



Continuing education

Roy T. Bennett, author of the inspirational book *The Light in the Heart*, says “There are five important things for living a successful and fulfilling life: never stop dreaming, never stop believing, never give up, never stop trying, and never stop learning.”

We, in the Foundation, are firm believers that everyone should continue learning. Which is why we regularly provide seminars, workshops, and other skills updating training to our partners.

On August 3 and 4, the CENEP teachers attended a two-day workshop in preparation for School Year 2023-2024. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Pam Andal Tira and Ms. Boots Paculan Andal, owners and instructors of the innovative Cornerstone Learning and Playcare Center. Highlight of the teachers' activities was learning new ways of preparing visual aids.

Here are some of the positive responses.

Teacher Maritess of CENEP Marikina: *Attending the two-day workshop was really a great experience for me. Witnessing the different approaches in teaching children of different age groups gave me another perspective of what teaching children is all about, given that I used to teach Junior High School just recently. I am grateful to be a part of the workshop and I'm trying my best to apply some practical things I learned from it.*

Teacher Juliet from CENEP Mandaluyong: *The activities in the workshop helped me to enhance my creativity, improve my teaching-learning techniques, and, most especially, motivate me to keep updated on modern ways of teaching. Now I know that approaches in private schools can also be applied in our school.*

Teacher Cookie of CENEP Project 8: *The workshop at UCM to me has been an eye-opener and experiential to new understanding that learning can be play-based and can nurture the EQ (emotional quotient) side of every student. It broadens my knowledge that education should be holistic as applied by UCMPFI. Thank you for sharing that learning with us and kudos to the teaching staff and administration.*



Teacher Pam



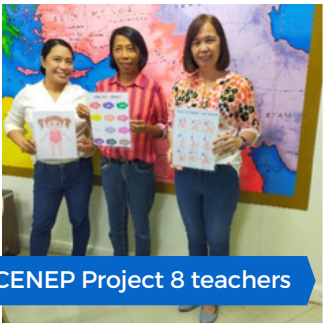
Teacher Boots



CENEP Mandaluyong teachers



CENEP Marikina teachers



CENEP Project 8 teachers

On August 19, the Union Church of Manila Library organized a Canva workshop for Foundation scholars. Eleven scholars participated.

This was the comment of Mercy Jame Alvez: *My experience was very fun at the canva workshop. I learned a lot of new tips and tricks at canva and also met new friends. The people who took care of us were super kind. Overall, I enjoyed it a lot.*



Know Your Scholar: Tricia Isabel Hernaez



Foundation Scholar Tricia Isabel Hernaez has just graduated *cum laude* from Rizal Technological University with the degree of BS Education major in Science. It has not been an easy road for her, but she is deeply grateful to UCMPFI for, in her words, “always having my back”. This is her story.

Looking back to 2016 when my foster parent, Ma’am Eiselle Pablo, called me to the guidance office and asked me to write my life story. I didn’t ask questions back then; I just followed her instructions. After writing my life story on her laptop she told me that she would pass that to the Division Office for consideration for a scholarship. After hearing that, I thanked her with all my heart because I had almost lost hope at that time. I had nothing except a house that kept me for years. After days of waiting, I heard the good news that I was chosen to become a scholar of UCMPFI. I

was happy that day because I was assured that I could finish my studies. I attended the orientation and met my co-scholars from different schools in Makati.

I am thankful to UMPFI because I finished Junior High School. I met Tita Lolit and she treated me as her child. She used to buy me food. The Foundation arranged a part-time job for me. The Foundation was there when I was kicked out of my old home and this is where Miss Nadine came to the rescue. I became a bedspacer, and the Foundation was there to help me, especially Miss Nadine. When I graduated Senior High School, I thought that that was the end of my dreams, but the Foundation found a way to support me and my fellow college scholars so that we can reach our dream.

The Foundation was there through the ups and downs of my life. They supported me and provided for my needs. They made sure that we were all right every time. A young girl who dreamed of finishing her studies finally did it because the Foundation became my fortress. I am thankful to all the people behind the Foundation, for their efforts and undying support to us. I will not reach this stage in my life without the Foundation behind my back. They are the blessings that God gave me.

I know that this is not the end of my journey, but I am happy where I am today and the Foundation made that possible. I hope and pray to God to continue to bless all the people behind the Foundation and return to them the blessings we have received. May the Foundation continue to help people like me to become their transportation to success. Once again, thank you UCMPFI for the undying support. MAHAL KO KAYONG LAHAT!

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