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Preparing for a New School Year

Our mainline programs have been gearing up for School Year 2024-2025. We are pleased to let you know of developments in our Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEP), Grace Enough to Ensure Secondary Education (GEESE), and Teodoro Regala Assistance for Continuing Education (TRACE).

New CENEP Site in Cainta, Rizal

In school year 2024-2025, CENEP will be operating out of a new site in Barangay Sto. Domingo, Cainta, Rizal, in partnership with Saved by God's Grace Christian Ministries. It will have an initial enrollment of 40 children. We thank the Union Church of Manila, Resources for the Blind, Inc., and various individuals for donating items for the classroom and kitchen of the new site as well as facilitating the set-up.



The new classroom in Cainta



Picking up chairs donated by Resources for the Blind

Start-up Kits for the Children

Every child enrolled in CENEP receives a start-up kit as classes begin. Each kit contains basic school supplies, such as pad paper, notebook, colored paper, bond paper, pencil, sharpener, ruler, crayons, a pair of scissors, glue, and molding clay. A set of pre-school workbooks is also given to each child.



CENEP Teachers' Workshop

To more effectively prepare for the start of each school year, the Foundation gathers the staff of all CENEP sites for a training workshop. This activity was conducted this year on July 19, 2024 at the Union Church of Manila (UCM) Community Center. Present were CENEP staff (facilitators, teachers, cooks) from the CENEP sites in Mandaluyong, Marikina, and Cainta, and some members of our partner organizations. The whole-day workshop was facilitated by Cornerstone teachers Angelina (Boots) Paculan and Pamela (Pam) Tira, who have provided good, solid coaching for the CENEP staff over the years.

Discussed were the differences in development stages of ages 2, 3, and 4-year-old children. A number of possible activities were suggested, after which the teachers from each site were tasked to put together a chart of activities and lessons. The Cornerstone teachers then gave feedback on each suggested item and explained why it was or was not age-appropriate. The Workshop ended with a discussion on classroom management and student discipline techniques.

Emphasized during the workshop was the utmost importance of collaboration among each site's staff in preparing project materials and lesson plans.

It was a good refresher for the veteran teachers but a bit overwhelming for the newbies. An online supplemental coaching will be scheduled, once the new teachers have started putting together their lesson plans and visual teaching aids. Each teacher was given a set of workbooks to use in preparing the lesson plans.



New GEESE Scholars

Six secondary school students have been accepted as new GEESE scholars following an evaluation process that included a visit to homes of applicants and a panel interview by the Working Committee held at UCM on July 16. A total of 30 scholars will be supported under the GEESE program for school year 2024-2025.



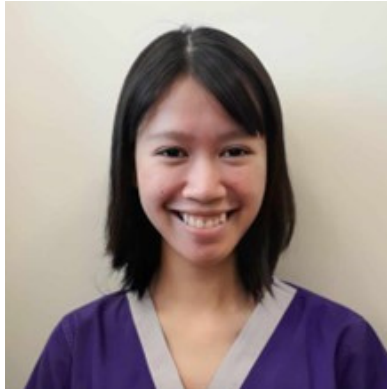
TRACE Scholars Increase to Eight

Two of the Foundation's GEESE scholars who completed senior high school (Grade 12) are going to college as TRACE scholars. This program will extend assistance to eight students in school year 2024-2025.



Patrick G. Aquino

1st year - Polytechnic University
of the Philippines - Manila
Bachelor of Science in Tourism
Management



Alexandra Faith P. Lasola

3rd year - University of Makati
Bachelor of Science in
Pharmacy



John Lloyd E. Pablico

1st year - Polytechnic University
of the Philippines - Manila
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism



Anjaneth S. Nazareno

3rd year - Cavite State University
Bachelor of Science in
Psychology



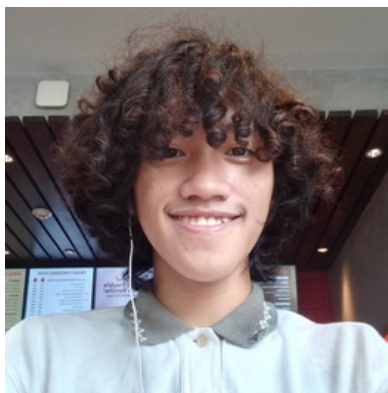
Joshua Vernon P. Atip

3rd year - University of the
Philippines - Los Baños
Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness
Management and Entrepreneurship



Sunshine C. Quillao

4th year - Polytechnic University
of the Philippines - Manila
Bachelor of Science in
Accountancy



John Christian A. Sarmiento

3rd year - University of Makati
Bachelor of Multimedia Arts:
Major in Animation



Yanel L. Lago

3rd year - Far Eastern University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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