



FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET

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Dear Sponsor,

On behalf of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation–Philippines, Inc. (PSBP), I am delighted to introduce Mariel Joys O. Depaur and her family. Fondly called “MJ” by her loved ones, she is a sweet and cheerful 13-year-old girl, born on April 9, 2012. MJ stands 155 centimeters tall, weighs 35 kilograms, and has a fair complexion with a charming mole on her right cheek. She is the youngest of six siblings and was baptized in the Roman Catholic faith.

MJ is a bright and active young girl. Although she was once part of her school’s Feeding Program due to being categorized as underweight, she has remained healthy and continues to grow stronger. This school year (2025-2026), she is enrolled as a Grade 8 student at Angelito M. Sarmiento High School, a public school about 1.5 meters away from her home. Each day, she takes a tricycle ride to school with enthusiasm and determination. MJ dreams of becoming a content creator one day. Her favorite subjects are Math and English, and she loves joining school events, especially the singing contest where she confidently shares her voice.

Beyond academics, MJ has many interests that bring her joy. She enjoys playing Roblox, passing time with board games like snakes and ladders, and writing her own fiction stories. She also loves music and often sings Adele’s songs, with “*All I Ask*” as one of her favorites. At home, MJ helps her family by keeping the house clean and running small errands, showing her responsibility and thoughtfulness even at a young age.

MJ lives with her mother and two older sisters, who all work hard to support the family. Her parents separated in 2018, but her father continues to provide monthly support of about \$120. Her mother, Myla Depaur (54), works as a snack vendor and earns around \$280 per month. MJ's sisters are both working students: Maricon (22), now in her 4th year of college, works as an encoder with a monthly income of about \$60; while Maribelle (20), a 3rd-year college student, supports herself by selling items online, earning around \$80 per month. Despite their perseverance and determination, the family's combined income is still not enough to meet all of their basic needs such as food, education, healthcare, and daily living expenses. Even so, they continue to face each day with resilience and hope, holding on to the dream of a brighter future for MJ and her siblings.

The Depaur family has lived in their humble home for more than 13 years. Their house, built with G.I. sheets for roofing and cement for the walls and flooring, is simple yet well-kept. It serves as a multipurpose space where all of their daily activities take place, with a single window that allows in natural light and fresh air. The family is thankful to have access to electricity, a water-sealed toilet, and piped water for their needs. Despite their limited resources, they lovingly prepare three simple meals each day--usually rice, fish, and vegetables--cooked over a gas-fueled stove. Household waste is carefully managed through the local government's disposal system.

Like many Filipino families, the Depaurs hold tightly to their hopes for a brighter tomorrow. They dream of seeing their children complete their education, grow up healthy, live in a safe and secure home, and one day experience financial stability.

Through the generosity of sponsors, the Pearl S. Buck Foundation-Philippines (PSBP), in partnership with local communities, continues to bring life-changing programs in education, health, psychosocial development, and child protection. These programs uplift children and families, giving them opportunities to work toward a more secure and dignified life. With your kindness, we hope the Depaur family will soon be among those whose lives are transformed by these opportunities.

By choosing to sponsor MJ, you give more than financial support--you open the door to encouragement, opportunity, and hope. Your sponsorship will empower MJ and her family to take meaningful steps toward a brighter and more stable future. With PSBP walking alongside them, every act of generosity you extend will create lasting and positive change.

MJ and her family are filled with joy at the thought of building a meaningful connection with you. They look forward to sharing their stories, milestones, and achievements through heartfelt letters in English--allowing you to witness firsthand the transformation your kindness makes possible.

We sincerely hope you find this partnership not only meaningful but also deeply rewarding. Your compassion could be the guiding light that helps MJ reach the future she dreams of--a future filled with hope, joy, and opportunity.

Very truly yours,


Teresita R. Latoza
Executive Director