP'S CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS



The Chairperson of PSBP recently received the Highest Distinction Award for her PhD in Philosophy and Criminology from La Salle University. Huge Congratulations!

Your ongoing commitment to learning serves as an exemplary model for our young scholars, encouraging them to strive for the heights of their aspirations. Your dedication to education and personal growth is genuinely inspiring, reminding us all of the power of perseverance and diligence. As you continue to excel in your field, your accomplishments illuminate a path for others, demonstrating that with determination and passion, no dream is unattainable. Your journey exemplifies the boundless opportunities available to those who invest in their knowledge and skills. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition; may your future endeavors be as impactful and rewarding as your past achievements.

The PSBP expresses its gratitude for the steadfast support received over the past two decades.



PSBP'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Executive Director - Ms. Teresita R. Latoza on the completion of your Master of Arts in Education (MaEd) major in Guidance Counseling. Your commitment in advocating self worth and mental health through counseling has culminated in this well-deserved achievement. The steadfastness you've shown in pursuing a long-awaited dream is truly inspiring as it proves that circumstances should never impede individuals in achieving dreams and aiming greater success in life. We are excited to witness the positive impact your new expertise will bring to our organization and the communities we serve. Your dedication to fostering an environment of growth and support is invaluable, and we look forward to seeing how you will continue to inspire those around you.

The Pearl S. Buck Foundation - Philippines, Inc. takes immense pride in your significant accomplishment and expresses gratitude for your exceptional leadership as our Executive Director.



BULACAN VISITS DLSU

Thirty-eight sponsored children and youth from the PSBP Bulacan area recently visited the DLSU Manila Campus as part of the Service Learning Curriculum for College of Business (COB) students. This initiative reflects PSBP's ongoing partnership with DLSU's Center for Social Concerns and Action (COSCA). Through the creativity and initiative of La Sallian students, various relevant and impactful projects have been developed.



PAMPANGA VISITS DLSU

Thirty-one (31) sponsored children and their mothers visited De La Salle University (DLSU) for special projects initiated and conducted by students from the College of Business as part of their Service Learning Curriculum this term. We extend our gratitude to DLSU-COSCA (Center for Social Concerns and Action) for facilitating these impactful initiatives for the PSBP beneficiaries, which included a medical mission, a mental health seminar, and a basic nutrition session.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR PSBP

The Sponsorship Field Staff (SFS) from Bulacan and Pampanga (Ms. Johanna Rendon and Ms. Rhea S. Roque) attended a Partners Evaluation and Gathering forum at De La Salle COSCA on August 31, 2024. They participated in brainstorming sessions with other organizations to discuss COSCA's support in achieving their goals. The Pearl S. Buck Foundation-Philippines, Inc. received a Certificate of Recognition for its partnership with De La Salle COSCA.



PARTNERSHIP MOA SIGNING

A new round of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing took place on September 21, 2024, between partners and the DLSU Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA) at the DLSU campus in Manila. The event was attended by Carren D. Komicho, RSW, the Supervising Social Worker from PSBP, and Rhea S. Roque, the Sponsorship Field Staff from Pampanga.



PSBP - ATENEO SMPH PARTNERSHIP

An exciting partnership opportunity has emerged for PSBP. The Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health (ASMPH), along with its Learning Experience in Communities (LEC) program, has invited PSBP to collaborate in the effective implementation of their LEC initiative for medical students. Ms. Tess R. Latoza, the Executive Director, and Ms. Johanna B. Rendon, Sponsorship Field Staff in the Bulacan area, attended the LEC Assembly and led the PSBP orientation for the eight medical students assigned to PSBP-Bulacan. This collaboration aims to provide hands-on experience to the students while supporting the health and well-being of the local community. The partnership will focus on enhancing the students' understanding of public health challenges and developing their skills in community engagement and healthcare delivery.

