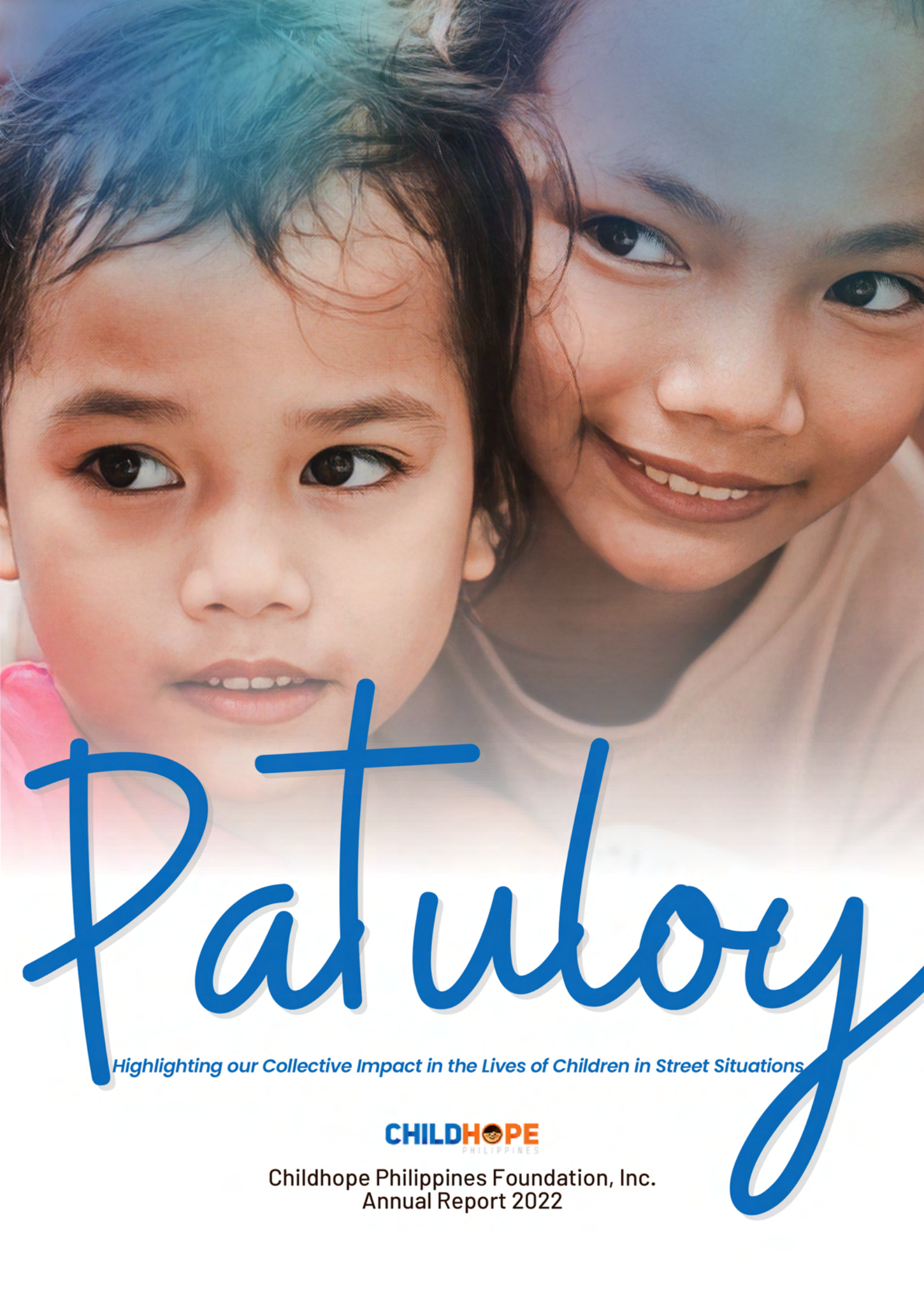




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Highlighting our Collective Impact in the Lives of Children in Street Situations



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Patuloy: Highlighting our Collective Impact in the Lives of Children in Street Situations.

Welcome to the Annual Report of Childhope Philippines for the year 2022. It is with great pride and satisfaction that we share with you our achievements and milestones in continuing our mission of providing hope and empowerment to Filipino street children. In the face of adversity brought about by the pandemic and other challenges, we remain and continue to be a beacon of hope for these children who are often marginalized and forgotten by society.

