



## 2018 Annual Report

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# ABOUT US

## VISION

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

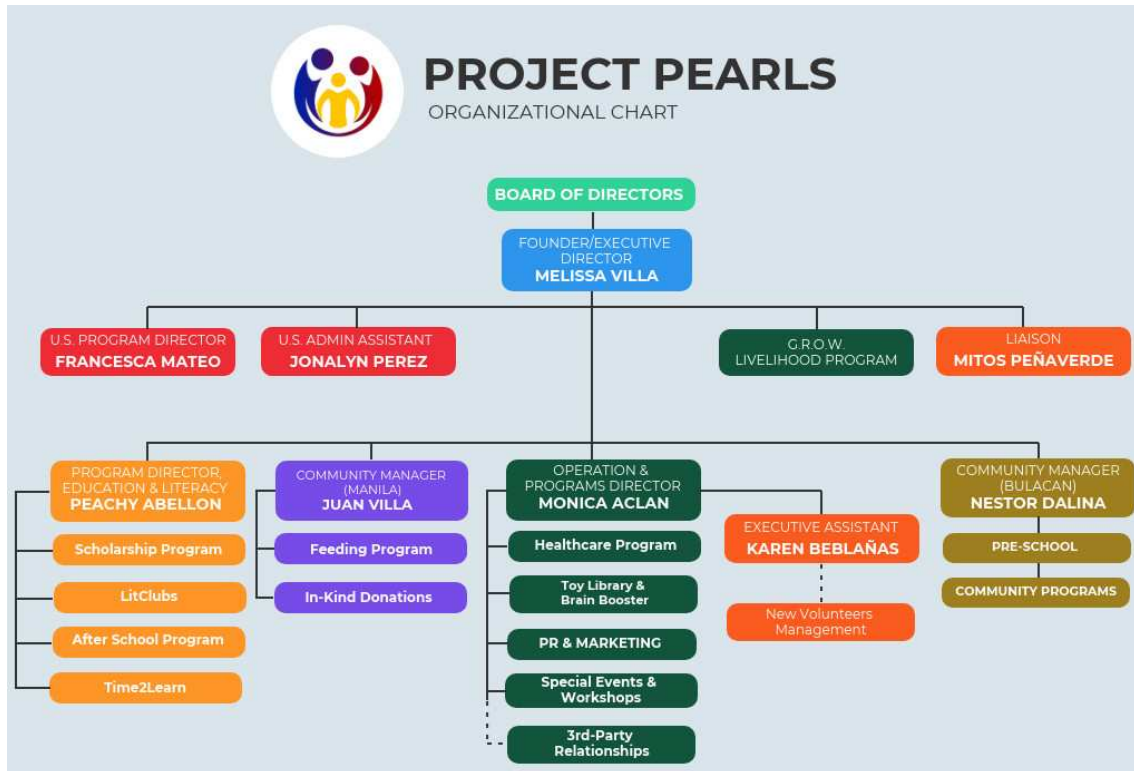
## MISSION

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



# ABOUT US

## OUR TEAM



### Board of Directors (Philippines)



(L-R, top row) Jaime Lopa, Lut Vallefás-Calupaz, (L-R, second row) Hilary Anne Diaz, Melissa Villa (Executive Director), Sidney Snoeck, Ma. Victoria Young, (not in photo) Stephanie McGuire

### Board of Directors (USA)



(L-R, top row) Daniel Bucher, Arnold Pedrigal, Mailou San Gabriel, Melissa Poquiz, Arthur Swanson, William Brandenburg, (L-R, second row) Melissa Villa, Francesca Mateo, Cassie Eng & Jonalyn Perez (Volunteers)

The Board of Directors is composed of professionals and executives from diverse backgrounds and industries. With their individual expertise and knowledge, they provide over-all guidance and strategic direction for the growth of Project Pearls.



# ABOUT US

## OUR TEAM

### Full-time Staff & On-the-ground Team



(L-R) Monica Aclan, Melissa Villa (Founder/ Executive Director), JayR Panagsagan, Karen Viel Beblañas, Arnesto Dalina, May Roselyn Baylon, Peachy Abellon, Princess Dimaranan, Diana Lucas Nuñez, Ardee Dimaranan, Raymund Dames (†), Juan Villa

### Program and Community Core Volunteers



#### After School Program Core Team

(L-R, top row) Alaine Grace Montemayor, Kristy Mae Figuracion, Christine Sim, Wilma Dimailig, Restine Portugal, Hilary Anne Diaz, Mitos Peñaverde, Camille Dellosa, Jane Tsai, Jedda Punzalan, (L-R, second row) Angelo Dayego, Vince Razalan, Ron Jason Pascual.  
(Not in photo) Arish Regaspi, Emily Sagun



#### Brain Booster Core Team

(L-R) Christine Sim, Michelle Dela Peña, Genevieve Matabang



#### Tondo Community Core Team

(L-R, top row) Jonalyn Andia, Liezel Alvarado, Jocelina Trasmaño, Diana Lucas, Jocelyn Sunga, Analyn Abriol, Ronalyn Abriol, (L-R, second row) Merly Ruta, Emily Dordines, Teresita Alvarado, Ma. Salome Degollacion, Ma. Teresa Tadlas, Divine Grace Degollacion



