FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET
from the **PHILIPPINES**



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Area : (14-05)
Province : Leyte
District : Ormoc
Community : Linao Resettlement
Nationality : Filipino



Name: Kriesza Gianelle G. Zapata
Age: 13 | Grace 8

Dear Sponsor,

On behalf of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation–Philippines, Inc. (PSBP), it is our pleasure to introduce Kriesza Gianelle G. Zapata, fondly called "Esha" by her family and friends. Esha is a cheerful, polite, and friendly 13-year-old girl born on November 13, 2012. She stands 148 centimeters tall, weighs 52 kilograms, and has a fair complexion. She was baptized as Roman Catholic.

Esha is currently a Grade 9 student at Linao High School, a government school located about 3 kilometers from their home. She usually rides a tricycle to and from school each day. Her favorite subject is Science, and she especially enjoys their school Intramurals. Esha dreams of becoming a doctor someday.
Esha is healthy and active. In her free time, she enjoys playing mobile games, drawing, and reading. At home, she helps with household chores such as washing the dishes, cleaning the house, cooking, and running simple errands for her family.

Esha lives with her mother, siblings, and other family members. Her parents separated in 2018. Her mother, Gina Zapata (52), works as a barangay health worker and earns about $120 per month. Two of Esha's older

sisters also help support the family. El Gyrelle (29) works as a call center agent and earns around $360 per month, while El Gene (33) also works as a call center agent and earns around $360 per month. El Gene's partner and child live with the family as well.

Although Esha's mother and older sisters are working, the family's income is shared among the household members and used for their food, utilities, education, healthcare, transportation, and other daily expenses. With several people in the household, it can still be difficult for the family to cover all their needs, especially Esha's school expenses.

The Zapata family owns the house where they live, but they rent the land where the house is built. They have been renting the lot for more than 13 years and pay about $4 per month. Their house is in good condition, with a galvanized iron sheet roof, cement and wood walls, cement flooring, four small rooms, and five windows. They have electricity and get their water from a piped water source shared with relatives. They have a water-sealed toilet, use the government garbage collection service, and cook using a gas stove and a butane stove.

Despite their limited income, Esha is growing up in a caring and supportive family. Her mother and older siblings work hard to provide for the household and encourage her to continue her studies. Esha also does her part by helping at home and doing her best in school. She remains hopeful and determined to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor someday.

Through the Pearl S. Buck Foundation–Philippines, Inc. (PSBP) Sponsorship Program, Esha can receive educational assistance and other support that can help her continue her studies. Sponsorship can help with some of her educational needs while also easing the financial burden on her family.

By becoming Esha's sponsor, you can be part of her journey as she grows, continues her education, and works toward her dream. Your support can give her added encouragement and opportunities to pursue a brighter future.

Thank you for considering supporting Esha. Your kindness and generosity can make a meaningful difference in her life and help her family continue supporting her education and dreams.

Very truly yours,

Teresita R. Latoza
Executive Director