

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Helping the poorest of the poor children in the Philippines to have better lives.

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### "You may say I am a dreamer, but I am not the only one..."

Our journey would not have been possible without the support of our valued volunteers, donors, and partner organizations who embrace our mission and dreams wholeheartedly. Regardless of race, religion, gender, or social backgrounds, we work together to ensure that more children receive the education, nutrition, and empowerment that they deserve. This is what we call "One Love" in motion.

## **ABOUT US**



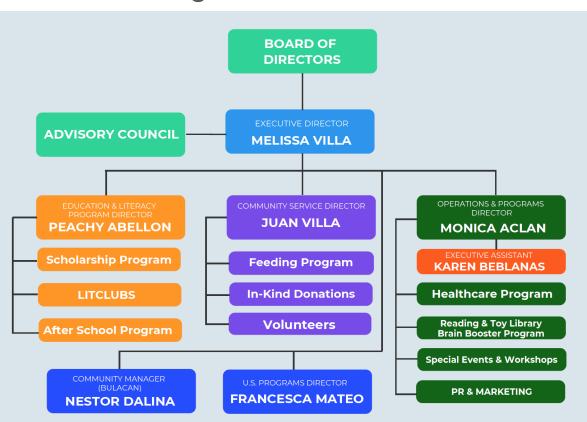
### MISSION

To help the poorest of the poor children to have better lives by giving them PEARLS (Peace, Education, Aspiration, Respect, Love and Smiles) through education, empowerment, nutrition, nourishment, and healthcare.

### VISION

A world where no child at no time, is hungry. No child should be hungry for nutrition, education, shelter, medical services, and pportunities to achieve their full potential.

### **Organizational Chart**





Project PEARLS is governed by the Board of Directors who volunteer their time and skills. The Board meets at least twice a year and is in constant communication online.

The Board is accountable for the policies of the organization and is guided by the organization's Articles of Incorporation.

# **ABOUT US**



### **OUR TEAM**

#### (L-R)

Jaime Lopa, Lut Vallefas-Calupaz, Hilary Anne Diaz, Melissa Villa (Executive Director), Sidney Snoeck, Ma. Victoria Young, (not in photo) Caress Banson





Board of Directors (PH)





Staff & On-the-ground Team

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Zamboanga Sibugay

Jason and Jenifer Cardente and Family

## **ABOUT US**



### **HOW WE WORK**



Project PEARLS is guided by the first four Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations: (1) No Poverty; (2) Zero Hunger; (3) Good Health and Well-being; and (4) Quality Education. We believe that our small contributions can make ripples of positive change that can help in making our world a better place for us and for future generations.

To learn more about the 17 SDGs, you may visit https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals.

### **EDUCATION & LITERACY**

Scholarship Program for School Year 2017-2018

## Where are the **PEARLS** scholars?

- We have scholars from pre-school to college in three different communities:
- Brgy. Batia, Bocaue, Bulacan
- Helping Land, Brgy. 105, Tondo, Manila
- Zamboanga Sibugay



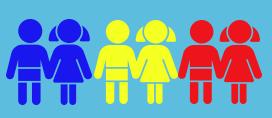




## **EDUCATION & LITERACY**

Scholarship Program for School Year 2017-2018

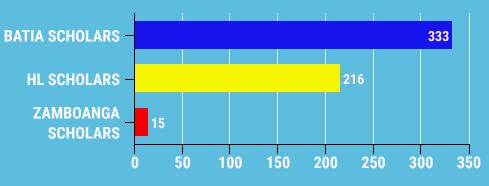




For 2017 a total of 564 Scholars from Pre-school to College. Compared to 2016, there was a 1.5% decrease on the number of Project PEARLS Scholars. These 1.5% was mainly due to relocation of their families.