#### Bulacan Community Core Team

(L-R) Celia Villamina, Salome Soria, Erma Malalay, May Roselyn Baylon, Mae Figueroa, Baby Grace Cajefe, Amado Dizon, Ludylyn Baylon, Mary Grace Cesar, Marcelino Ugsad, Arnesto Dalina



**Zamboanga Sibugay Community Core Team**  
Jason and Jennifer Cardente and Family

# ABOUT US

## HOW WE WORK

### Our Guiding Principles



### Our Core Programs



#### Education and Literacy



#### Healthcare and Nutrition



#### Empowerment through Skills Development

The core programs of Project Pearls are anchored on 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.

With the support of our partners, sponsors, and volunteers, we are able to make positive contribution in the communities that we serve. 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.





# OUR PROGRAMS



**PROJECT**  
**PEARLS**

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## EDUCATION & LITERACY

# OUR PROGRAMS

## Education & Literacy

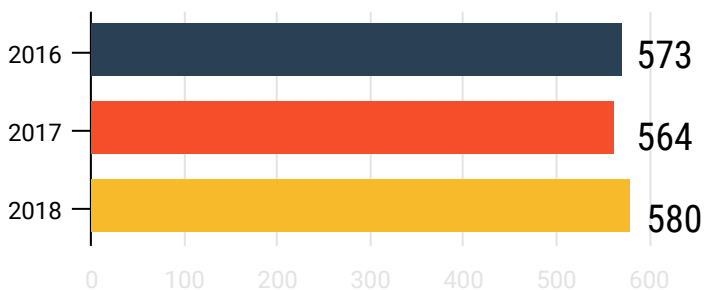
### Scholarship Program (School Year 2018-2019)

**580** scholars from pre-school to college in three communities:

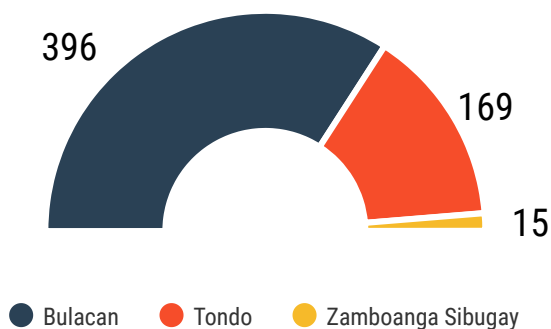
**Brgy. Batia, Bocaue, Bulacan**  
**Brgy. 105, Tondo, Manila**  
**Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay**

From building a simple Learning Center for 40 Nursery scholars in Ulingan, Tondo in 2010, the PEARLS Scholarship Program has now grown to a family of more than 500 scholars! We support these scholars by providing them with complete school supplies, vouchers for field trips and projects, opportunities for exposure trips and workshops, monthly grocery packs, and academic support through tutorial activities. The scholarship program aims to ease the economic burden of the families and to inspire the scholars to achieve their dreams. It also aims to hone their skills and values so that they can be role models and productive members of their own communities.

