

To Our Kind Donors,

Words cannot capture the value of your support. But hopefully, after painting a picture of the realities that the children face, we hope you can understand how precious your support is, truly beyond words.

In the country, 13 million children cannot afford an education. However, even if they can go to school, the challenge is how they will maximize their education and take their lives to the next level if they do not have access to proper nutrition. UNICEF has determined that in the Philippines, 95 children die of malnutrition every day.

Your support has helped bridge this gap.

When pushed against the wall, children are exploited by their families as a means of subsistence. The Philippines ranks 4th in the world with the most child prostitutes. The UNICEF records 60,000 to 100,000 children in the country involved in prostitution and human trafficking.

Your support has helped protect children from such fate.

It is called a silent pandemic by some media in the Philippines. The World Health Organization says rising cases of weak mental health are seen in the younger generation such as GenZ or those below the age of 30. At the same time, world issues like inflation and socio-political climate contribute to mental stress, and personal concerns such as familial relationships, financial stability, discrimination, and bullying cause depression.

Your support has helped the children cope positively and balance stress with everyday life.

Your support allows us to celebrate the children who make it to the finish line every year. Children who have stayed on track from elementary until college. Ready to take that step toward realizing their dreams and uplifting their families from generational poverty.

So where do you find better words to say “thank you” for helping these children survive the journey of breaking generational poverty? Probably nowhere. But seeing the children in classrooms, enjoying decent meals, safe and fueled by a positive perspective is the best thank you.

Your compassion helps to write a happy beginning for them. On behalf of the children, we dedicate each positive step to you.

With Gratitude.

Jill Cortes
Executive Director



Your Donation is a Gift for Life

Love Yourself Campaign

We have sustained our Mental Health initiative, "Love Yourself." Our goal is to strengthen self-awareness, self-pride, and positivity. We strengthen their "brand" or belief in themselves and give them "tools" to hurdle any challenge positively.

With its implementation for almost 3 years now, So far, we have not experienced dropouts due to mental health issues. Of course, we understand how stress is there every day, and therefore, we have not put our guard down and will continue our mental health support.

We also invited parents to join the sessions. This is so they understand what their children are going through and vice-versa. It is healthy to have a dialogue between the parent and the beneficiary because it leads to both identifying how they can emotionally support the other, or be there for the other.

Parents and children share ways to cope with stress



Positive thinking game



Techno Savvy

Part of the holistic support includes helping our senior college kids experience quality training to understand the actual world of their chosen careers. Or allow them to supplement their skills with more training outside of school. Given the highly competitive employment landscape, this opportunity gives them an edge. The program is premised on a mentorship mode and internship opportunities.



Your donation supported 2 sessions about the 6th Industrial Revolution or Age of AI. This helped the beneficiaries understand how technology is advancing. How to manage this change and how to use technology safely with the proper ethics, especially social media.

You were also able to assist two BS Hospitality Management seniors find an internship with hotels that provided hands-on training. Other hotels just ask the interns to stand in a corner and observe the work or do clerical, and messenger tasks that do not enhance their skills. Our beneficiaries were able to work in 4 departments in a hotel: Housekeeping, Food and Beverage, Accounting, and Events Management.



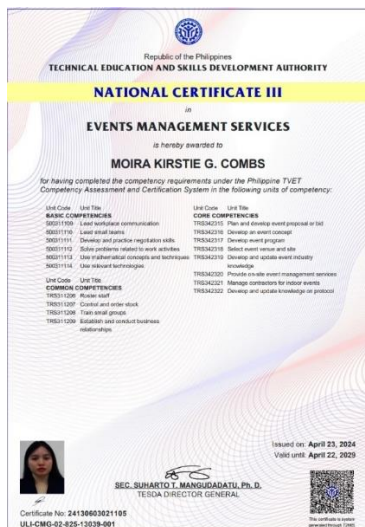
"I learned how to handle the most challenging hotel guest."

"I learned so many new things while working with the Chef."



Your support allowed some beneficiaries to upskill by taking additional vocational courses. One beneficiary, currently finishing her BS Office Administration degree, enrolled in a certificate course for Event Management. Recently, she was awarded her TESDA National Certificate III in Event Management. Another beneficiary has added welding to his wealth of skills while finishing his course in IT. He says if he cannot find a good job in the IT industry, he plans to apply as a ship welder in Korea.

Adding savvy to her BS Office Administration course



Youth For Sustainability

For the first quarter of 2024, we completed the roadshow in all our sites to orient the beneficiaries on the program. Our next step is to hold round table discussions to help them understand each relevant sustainable development goal. This will take more sessions until they can share knowledge with other youth. Then, mentors will guide them to identify positive simple ideas that can lead to solutions to help achieve the sustainability goals.

Pampanga beneficiaries share thoughts about Sustainable Development Goal #5 Gender Equality