BRIGADA ESKWELA | PSBP



PSBP JOINS BRIGADA ESKWELA

PSBP in Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales, and Ormoc satellite areas recently participated in the Brigada Eskwela initiative at the nearest public schools. The foundation generously donated essential cleaning supplies, including brooms, dustpans, and mops. Additionally, PSBP scholars and their parents volunteered their time to help clean the school facilities. Their efforts brought a sense of community and collaboration, fostering a positive environment for the upcoming school year. Such acts of kindness and dedication highlight the importance of working together to create a nurturing and welcoming space for education.



THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

A new collaboration has been established between the PSBP and the CFC – ANCOP (Couples for Christ - Answering the Cry of the Poor) Foundation, benefiting twenty-five (25) sponsored children and youth at the elementary, high school, and college levels. Funds have been distributed directly to beneficiaries through checks, with many already cashed to purchase essential school supplies such as paper, calculators, notebooks, and shoes. Aside from financial support, ANCOP provides spiritual workshop sessions where the Sponsorship Field Staff are responsible for accompanying the scholars to the nearest provincial offices of ANCOP to participate in these workshops.

This alliance underscores the significance of community and collaboration in transforming lives. It serves as a powerful testament to how collective efforts can engender meaningful positive change, fostering hope and a brighter future for all participants.

A total of forty-four (44) In Country Sponsorship (ICS) from these two partnerships of PSBP who is indeed grateful for this existing collaboration with AY Foundation and CFC-ANCOP Foundation as we have the very same vision of bringing a brighter future for Filipino children through education.



REACHING SUCCESS THROUGH COLLABORATION

PSBP’s continuing collaboration with other like-minded institutions for college scholarships continue to soar high. This School Year 2024-2025, the AY (Alfonso Yuchengco) Foundation granted additional nine (9) college scholars for PSBP sponsored youth. AY and PSBP partnership has started in 2017 and the latter has given 10 slots for college scholars every school year for the past seven (7) years. For the current School Year, PSBP has nineteen (19) college scholars’ slots now from AY Foundation. Their college funds have been transferred to their respective ATM’s. The increase in scholarship slots is a testament to the ongoing success and trust built over the years between PSBP and the AY Foundation. These scholarships provide deserving students with the opportunity to pursue higher education without the burden of financial constraints, enabling them to focus on their studies and future aspirations.



Congratulations



BATCH 2024 GRADUATES

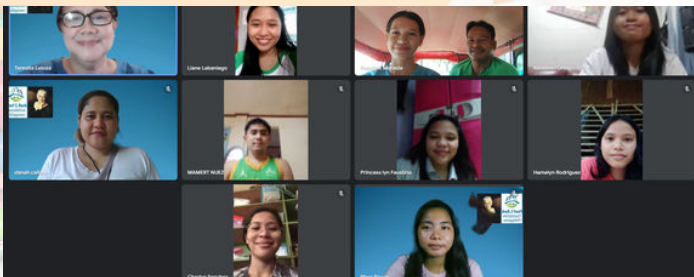
PSBP LEVEL UP!

Congratulations to these remarkable young individuals! Twenty-one (21) youth sponsored by PSBP have successfully earned their bachelor's degrees across four (4) areas of operation. Their perseverance and resilience have been instrumental in pursuing their dreams, even during the peak of the pandemic.

These young aspirants began their journey as children filled with hopes and aspirations. Throughout their sponsorship, they actively participated in all activities and consistently excelled in their academic pursuits. While some initially aimed merely to graduate from K-12, the scholarship opportunities provided by PSBP instilled in them the confidence and optimism to complete their college education.

Despite facing diverse challenges and pursuing various fields of study, they share a common goal: to break the cycle of poverty.

The Foundation, true to its word, is giving Brighter Future to Filipino Children through Education.



MOA SIGNING AND FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR

The college scholars from Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales, and Ormoc have successfully renewed their memorandum of agreement with the Foundation, aimed at supporting their higher education. The primary purpose of this MOA is to ensure that the scholars comprehend and acknowledge their responsibilities that accompany their status as recipients of this scholarship.