**Number of scholars from 2016 to 2018:**



**2018 - Number of scholars per community:**



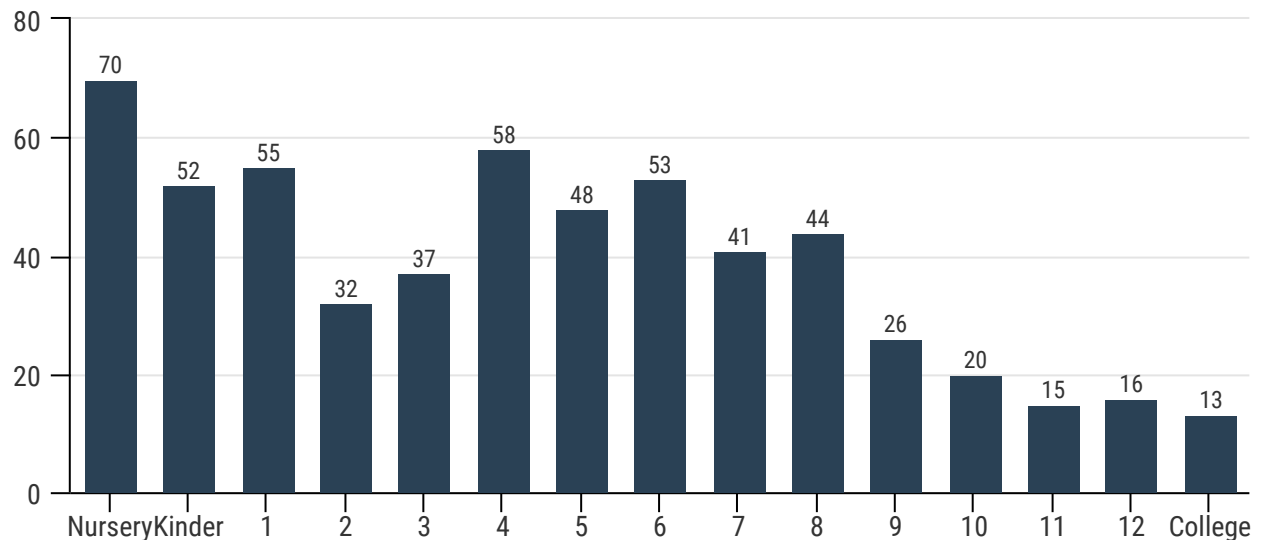


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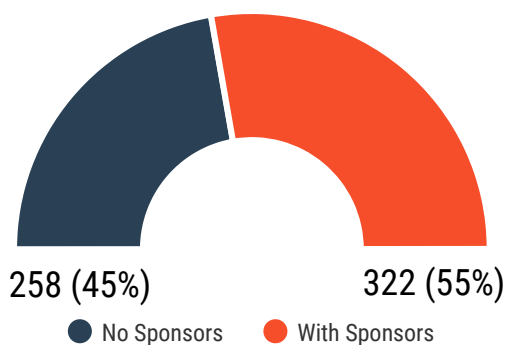
## Education & Literacy

### Scholarship Program (School Year 2018-2019)

Scholar Distribution per Grade Level

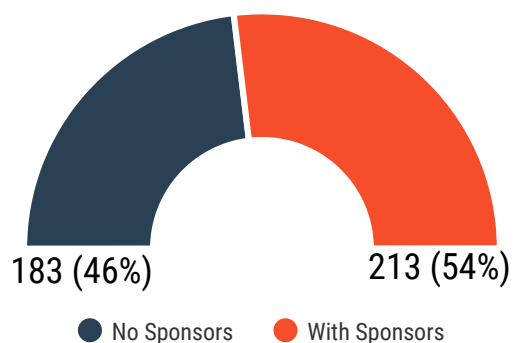


Over-all Breakdown of Sponsorship

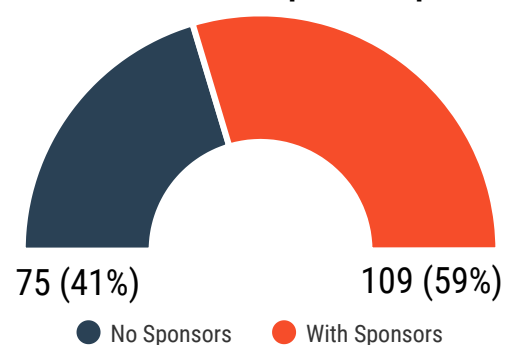


55% of the scholars are covered by sponsorships from individuals and various organizations. Those scholars without sponsorships are covered by our general fund acquired through grants and other donations.

