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It's a New Year!

It's like a new Sunrise...of Hope, of Prosperity, of Happiness
It's like a new Beginning...of Thoughts, of Words, of Actions
It's like a New Day...of Energy, of Strength, of Ideas
It's like a whole bunch of New Gifts...of Prayers, of Friends, and of Love.



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Thank You!

The Union Church of Manila Philippines Foundation, Inc. (UCMPFI) would like to express its deep gratitude to its partners, friends, donors, and volunteers for their unwavering support through the years.

The Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEP) is now in its 22nd year of providing free pre-school education that includes daily feeding of enrolled children belonging to marginalized families.

Thank You!

The Grace Enough to Ensure Secondary Education (GEESE), in partnership with the Department of Education, Makati, is now in its 21st year of supporting students through senior high.

Through the Teodoro Regala Assistance for Continuing Education (TRACE), now in its 7th year, UCMPFI has supported 14 scholars through college, six of whom have already graduated and are gainfully employed.

The Literacy and Accreditation for Continuing Education (LACE) program, now in its 12th year, has enabled learners to obtain elementary and high school equivalency enabling them to move on to the next level of education and have better employment opportunities.

UCMPFI's medical and dental outreach in the three CENEP sites, with the support of LGU health workers and regular donations from pharmaceutical companies (Pascual Laboratories, Prosel Pharma, The Cathay Drug, and Sydenham Laboratories) has, over the last 23 years, reached out to almost 16,000 patients.

All these have been made possible through the tireless and selfless participation and involvement of committed volunteers through the years.

Sincere thanks likewise to the Union Church of Manila for its staunch support of UCMPFI.

The Merriest Time of the Year!

Metrobank Shoeboxes

Christmas celebrations started for UCMPFI on December 16, 2024, when the employees of Metrobank brought their donation of gift shoeboxes for CENEP, as they have done for the past several years. The Metrobank Shoebox Project (MSP) is an employee-initiated project through which bank personnel share their blessings with various communities during the Christmas season. The Metrobankers themselves lovingly fill the shoeboxes with snacks and school supplies and gift-wrap them for children all over the country.



Santa's Helpers

UCM volunteers took part in making the Christmas season especially joyful and exciting for beneficiaries of UCMPFI programs. One volunteer donated gift bags that other volunteers packed with goodies for the CENEP children and GEESE and TRACE scholars.

Christmas Parties

The three CENEP sites (Brgy. Tumana, Marikina City; Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Cainta, Rizal; and Brgy. Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City) held their Christmas program on December 17, 18, and 19, respectively. As always, featured were special presentations, festive food, and gift-giving. Parents of CENEP pupils eagerly participated in the preparations for this much-awaited year-end celebration.

Cainta



Mandaluyong



Christmas Parties

Marikina



Award-winning Short Film

TRACE scholar John Christian Sarmiento was part of a team of University of Makati (UMak) students that produced a short animated film that won first prize in the student short films category of the 2024 Metro Manila Film Festival. Entitled *Saan Aabot and Fifty Pesos Mo*, the film tells the story of a young cat named Cinco who, on his way to school with his last money (a ₱50 bill), loses hold of it as he is handing it to the jeepney driver to pay his fare. The bill floats away, and Cinco has to chase it all over the city leading him to mishaps and misadventures. At the end, he succeeds in getting the P50 bill back. Sarmiento, a 3rd-year Multimedia Arts student at UMak, served as the storyboard artist in the creation of the film.



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