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Retreat and Reflect!

Annual Retreats

Grace Enough to Ensure Secondary Education (GEESE) and College / Vocational Scholarship Assistance

On February 9, 22 GEESE and five college/vocational scholars had a retreat at the Union Church of Manila Commu-

nity Center, facilitated by Leah Ponio and attended by UCM^{PH}FI Working Committee Emmy Huang, Linda Murray and Nadine Sarreal and volunteer Cora Cabaron. The theme of this retreat was Love and Forgiveness.

CENEP and GEESE teachers had their own retreat as well. It was held on February 23 at the same venue. It was attended by GEESE teacher-foster parents and CENEP staff composed of *(Annual...continued on page 3)*



GEESE and college/vocational scholars with UCM^{PH}FI Working Committee, volunteers and retreat facilitator Mrs. Leah Ponio

MARCH TO SUCCESS!

Child Education & Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEP)

March marks the end of school involvement and activities. UCMPTFI witnessed the CENEP graduation rites in the three project sites. On March 27, the culmination exercise in the Soledad S. Griño - Project 8 site was held at the Brgy. Bahay

Toro multi-purpose hall. Special guests were Brgy. Kagawad Charm Ferrer and UCMPTFI volunteer Cora Cabaron.

Similarly, the Cainta site had its graduation activity on March 28 at the Village East Executive Homes covered court. The program's special guest was Brgy. Executive Assistant for Operation, Edgar Sison, representing Brgy. Chair Janice Tacsagon. (*March...continued to page 3*)



(Annual...continued from page 1) teachers, facilitators, and cooks. The retreat was facilitated in by Rey and Terry Ibasco of Crossroads - Transforming Communities with Hope, Life Truth, who provided inspiration to the attendees. Also present in this activity were WC members Lily Torrente and Nadine Sarreal and volunteer Cora Cabaron. ■



Above and below: GESE teacher-foster parents and CENEP staff at the annual retreat facilitated by Rey and Terry Ibasco



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Mandaluyong site had its culmination exercise on March 29 at the Brgy. Highway Hills multi-purpose hall. Brgy. Chairman John Jeremy De los Santos graced the occasion together with former Kagawad Tess Roseus.

The presence of LGU officials in CENEP activities makes evident the local governments' support to the program. ■



ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE! UCMPFI Annual Appreciation Dinner

UCMPFI hosted an appreciation dinner last April 8, 2019 at the UCM Fellowship Hall. The event introduced the beneficiaries to the donors and volunteers. There was a showcase of talents from different CENEP sites and testimonies of successful CENEP and GESE recipients of scholarships.

A photo exhibit showed the different activities and accomplishments on each site.

There were 118 attendees representing sponsors and donors, program partners and staff, beneficiaries with their families, and other guests. It was a night of fun, food, and fellowship; each one appreciating the contribution made by everyone in the different activities held this year. ■



CENEP children entertained guests with their special presentations



CENEP Mandaluyong Batch 2003-2004



Left to right: CENEP alumnus, college scholar and CENEP parent expressing their gratitude



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