Bulacan Scholars:  
Breakdown of Sponsorship



Tondo and Zamboanga Scholars:  
Breakdown of Sponsorship

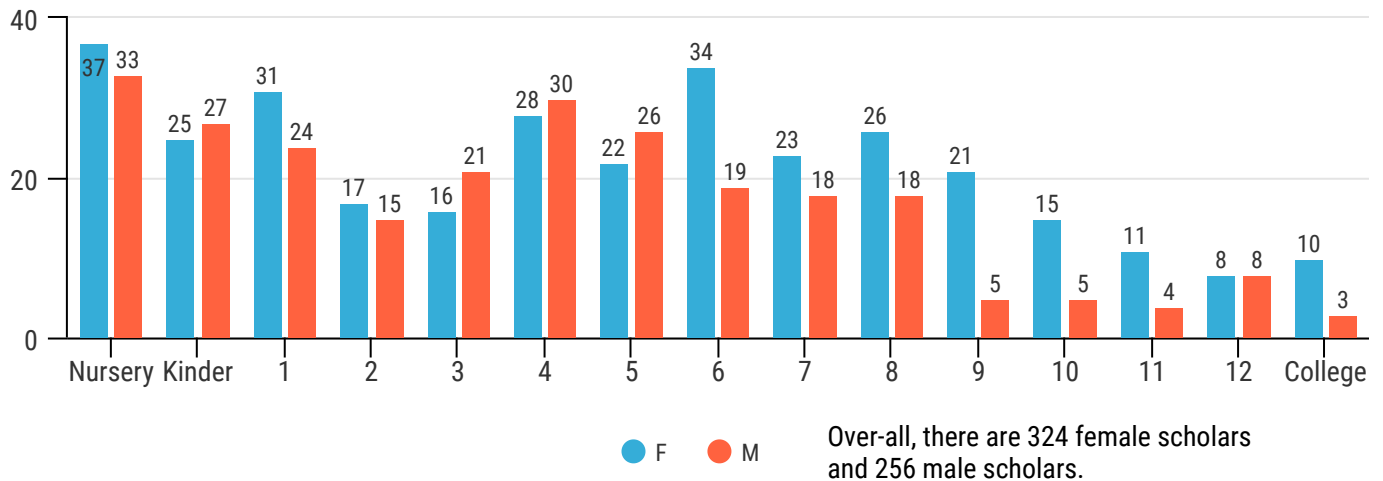


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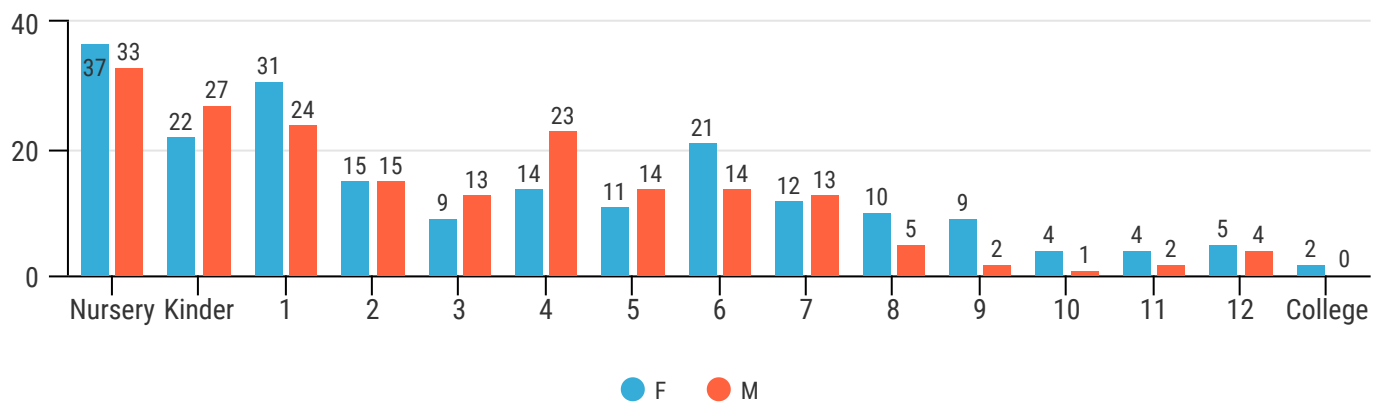
## Education & Literacy

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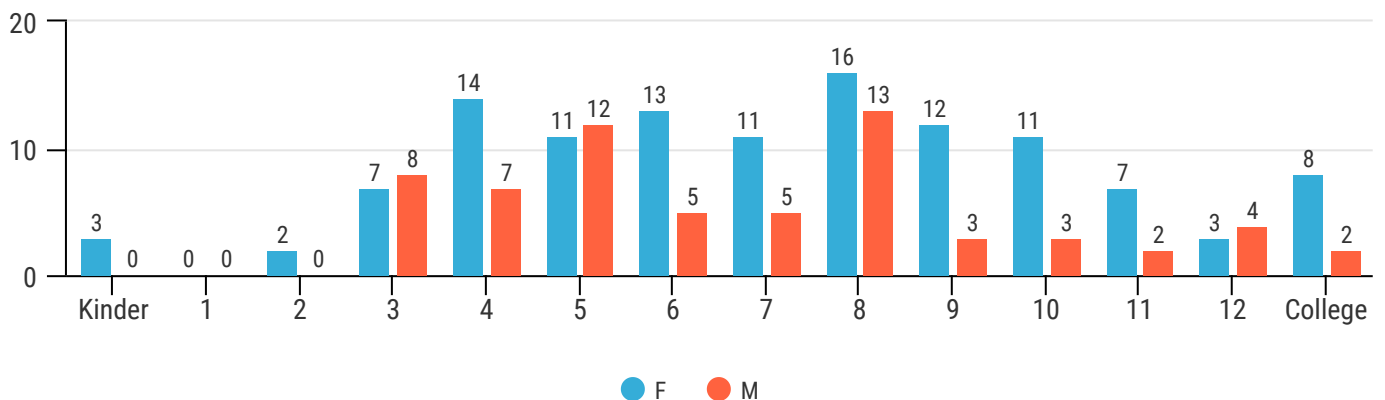
Over-all Female and Male Distribution per Grade Level



Bulacan: Female and Male Distribution per Grade Level



Tondo and Zamboanga: Female and Male Distribution per Grade Level





# OUR PROGRAMS

## Education & Literacy

### College Scholar's Testimonial



*"First of all, I would like to tell you how grateful I am for being a part of this family, Project PEARLS. My life after then have never been so much better. Thank you for being a helping hand, a bridge and a blessing in disguise to all of us you are helping with. Thank you for helping me reach one of my dreams - to be a diver!" - Desiree Pangasian Bajo, BS Marine Biology Graduate, 2019*

*Desiree is born and raised in poverty in Zamboanga Sibugay. And she has been in Project PEARLS Scholarship Program since her high school years and she is also one of our mentors for LitClub (Literacy Club Program).*

The PEARLS Scholarship Program is more than just sending students to school. Aside from being able to graduate from college, we aspire that our scholars become role models and responsible citizens of our country. We hope that they will serve as inspiration to other children and youth who are living in disadvantaged communities. By instilling in them the values of PEARLS (*Peace, Education, Aspiration, Love, and Smiles*), we hope that they will also make a difference in the lives of other young dreamers - just like how their lives were changed for the better.