#### SCHOLARS BREAKDOWN PER COMMUNITY

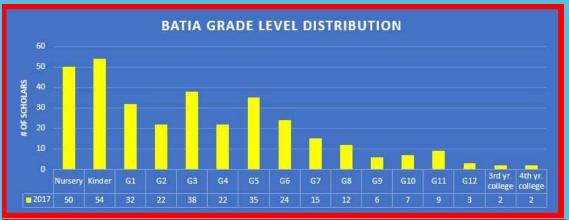


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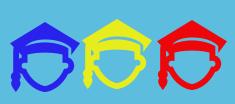
## **EDUCATION & LITERACY**

### Scholarship Program for School Year 2017-2018

### Scholars' Grade Level Distribution - Per Community







Majority of our scholars in Brgy. Batia are at Nursery & Kinder

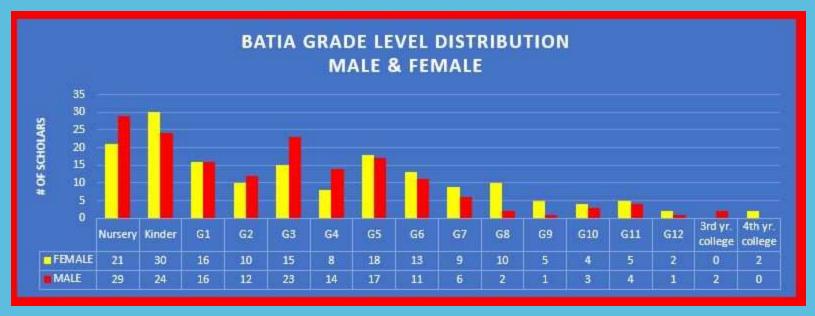
Majority of our scholars in HL, Tondo and Zamboanga are at Grade 7



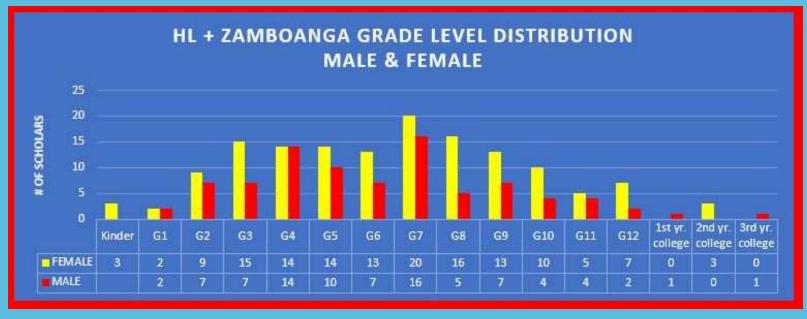
### **EDUCATION & LITERACY**

### Scholarship Program for School Year 2017-2018

#### MALE & FEMALE DISTRIBUTION PER GRADE LEVEL



• Majority of our scholars in Brgy. Batia are females, with a total of 168. There are 165 male scholars.

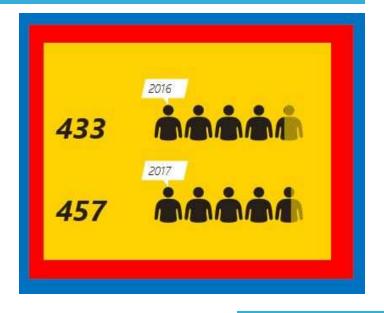


• Majority of our scholars in Helping Land and Zamboanga are females, with a total of 144. There are 87 male scholars.

## **EDUCATION & LITERACY**

Scholarship Program for School Year 2017-2018

### 2016 vs. 2017 Number of Sponsored Scholars





In 2017, 81% of our scholars are sponsored.

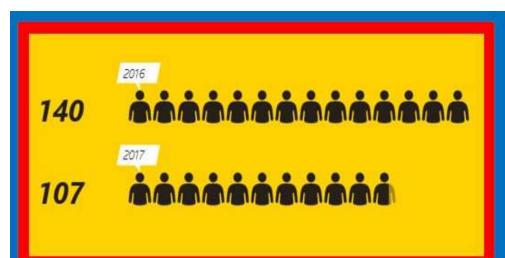
Around 6% increase compared to 2016.



In 2017, 19% of our scholars are non-sponsored.

Around 5% decrease compared to 2016.

2016 vs. 2017 Number of Non-sponsored Scholars



### **EDUCATION & LITERACY Community Activities**







Reading & **Toy Library** 300 days of play

300 + kids per session

**Brain Booster** 

crafts Sessions

Program 46 arts and

**After School** Program

92 academic tutorial sessions 200 + kids per session

and learning

Our community activities are conducted everyday after the feeding program. Aside from providing alternative learning opportunities, these programs serve as a safe space where kids can be just kids - they can play around and interact with one another while developing important social skills.

