



## Child Sponsorship Leads to Realization of Medical School Dream

Reinalyn, who goes by the nickname Madel, is 23 years old and pursuing a medical degree at Manila Central University.

Sixteen years ago, Madel's mother was looking for support to sustain the education of her children. One day she met someone from Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines (PSBP) who was recruiting children in the community to be sponsored. Madel's mother immediately expressed interest and they eventually learned Madel would be joining the child sponsorship program. Madel's relationship with her sponsor began with their very first letter exchange, starting a connection between them that has blossomed over the years.

Madel and her sponsor developed a close relationship over the years through their communication with one another, even though they lived miles away from each other. In one of Madel's letters to her sponsor, she mentioned that "I want to become a doctor someday." Her sponsor kept this young child's dream in her heart.

Madel, being an intelligent and diligent student, continued her studies and graduated from elementary, high school and college with academic distinctions and awards. Her sponsor witnessed how Madel persevered in her studies and how she managed to be a consistent honor student.

After graduating from Rizal Technological University with a Bachelor of Science in



Psychology, Madel immediately got employed as a Behavior Therapist in a private psychological clinic in Manila, thus allowing her to start supporting her family on her own.

Despite now being a working adult and contributing member of society, able to care for her family thanks to the education she received thanks to her sponsor and PSBP, Madel and her sponsor continued to send letters to each other.

One fine morning, Madel received a call from the Executive Director of PSBP, who gave her the happiest news of her entire life. She learned that her sponsor wanted to continue to support her dreams and had offered to pay for

medical school until she was able to graduate as a doctor. Madel remembers crying tears of joy. She realized that her sponsor had remembered and held onto her dreams as their relationship grew over the years.

While working at the private clinic, Madel decided to level up her profession by taking board examinations to become a psychometrician. During the last quarter of 2024, the list of individuals who passed to become Registered Psychometricians was released and Madel was one of them.

Madel's story shows how sponsorship can go above and beyond in making an impact on the life of a child. This sponsorship was able to build a wonderful relationship over the years that has been full of understanding, authenticity, and love.



# Make A Difference: Fund A Project

Being a Pearl S. Buck International child sponsor or a Champion for Children are wonderful ways to help a child lift him- or herself out of poverty—but they are not the only ways. When you make a donation to help fund one of our international projects, you make a difference in the lives of children, families, and entire communities.

## Vietnam - School Supplies for Orphans

Making a donation toward this project provides the children in the orphanages with good quality and necessary school supplies to help improve their grades and academic performance at school and enhance their learning process and general health development. [https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp\\_projects/schoolsupplies/](https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_projects/schoolsupplies/)

## Kenya - Improve Living Conditions

A financial gift toward this project will help to improve safety and cleanliness at Ogada Children's Home by providing necessary significant renovations and ensuring the children live cleaner and healthier by wearing washed clothing. [https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp\\_projects/improve-living-conditions-and-nutrition-kenya/](https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_projects/improve-living-conditions-and-nutrition-kenya/)

## Philippines - Vocational Training

By supporting this project, you help provide the opportunity for 50 ALS graduates to pursue vocational courses

for one year. Studying health care, IT and technology, trades and construction, business and office administration, hospitality and culinary arts and other trade avenues can change their lives and give them a brighter future.

[https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp\\_projects/vocational-training-for-alternative-learning-system-students-philippines/](https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_projects/vocational-training-for-alternative-learning-system-students-philippines/)

## Thailand - Chicken Farming

By helping these families raise more chickens, a type of work they are familiar with, it will teach them self-reliance and valuable work and life skills, provide them with a reliable food source, and allow them to sell their extra chickens for added income.

[https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp\\_projects/chicken-farm-to-promote-healthy-children-during-covid-19/](https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_projects/chicken-farm-to-promote-healthy-children-during-covid-19/)

## Philippines - Help a Child Prepare for Disaster

Natural disasters are common in the Philippines and making a donation toward the Disaster Preparedness Project provides beneficiaries with boots, raincoats, umbrellas, and disaster kits which they can use during the rainy season and at times when strong typhoons or earthquakes hit their communities.

[https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp\\_projects/disaster/](https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_projects/disaster/)



All these projects and more can be found on our website at <https://pearlsbuck.org/help-children-in-need/fund-a-project/>. Thank you for your generosity in giving children in need the tools they need to succeed!