# OUR PROGRAMS

## Education & Literacy

### High School Scholar's Testimonial



*"I get so emotional when I talk about Project PEARLS because it changed my life through the many opportunities that were given to my siblings, my mother, and me. My advice to young women like me is to always take life's problems as a challenge designed to strengthen them. Do not give up and always be grateful to the people who help you achieve your dreams. "*

*- Princess Soria*

*Princess Soria was born in the slums of Ulingan in Tondo, Manila, and was raised by a single mother. Princess was in the fifth grade when she was first awarded a scholarship from Project PEARLS in 2011. And now, Princess is a first year college student taking up BS Psychology.*

***"Education is not a way to escape poverty, it is a way of fighting it."***

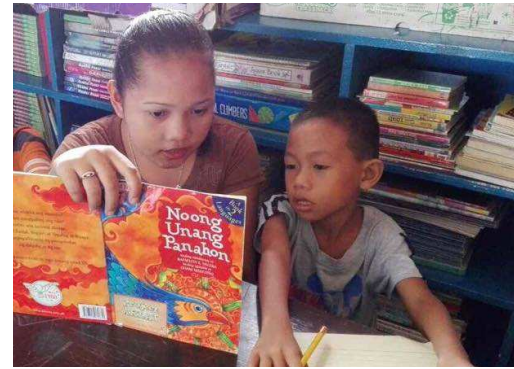
***- Julius Nyerere***



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Education & Literacy

### Community Learning Activities



## After School Program

**92** academic tutorial sessions

Every Sunday, our volunteers provide tutorial sessions for around 200 to 300 kids in Tondo, Manila. Our high school scholars in Bulacan also conduct tutorials for the younger scholars to help them in their academics.



## Art, Play, and Reading Sessions

**568** art, play and reading sessions

On weekdays, we set up the Toy Library after the Feeding Program in our communities in Tondo, and in Bulacan. The toy library provides a safe space where kids can play while developing important social skills. We also have activities that help kids develop their reading and writing skills. Every Saturday we conduct art and crafts activities to develop their creativity and passion for the art.

# OUR PROGRAMS

## Education & Literacy

**LitClub**

in partnership with  
**LitWorld**  
Be the Story.

# 160

LitClub members in  
five communities:

**Bocaue, Bulacan**  
**Tondo, Manila**  
**Zamboanga Sibugay**  
**Botolan, Zambales**  
**Camalig, Albay**

In partnership with LitWorld, an international non-profit organization advocating for global literacy, we established LitClubs in different communities. LitWorld's "7 Strengths" (Belonging, Curiosity, Friendship, Kindness, Confidence, Courage, and Hope) are at the core of LitClub's programs. Through its various activities, LitClub aims to provide safe and supportive communities where children learn to value their own stories. Aside from this, it provides young people with engaging and productive literacy experiences during critical out-of-school time.



## HerStory Summit and UN Commission on the Status of Women (New York City)

sponsored by:

**LitWorld** **GLOBAL**  
Be the Story. G · L · O · B · A · L

From March 13 to 16, our very own LitClub Regional Director Peachy Abellon, and LitClub Mentor Lilibeth Sucion, traveled to New York City, USA to share the result of their community action plan in Bulacan. The *HOPE (Health, Opportunity, Power, and Education) Project* was created during the HerStory Summit in 2017 together with LitClub mentors Catherine Orsal and Princess Soria. The aim of the program was to address the issue of teenage pregnancy in the community by providing access to reproductive health education, and opportunities to develop their skills and interests. The Summit was also an avenue for Peachy and Lilibeth to share inspiring stories of hope, love, and resilience that they have witnessed in the different LitClubs in the Philippines.



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Education & Literacy

**LitClub**

in partnership with  
**LitWorld**  
Be the Story.

In addition to the regular weekly sessions, LitClub also conducts various activities throughout the year to promote the value of literacy and to develop self-expression, confidence, and understanding.



## World Read Aloud Day

February 1-2  
We celebrated 'World Read Aloud Day' with kids and teens in Tondo, Bulacan, Zambales, and Zamboanga Sibugay.

## LitClub & LitMoms Get-together

February 11

The different LitClub groups in Bulacan, together with the LitMoms, gathered together to celebrate the success of the past year.



## Mentorship Training in Zamboanga Sibugay

May 7-9

New mentors in Zamboanga Sibugay were given a mentorship training to empower them to lead their own LitClubs.



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Education & Literacy

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Be the Story.



## LitCamp

May 21-23 and July 14

LitClub members in Bulacan and Zamboanga Sibugay participated in a series of interactive lessons and literacy enrichment programs.

## Art Story Summit and Mentorship Training in Zambales

September 22

Using art as a medium of expression, LitClub members in Zambales shared their life stories and learned from one another's experiences.



## Stand Up for Girls

October 13 and 21

In celebration of the International Day of the Girl, we held special activities to highlight the power of girls and to campaign for equal rights around the world.

Photo courtesy of SPARK! Philippines

## International Day of the Girl

October 11

We joined SPARK! Philippines, the Embassy of Sweden, The Teh Talks, and J. Amado Araneta Foundation, Inc. in celebrating the International Day of the Girl. Alongside other esteemed speakers, our very own scholar and LitClub Mentor Lilibeth Sucion shared her inspiring story of courage and resilience to hundreds of young women.