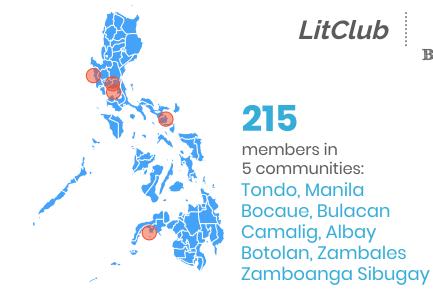
members in 5 communities:



### **EDUCATION & LITERACY**

LitClub

in partnership with LitWorld Be the Story.



Special Activities <



Albay to train new mentors and to welcome our newest LitClub members!



October 14-15, 2017 Stand Up for Girls





Guided by LitWorld's "7 Strengths" (Belonging, Curiosity, Friendship, Kindness, Confidence, Courage, and Hope), LitClubs provide safe and supportive communities where children learn to value their own stories. We use literature to cultivate meaningful relationships and civic engagements that will guide them towards a successful future.



May 3-6, 2017 Regional Art Story Summit



Global HERSTORY Summit New York City

From Ulingan, Tondo to New York City: In 2010, we met Princess, Lilibeth, and Catherine in one of the worst slums in Manila. Despite the extreme poverty that they were experiencing, they demonstrated resilience, intelligence, and leadership skills. They were among the first LitClub members in 2011. Through the years, they developed from young members to junior LitClub mentors.

In March 2017, they traveled to New York City to be part of the Global HerStory Summit (GHS). They participated in leadership trainings and art workshops together with other international delegates. They also had the chance to draft their own community action plan.



After the Summit in New York City, they traveled to San Francisco. Here, they visited museums, amusement parks, the Google campus, and Sta. Clara University.

They also had the honor to meet Philippine Consul General to San Francisco Henry S. Bensurto Jr. who gave them inspiring words of wisdom.



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### **HEALTHCARE & NUTRITION**



Feeding Proaram

120.000 +

52.000 +

1.100 +

**Children's Health Center in Tondo** 





**4 Medical** & Dental Missions

## 1,200 + patients served in 3 communities: Tondo, Bulacan, and Zambales

in partnership with: League of Volunteers for Relief Expeditions (LOVE), Archipelago Builders, and Valenzuela Medical Center

150 + scholars served 3 Dental Missions

**Official Partner for Dental Health:** Valenzuela **Medical Center** 

Special Projects



162,000 doses of multivitamins for 429 pregnant and lactating women Sponsor: Vitamin Angels



100 recipients of flu vaccine Sponsor: Sitel Philippines

Buntis Party for 80 + pregnant women In partnership with Unilab and Samaritan's Purse



Seminars on Family Planning (Bulacan), and Adolescent Reproductive Health (Tondo) In partnership with Likhaan Center for Women's Health



## **EMPOWERMENT through SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**



by World Youth Alliance oto from World Youth Alli

Dance Workshop with The Company and Empire in the Air





Art Workshop

by Taverne Guternberg

## **Special** Workshops

## 210

kids

unique workshops that develop skills. values, and knowledge

Play it Forward: Soccer Workshop

by Telus International Philippines



**Robotics Class** by Amdocs Philippines



Summer Kiddie Workshops



Jollibee Kiddie Parties Sponsors: Arnie Estacio | Jelome Selda-Manalu | Cathy De Roxas-Tizon | Dr. Myrla Duque | Kimberly Chua and Kenton Ong Sychingping

**Enchanted Kingdom Trip Sponsor: UHappy Events** 



#### Photo from Ms. Noreen Parafina's Facebook page Sponsor: Project Banig

## **Field Trips**

Jollibee kiddie parties



## EMPOWERMENT through SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

### **Livelihood Project for Women**



### **Braids of Life**

The OPEMAN Class of Ateneo Graduate School of Business gave entrepreneurship training to some of our Mothers in Bulacan. After a series of workshops, the Mothers now manage the "Braids of Life" where they create beautiful door mats and potholders.



### Traditional Hilot Workshop

Our Mothers from Helping Land, Tondo participated in a Traditional Hilot Workshop conducted by ATHAG (Association of TRaditional Health Aid Givers). They can use this skill as an additional source of income, or they can apply the healing techniques in their families.



