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GEESE and TRACE Scholars Recharge

After completing the Bible study series on the Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren, through once-a-month sessions from August 2023 to April 2024, the scholars earned themselves a retreat. This was much needed after a grueling month of May during which they had to complete the requirements to move to their next academic level in the coming school year.

The retreat topic was Mental Wellness, adeptly and genially facilitated by Pastor Nestor Flores and his wife Dr. Beth Flores of Marikina Christian Fellowship.

Mental health is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a “state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community.” The practicalities discussed during the retreat, all based on Bible principles, are meant to provide the scholars with mental health awareness that will help them handle challenges, fight depression, improve relationships, and make wise decisions and healthy choices.



CENEP Children Move Up

At the end of school year 2023-2024, a total of 116 children under our Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program completed the term and are considered mentally, physically, and spiritually ready to face entry into regular school. The CENEP culmination programs were held on: June 10 (Brgy. Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City); June 13 (Project 8, Quezon City); and June 14 (Brgy. Tumana, Marikina City).

Representatives from UCMPFI joined our program partners, special guests, and visitors in each of the moving up ceremonies. Invited speakers delivered inspirational messages and selected CENEP graduates gave heart-warming messages. The graduating children also performed specially prepared group presentations. Part of the program was the awarding of Certificates of Appreciation by UCMPFI to all CENEP staff for their commendable service and participation in the program.

It was an exciting experience for the little children of CENEP who were individually called to march up the stage to receive their Certificates of Completion. Equally elated were parents who proudly recorded their children's early achievement. Of course the programs ended with food prepared by the CENEP staff.



CENEP Mandaluyong



CENEP Project 8



CENEP Marikina

Scholars Forge Ahead

School year 2023-2024 ended in the last week of May. Many of our high school scholars received certificates of honor and special awards during the recognition programs held by their respective schools. Here are some of them.



Melody



Francheska and Aliyah



Mark Ian



Nathaniel

Of our 30 GEESE scholars this past school year, five have completed Grade 12 and are now ready for college or technical school. The rest will continue to be supported by UCMPI in their secondary education.

The Foundation also supported eight college scholars during SY 2023-2024 under the Teodoro Regala Assistance for Continuing Education or TRACE program. This program aims to help underprivileged students who wish to pursue college or vocational courses.

GEESE scholars who have completed senior high school and are able to meet the requirements of the program may become beneficiaries of TRACE.

The Foundation college scholars are likewise performing very well, as shown by the following achievements (capping and pinning for a student nurse, successful defense of a feasibility study, getting a perfect final grade for the major subject, winning in a school expo).



Yanel



Sunshine



Anjaneth



Alexandra

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