# OUR PROGRAMS



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## HEALTHCARE & NUTRITION



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Healthcare & Nutrition

### Feeding Program

**101,070+**  
total meals served

Every day, around 200 to 300 kids attend our feeding program in Helping Land, Tondo. Hearty meals are served to ensure that they do not go to school with empty stomachs. Our Nursery scholars in Bulacan are also provided with free breakfast. The kids also receive a daily dose of multivitamins after the feeding program.



### Health Center in Tondo, Manila

**1,706+**  
patients served

We opened the Pearls Health Center with the goal of providing free check-ups and free medicines for the kids and families in Temporary Housing, Tondo. The clinic has a special focus on maternal and child health and in raising awareness about the "First 1,000 Days Program" of the government. This is done through the support of the Manila Health Department.

The clinic is open from Monday to Saturday, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.



**218**

babies (0-24 months old)  
received vaccinations

**79**

women received  
prenatal and  
postpartum check-ups



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Healthcare & Nutrition



### Satellite Clinic:

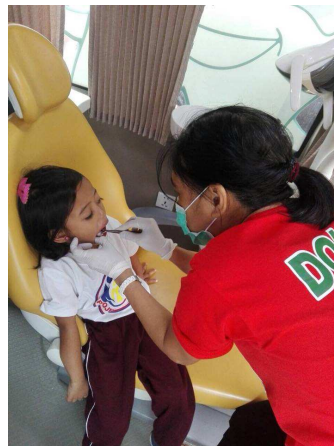
#### Signing of Memorandum of Understanding

On April 3, 2018, Project PEARLS signed a Memorandum of Understanding together with its partners - Samaritan's Purse Philippines, Unilab, Inc., Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, City of Manila through the Manila Health Department, and Barangay 105, Tondo - to recognize the PEARLS Health Center as a satellite clinic of the Manila Health Dept. This partnership aims to increase the availability of maternal and newborn health services, and to decrease maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality rates due to low turn-out rate of pre-natal, postpartum and newborn check-ups. We are very grateful to our partners for making this possible!

## Medical & Dental Missions

**820+**

patients served in 7  
Medical and Dental  
Missions in Helping  
Land, Tondo, and in  
Bocaue, Bulacan



We are grateful to our partners and sponsors for making these events possible: Dr. Sissy Jimenez, Archipelago Builders, Dental Team of the Valenzuela Medical Center, Dan Baxter, and Fresno Diwata Lions Club. Special thanks to "Smiles by Sally" for the kids' dental hygiene kits.



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Healthcare & Nutrition

## Special Projects



### Operation Tuli

April 23 and May 6  
The UST Alpha Delta Mu Sorority provided free circumcision to more than 120 boys in Tondo and Bulacan.

## Information Sessions with Likhaan



February 15. More than 50 women in Bulacan attended the "Balik-Saya para sa Karapatang Magplano ng Pamilya", an information session about the importance of family planning and reproductive health.



April 14 and 21. To raise awareness about cervical cancer, Likhaan conducted a seminar for more than 50 women in Tondo.

## Milk Letting Activity for Mothers



July 26. Together with our partners, the Manila Health Department, Unilab, and Samaritan's Purse, a milk letting activity was conducted in Tondo to highlight the importance of breastfeeding. This activity also served as an avenue to collect milk for the Mothers who are not able to produce milk.



## Free Eye Exam



July 14. Lead by Dan Baxter, Fresno Diwata Lions Club provided free vision exams and eye glasses to more than 130 kids and adults in Tondo.



# OUR PROGRAMS



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**EMPOWERMENT  
THROUGH SKILLS  
DEVELOPMENT**



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Empowerment through Skills Development

## Special Workshops



**400+**

kids and teens participated in 9 workshops and training seminars that develop skills, values, and knowledge

### Summer Workshops in Jollibee and McDonald's

*April to May.* Every summer, we enroll our young scholars in the summer workshops to teach them the value of hard work, teamwork, and leadership. They also get to interact with other kids and meet new friends!



### Step It Forward: Dance Workshop

*February to May.* Telus Philippines lead a six-session dance workshop for 50 scholars from Tondo and Bulacan.



### Ukelele Workshop

*August.* Inspirare, an organization lead by Kim Lato, conducted a series of Ukelele Workshops for ten girls and boys in Helping Land, Tondo.



### Una sa Lahat, Bata: Children's Summit on Rights

*May 24.* Museo Pambata and the Delegation of the European Union invited 15 young scholars from Bulacan to participate in a day of fun learning activities focused on child rights.



### Plush Toy Workshop

*July 28.* Twenty-five kids from Tondo were invited by The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf to learn how to make plush toys. The workshop was led by Plush and Play.



# OUR PROGRAMS

Empowerment through Skills Development

## Special Workshops



### Media Literacy Caravan for High School Scholars

May 5 and 26. We partnered with Young Filipino Advocates of Critical Thinking (yFACTph) to conduct a Media Literacy Caravan for more than 120 high school scholars in Tondo and Bulacan. This seminar taught them how to be responsible social media users and how to think critically in the face of fake news.