### Grant Writing Workshop

We believe that empowering our team members is a necessary key in achieving our goals. In February, Monica Aclan and Karen Beblañas attended a Grant Writing Workshop in Baguio City, organized by Telus International PH and Fundraisers' Network for Development (FuND PH).

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS** *Emergency Relief Operations*



On August 18, 2017, a devastating fire hit the community of Temporary Housing in Brgy. 105, Tondo, Manila. More than 2,000 people were left homeless. In the face of this tragedy, we mobilized our partners and donors to raise funds. We provided hot meals in the evacuation centers and we conducted two batches of relief pack distribution. The emergency relief packs included first aid kits, clothes, toiletries, food, blankets, and other things that they need to rebuild their lives.

Bless!!

Plear Hahal rood Mama

\$17,555.94 worth of relief packages bought and distributed

\$ 15, 424.16 cash donations received



We sent hundreds of arts kits for the displaced children in Marawi City to help them cope with the extremely difficult challenges that they were experiencing. PEARLS kids also wrote letters of love and gratitude for the soldiers fighting in the war.



## **SPECIAL PROJECTS** *Cassie's Bag of Dreams*





school bags filled with hygiene packs were given to scholars in

Helping Land, Tondo Brgy. Batia, Bocaue, Bulacan





## **SPECIAL PROJECTS** *The Memory Project*



The Memory Project is a US-based charitable nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and students to create and donate portraits to youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as violence, disasters, extreme poverty, neglect, and loss of parents.

## 700 +

kids in four communities:

Helping Land, Tondo Smokey Mountain, Tondo Brgy. Batia, Bocaue, Bulacan Lakas Tribe, Zambales

## 2,800 +

pieces of beautiful artworks made by students from

#### United States of America











### Christmas Toy Drive and Adopt-a-Family Campaigns

**3,200 +** gifts were given to children in seven communities: Helping Land, Tondo Smokey Mountain, Tondo Brgy. Batia, Bocaue, Bulacan Lakas Tribe, Zambales Brgy. Dasal, Sibunag, Guimaras Mandurriao, Iloilo Zamboanga Sibugay

## 1,900 +

families received Noche Buena packs (includes spaghetti noodles and sauce, fruit salad mix, milk, luncheon meat, cheese, champorado mix, arroz caldo mix) in four communities:

Helping Land, Tondo Smokey Mountain, Tondo Brgy. Batia, Bocaue, Bulacan Lakas Tribe, Zambales







t has been our tradition to share love and joy every Christmas. We want to ensure that every kid and family is able to celebrate this occasion in a memorable and special way.

We thank all our partners and sponsors for supporting the Toy Drive and Adopt-a-Family campaigns.



### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Christmas Partnerships



Christmas Party at the Philippine General Hospital for 300 kids



## 'Wishes Delivered Campaign' with UPS for 40 kids from Helping Land, Tondo



Aside from our regular Christmas activities, we also partner with other organizations to spread love to more kids during the Christmas season.



### **PEARLS EVENTS**

Vice President Leni Robredo in Tondo

> Mother's Day Treat for 53 Nanays in Tondo



VP Leni visited Helping Land to see first hand the challenges in the community. She also held a dialogue with the residents, local government, and other NGOs doing work in Tondo.



These are not your ordinary Mothers in Tondo. These are the hardest working and most resilient mothers! They are the pagpag makers, scavengers, garlic peelers - workers who make an honest living at a place where it is almost inhumane to work and live. We salute all these Mothers!



Volunteers and staff spent a weekend in Pampanga filled with back-to-back meetings, brainstorming, strategic planning, celebrations, reflection, and most of all, lots of love and laughter!

Staff and Volunteers' **Team Building Activity** in Pampanga





#### Staff and Volunteers' Leadership Retreat with Ninoy and Cory Aquino Foundation (NCAF)

We are deeply grateful to NCAF for inviting 40 key volunteers and staff to attend the "Leadership Journey for Carers."

This leadership retreat provided time for us "to rest and recharge, while rekindling our motivations for serving and our reasons for continuing the challenging work that we do."

### 7th Anniversary Celebration

Project Pearls started as a simple mother-daughter advocacy seven years ago. Now, we have more than a hundred volunteers, donors, and partners! Our mission continues to grow because of the love and support that we receive through the years. Cheers to spreading more PEARLS!





### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**





RACADDI





5TH Annual Kickball Tournament



Organizer: Empire in the Air Organizer: Alexander Mann Solutions



### **NGO FAIRS: Spreading PEARLS Awareness**



We joined the Social Good Summit to share our mission with students, leaders, and other NGOs. The theme of the summit is "Innovate with Purpose: Leave No One Behind."

> **Social Good Summit's Volunteerism Fair** by Rappler and United for Healthier Kids (U4HK)

"#OnTheWheels: Incubating Innovations for the Global Goals" (also dubbed as SDG Caravan) is a campus roadshow that aims to inform the youth about the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. It also gives the youth the opportunity to join in the efforts and discussions to achieve the SDGs.

> Sustainable Development Goals Caravan by 2030 Youth Force in the Philippines, Inc.

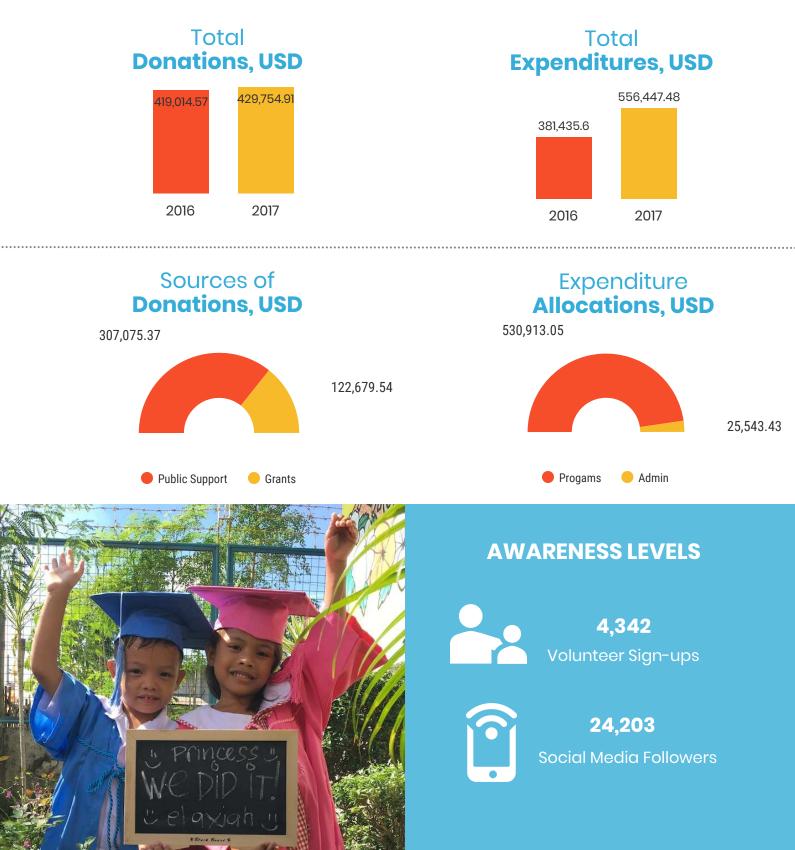


Angat Kabuhayan Summit by the Office of the Vice President

We proudly showcased the door mats and paper bead stars made (with love) by our Bulacan Mothers in the "Angat Kabuhayan Summit." Angat Kabuhayan is OVP's new anti-poverty advocacy that gathers stakeholders, communities, and businesses to build inclusive livelihood programs.

## THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**



## **DONORS & PARTNERS**

### SPONSORS PER PROGRAM

#### We are deeply grateful to these amazing organizations and individuals for making our mission possible.

#### **Scholarship Program**

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I deeply thank all our families, volunteers, staff, donors, sponsors and partners for believing in our mission; for the thoughtful support and generosity.

Because of all of you, the children and youth in our programs are aiming higher, dreaming bigger and working harder towards getting out of poverty.

Together, we can continue to educate, empower, and nourish these underproveded children for better and brighter future. - **Melissa Villa, Founder & Executive Director** 

The Moon in my Room

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CATLING THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH

THE BEARS' CHRISTMAS

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We would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to our dedicated volunteer photographers for capturing One Love in motion: **Sidney Snoeck, Rita Dela Cruz and Jay-R Panagsagan.**