



# THE UCMPFI NEWSLETTER

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## The Merriest Time of the Year

### Scholars' Christmas Fellowship

The Grace Enough to Ensure Secondary Education (GESEE) and Teodoro Regala Assistance for Continuing Education (TRACE) scholars held their Christmas fellowship on December 6. The year-end program included group singing of Christmas carols and a Christmas message given by UCMPFI Working Committee member Ms. Lily Torrente (who is also the regular facilitator of the scholars' monthly fellowship). Present during the fellowship was Trustee Mrs. Nadine Sarreal.

The scholars had so much fun participating in exciting games. The program was capped with the distribution of gift packs to the scholars, awarding of prizes to game winners, and a buffet of favorite dishes.



# CENEPE Christmas Parties

The four sites of the Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEPE) held their Christmas programs on December 16 (Brgy. Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City), December 17 (Brgy. Tumana, Marikina City), December 18 (Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Cainta, Rizal), and December 19 (Brgy. Kabulusan, Pakil, Laguna).



Mandaluyong



Marikina



## CENEP Christmas Parties



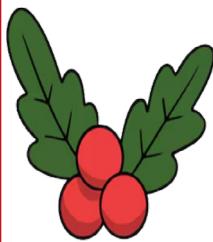
During these Christmas programs, the CENEP children, parents, partners, partners, and Foundation staff come together to enjoy the merriest time of the year. Programs include a Christmas message from representatives of the CENEP partner and the Foundation; performances by the CENEP children in their Christmas attire; and special numbers by parents/guardians and CENEP teams. The biggest part of the celebration is the distribution of gift packs to the children. As always, parents and the CENEP teams pool resources together to give everyone a bountiful feast, before they leave for Christmas break.



Cainta



Pakil



# UCMPFI receives food item donations from AWCPI for CENEP

On December 16, 2025, the American Women's Club of the Philippines, Inc. (AWCPI) donated boxes of food items including rice, pasta, biscuits, milk, sandwich spread, canned goods, and others for the Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEP). Throughout the school year, the Foundation serves meals daily to the CENEP children (each child is given 1 light meal and 1 heavy meal each class day).



## Elephant Stories Family Photography

Once again, the Elephant Stories Family Photography held a photoshoot marathon named Our Merry Christmas Elephant 2025, on December 14-16, 2025 at the Boogie Manila, Poblacion, Makati. In December 2024, the same fund-raising activity was held at the Union Church of Manila premises. Proceeds of the photoshoot activities benefit the UCMPFI programs.



The poster features a purple star at the top, followed by the text "Our Merry Elephant Christmas" in a large, serif font. Below that is a banner with "2025" and "a photoshoot marathon for the benefit of UCMPFI". The UCMPFI logo is shown with a stylized elephant icon. At the bottom, it says "December 14-15, 2025 P 8000 | 3 sets | 30 mins". Below the text is a small image of a living room with a fireplace and a bar area.

**Boogie Manila**  
Kalyawan cor Matilde, Poblacion Makati (Above Tetum Kalayaan)

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# Thank you for another fruitful year

UCMPFI is grateful for the unwavering support of its donors, partners, and volunteers that has sustained its programs through the years.

The Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEP) is now in its 23rd year of providing free pre-school education that includes daily feeding of enrolled children belonging to disadvantaged families.

The Grace Enough to Ensure Secondary Education (GEESE), in partnership with the Department of Education, Makati, is now in its 22nd year of supporting students through senior high school. Through the Teodoro Regala Assistance for Continuing Education (TRACE), now in its 8th year, the Foundation has supported scholars through college. Seven of these scholars have graduated—six are gainfully employed, while one is preparing to take the CPA board examination in May 2026.

The Literacy and Accreditation for Continuing Education (LACE) program, now in its 13th year, has been helping learners obtain elementary and high school equivalency that will allow them to either continue to the next level of education or find more gainful employment or other source of livelihood.

The medical and dental outreaches in the CENEP sites are made possible through the tireless and selfless participation and involvement of volunteers, partners, LGUs, and pharmaceutical companies.

We also sincerely thank the Union Church of Manila for its steadfast and continuing support of UCMPFI.

With your help, the Foundation will endeavor in 2026 to continue providing more and better education-based support to individuals and communities in need.



Do visit our website [www.ucmpphilfoundation.org](http://www.ucmpphilfoundation.org) to know more about the Foundation's activities and to participate in continuing to provide a better life to these children and young people. For your inquiries, please call (63 2) 8812-6062 or 8812-5609 or email us at [ucmpfi@gmail.com](mailto:ucmpfi@gmail.com).