### Leadership Journey for Senior HS Scholars

May 15-16

The Leadership Journey Retreat, lead by Ninoy and Cory Aquino Foundation (NCAF), was a unique and memorable experience for our scholars. The two-day retreat was filled with fun and heartwarming learning sessions that inspired them to have a renewed sense of motivation and mission in their lives. Aside from the valuable lessons that they gained, they also experienced an abundance of love and friendship from one another!



### Vision Board Party

August 21

Trixie Esguerra, Founder of Positivitrix, conducted a fun workshop on vision board making for our high school scholars. This workshop allowed the scholars to clearly envision their goals and dreams.



# OUR PROGRAMS

Empowerment through Skills Development

## Exposure Trips



### University Tours

April to May. We conducted a series of campus tours to introduce our senior high school scholars to the different universities in Manila. They visited five universities: University of Sto. Tomas, University of the Philippines (Diliman), FEU Institute of Technology, Mapua University, and Colegio de San Juan de Letran. This exposure trip inspired and motivated the scholars to pursue higher education and to reach for their dreams.

**320+** kids joined 6 kiddie parties and 3 educational field trips

Thank you so much to our advocates for sharing love and smiles with the kids: SSCHS1994 Alumnae Association, Inc., Marielle De Leon, Hilary Anne Diaz, Maine & Nicolette Mendoza, Cathy De Roxas, Monica Lerit, and Ezra Santos.





# OUR PROGRAMS

Empowerment through Skills Development

## Workshops and Summits for Staff

### 3rd World Literacy Summit



March 26-28. Jedda Punzalan, Monica Aclan, and UK-based advocate Daren Stone had the honor of attending the 3rd World Literacy Summit in Oxford University, United Kingdom. With the theme, "Closing the literacy gap in the 21st Century", this summit gathered literacy champions and leaders from around the world to share knowledge with one another. It also provided a unique and meaningful platform for discussion and collaboration among different stakeholders to end global illiteracy.

### Melissa Villa, recipient of the first 'Albert Schweitzer Award'

Our very own Founder and Executive Director, **Melissa Villa**, was awarded the first 'Albert Schweitzer Medal and Lectureship' during the World Literacy Summit in Oxford, United Kingdom! This recognition is given to an individual who contributed meaningful services in the areas of literacy and health in the developing world. The award was presented by Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands (UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy for Development), in the presence of PH Ambassador to the UK Antonio Lagdameo.



We are very thankful to our partner organizations for inviting our volunteers and staff to participate in various workshops and learning sessions. These events provided valuable knowledge that can be applied in our own programs.



### International Conference on Children and Young Adult's Librarianship

Organized by:  
National Library of the Philippines  
October 17-19



### Youth Development Workshop

Organized by: USAID  
November 18



### Forum on Service, Leadership and Social Action

Organized by: US Embassy and NCAF  
September 5



### Google Services Workshop

Organized by: IVolunteer and Google Philippines  
November 23



# OUR PROGRAMS



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## SPECIAL PROJECTS & EVENTS



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Special Projects & Events

### Kuya Art's Bag Distribution to Nursery Scholars



May 26. Our Nursery scholars in Bulacan were excited for the start of the school year as they received their new bags filled with school supplies! We are grateful to Arthur Tolentino and his family for these gifts.

### Nelson Mandela Centenary 2018: Be the Legacy



*"It is in your hands to make of the world a better place."  
-Nelson Mandela*

*June to July.* In celebration of Nelson Mandela's 100th birthday, the Embassy of South Africa in the Philippines partnered with Project Pearls to reach out to the families in the community of Helping Land, Tondo. For four Fridays in June and July, our friends from the Embassy conducted various outreach activities for the kids and families. Aside from bringing love and smiles to the community, these activities highlighted Mandela's legacy and life. The celebration culminated with a special activity on July 18, the International Mandela Day.

We are very grateful and honored to be part of this meaningful celebration!



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Special Projects & Events

### Cassie's Bag of Dreams



This is the 5th year of Cassie's Bag of Dreams Challenge! Every year, Cassie celebrates her birthday by reaching out to different underprivileged communities in the Philippines. She also partners with different organizations and individuals to make her "bag of dreams challenge" possible. The Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown has been one of her biggest supporters through the years. This 2018, Cassie was able to distribute school bags to more than 670 children in Daet, Camarines Norte, and in Lasala Elementary School, Siargao.

Special thanks to: Aklatan sa Kostal, Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation, and BeAGiver



### PEARLS 8th Anniversary



2018 marked the eighth year of Project Pearls! We celebrated this special occasion through a simple appreciation lunch for our volunteers and staff. We also had special gift giving for the children and families in our communities.

Thank you so much to our volunteers, partners, and donors for eight years of overflowing PEARLS!