Additionally, the family seminar, which includes parental participation, seeks to foster healthy relationships between parents and children. This initiative aims to equip students with coping strategies for managing college-related stress, emphasizing the importance of family as the initial support system for students.

Both Bulacan and Zambales had face to face MOA Signing and Seminar while Ormoc and Pampanga held the activity through google meet platform. A total of 44 college scholars attended the activity.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SUPPORT

Nearly 300 scholars across Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales, and Ormoc have benefited from our attendance support initiative. Each sponsored child has been provided with a bank card, allowing them easy access to their cash assistance. This annual project aims to assist students with the school supplies, school projects, uniforms and shoes or what may deem necessary that will aid their school needs. It has remained a core program since we started. Our commitment to education extends beyond financial aid; we also offer psychosocial activities and tutorial sessions to empower these young individuals. By fostering a nurturing environment, we encourage students to pursue their academic goals with confidence and enthusiasm. We also expand our networks to get more donors mainly for our college scholars so they can continue studying until they get a College degree.

As we look to the future, we remain dedicated to expanding our reach and impact, helping even more students overcome the barriers to education and achieve their dreams.





NUTRITION MONTH AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Nearly 200 sponsored children benefited from the Nutrition Month activities held in July 2024 across Bulacan, Zambales, and Ormoc. Meanwhile, the Pampanga area participated in a medical outreach at De La Salle University organized by COSCA.



Each region conducted a general assembly concurrently with Nutrition Month. In Bulacan and Ormoc, the scholars received vitamins, while children in Zambales were provided with snacks and school supplies, generously donated by Ms. Donabelle A. Gabriel.



The general assembly aimed to reorient all scholars regarding their responsibilities and annual requirements, while the Nutrition Month initiative focused on educating children about proper nutrition.

In addition to the educational talks and distribution of vitamins and supplies, interactive sessions were held where children learned about the importance of balanced diets through engaging activities and games. Parents were also involved in workshops that provided practical tips on preparing nutritious meals with locally available ingredients.





LGU PARTNERSHIP

In our efforts to broaden our network of donors and partners, we are actively pursuing collaborations with local government units (LGUs) within the communities we serve. These partnerships will grant us access to barangay facilities, thereby enhancing our capacity to implement various initiatives effectively. We firmly believe that the collaboration between LGUs and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in supporting community development will yield greater success.



COURTESY CALL

Thank you Chairman Edgar E Celis of Barangay Muzon South of CSJDM. Your concrete support to PSBP's mission have been consistent and felt. The Executive Director, Ms Tess R. Latoza and the Sponsorship Field Staff of PSBP-Bulacan, Ms. Johanna B. Rendon, paid a courtesy call visit in lieu of PSBP's partnership with Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health (ASMPH).



CDRRMO TRAINING

As we strive to provide consistent services, the occurrence of natural disasters remains a constant concern. At the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, we are committed to equipping our staff with fundamental knowledge in disaster preparedness, basic life support, and first aid training. This initiative ensures that we are well-prepared to respond effectively during emergencies, thereby allowing us to continue our service delivery in the community.

Together, we can create a culture of preparedness that benefits everyone involved.



Furthermore, this initiative aims to build a network of informed individuals who can act swiftly and efficiently in times of crisis, ultimately contributing to the resilience and safety of our communities. By empowering our team with these critical skills, we reinforce our commitment to safeguarding lives and minimizing the impact of disasters.



STATISTICS (JULY - SEPT 2024)

CORRESPONDENCE

INTAKE SHEET	- 13
FAMILY LETTER	- 378
RESPONSE LETTER	- 233
FAMILY GREETING	- 15
NON-VERBAL	- 13
RESPONSE VIDEO	- 22

674

Total of correspondence



POPULATION

ELEMENTARY	- 113
JUNIOR HIGH	- 164
SENIOR HIGH	- 63
COLLEGE	- 102

442

Total of Sponsored Children



SPECIAL GIFT

BULACAN	- 53
PAMPANGA	- 30
ZAMBALES	- 70
ORMOC	- 46

199

Total of Special Gift