# OUR PROGRAMS

## Special Projects & Events

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

**4,100+**

children and teenagers received Christmas gifts



**1,600+**

families received Noche Buena packs



Since 2011, Project Pearls has been sharing love and smiles to thousands of kids and families every December. The gifts and Noche Buena packs that they receive made their Christmas more magical and special. This would not have been possible without the support of our partners and donors who have shown the true essence of this meaningful celebration.



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Special Projects & Events

### Tondo Christmas Party with Michelle Concepcion



*December 8*

Michelle Concepcion has been one of our biggest advocates since the early days of Project Pearls. Aside from supporting our daily feeding program, it has been a tradition for Michelle and her family to celebrate her birthday together with the Pearls children through an early Christmas Party. The kids enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities, and everyone went home with special gift packs!



### Christmas Party with the Kids at PGH Cancer Institute



*December 13*

Every year, we spend a day with the children at the Cancer Institute of Philippine General Hospital (PGH) to share love and smiles. Their courage and stories of hope are truly inspiring and humbling.

Special thanks to Bacolod Chicken Inasal, La Salle Greenhills, Kundirana Music Ministry, Marie Young, Dawn Y., Pinoy Friends from Hong Kong, and Ms. Annie Guzman for making this event possible.



# THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



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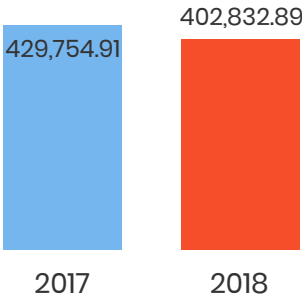
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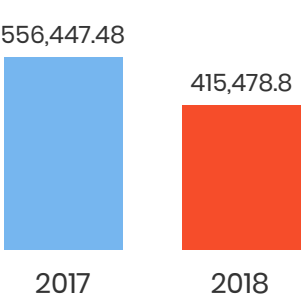


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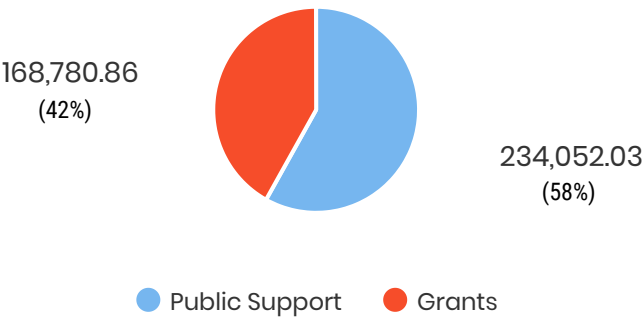
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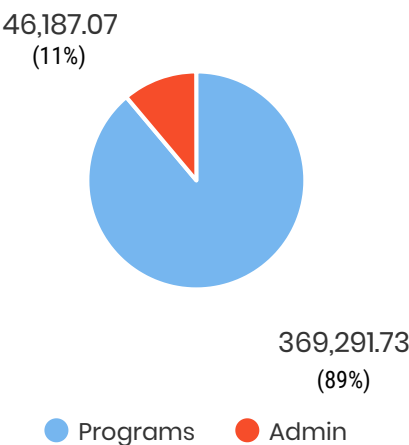
Total Expenditures  
(USD)



## Sources of Donations (USD)



## Expenditure Allocations (USD)





# THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

## Online Presence



**27,726**

**Facebook Page** Followers



**672**

**Twitter** Followers



**6,263**

**Instagram** Followers



**954**

**New Volunteer** Sign-Ups



# DONORS & PARTNERS



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## SPONSORS PER PROGRAM, IN-KIND DONATIONS, & PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



# DONORS & PARTNERS

## Sponsors per Program

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Abigail Adula  
Adora Belo & Stephanie McGuire  
Adrian Soco  
Alexander Mann Solutions  
Angela Nagata  
Atty. Anthony Bengzon  
Arthur Swanson  
Azusa Yamazaki  
Benedict Perez  
Benedikt Soller  
Bing Javier  
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British Women Association  
Carina Entera  
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Lucas Ladao  
Maillet Ancheta  
Mamello  
Maria Angeli T. Reyes  
Marie Chile Pajarillo  
Mark Anthony Caga  
Maura Rendes and David Johnson  
Michelle Concepcion Reyes  
Miguel Benedicto  
Nena and Friends  
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Raymund, or simply 'Mon' to his friends and family, has been a dedicated Pearls volunteer since day one. He was there when we were still starting out in our first community in Ulingan in 2010. Back then, Project Pearls was just a small group of family and friends who gather together every weekend for outreach activities. We did not have solid programs yet and truth be told, we were just feeling our way to become a legitimate NGO. But we were able to overcome those challenges because of the people who stayed by our side through the years. Kuya Mon is one of them. Rain or shine, with big or small budget, he was always there to lend a helping hand, and to share love and smiles to the kids. He worked quietly behind the scenes. He was not after the spotlight nor recognition. All he wanted was to contribute in his own humble ways for the growth of the organization, and for the welfare of the children.

*Kuya Mon*, thank you for showing us what genuine and true service looks like. Thank you for reminding us that love does not need to be grandiose and loud all the time - true love is found in quiet places, in small gestures, in humble works.

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