The collective initiatives and full dedication of our staff, donors, partners, and volunteers to serving them has only grown stronger, and our commitment to creating a better impact for them is unwavering.

Through this report, we invite you to take a closer look at our collective work and the impact it has had on the lives of street children and youth of Metro Manila. We hope that you will join us in celebrating our successes and in continuing to support our mission of creating a world where every child's right to a safe and dignified childhood is respected and upheld.

WE are a street child's HOPE.

STREET EDUCATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NOTE: numbers indicate the participants for each session, activity or service provided

Education

KalyEskwela

Alternative Education
KalyEskwela Mobile Community Learning Hub
Basic Literacy and Numeracy
Alternative Learning System (ALS)

315
106
155
14

Education: Formal Education Enrollees

Elementary
Junior High School
Senior High School
College
TOTAL

116
124
27
10
277

Project Bamboo: Vocational & Technical Skills

Number of youth who finished the Project Bamboo
Number of youth for NCII Assessment
Completed Food & Beverage Services Course
Completed Barista Course
Completed Alternative Education Sessions
Completed Livelihood Skills Trainings
Number of youth who started their own business / self employed
Number of youth who were employed

13
25
13
13
33
13
12
6

Social Welfare Intervention

Case Management Activities

Individual counselling
Group counselling
Family counselling
Home visits
School coordination

200
58
33
175
36

#DeliveringHope Project (Relief and Material Assistance)

Food relief packages
Hygiene kits
School supplies/kits
Packed meals
Others

2,579
460
514
1,852
715

Educational Assistance Program

Elementary
Junior High School
Senior High School
College
TOTAL

0
7
8
13
28

KalyenDeria Mobile Soup Kitchen

Total number of meals distributed to all areas with the help of youth and parent-leaders

4,670

Health and Medical Services

KliniKalye Mobile Health Clinic

Consultations
Medical assistance / Assisted referrals
Well-child consultations
Permanent Disabilities
Mortalities

1,085
57
42%
0
0

Family and Youth Development

Activities

BLAN / Tutorial sessions
Parents for Family Development sessions
Youth Leaders
Advocacy and Networking among stakeholders

45
86
16
8



Feature Story

Celebrating the academic achievements of street children and youth of Metro Manila.

MANILA, Philippines—Childhope Philippines Foundation held its face-to-face Recognition Day for their 56 street children clients at Manila High School, on August 21, 2022.

The purpose of the event was primarily to recognize the academic accomplishments of their street children clients (non-scholars or scholars) who have been given the opportunity to receive a formal education with the support and guidance of Childhope Philippines and its donors.

Dr. Herbert O. Carpio, Executive Director of Childhope Philippines Foundation, officially opens the program with a video message. He was delighted to congratulate all the street children who moved up or graduated to their assigned curriculum and he said, *"We admire their resilience and unwavering desire to pursue education amidst the great challenges they faced during the past couple of years"*. He also extends his greetings to all the parents, guardians, and relatives of these children for their undeniable support and trust for their children.

Dr. Carpio also gave his appreciation speech to the donors, partners, and sponsors of Childhope Philippines for the trust and help in spreading hope and fulfilling the dreams of each of the children in need.

Four of the Childhope Philippines' six college graduate scholars namely Janna Mercolita, Rosario Reyes, Jonalyn Ma, and Cristelle Suspene also attended the event and gave inspirational gratitude speeches. One of the mothers delivered the appreciation speech at the event on behalf of John Edward Cepres, one of the graduate scholars.

In their gratitude speech, they discussed how Childhope Philippines had made a significant difference in their lives. They reminisced about their childhood memories such as the challenges they faced while living on the streets and in school, and how they bravely faced and overcame them by joining the Street Education and Protection Program of the organization.

As a result, they express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all members of Childhope Philippines for believing in their abilities and providing them with a life-changing opportunity to achieve their life goals through education. Janna Mercolita expresses her heartwarming message, *"Yung gratitude speech ko, hindi ko siya ma-put into words kasi parang ang overwhelming. Nakakataba ng puso yung ginagawa niyo (Childhope Philippines), kaya sana lahat po kayo dito... lahat ng mga mag-aaral ng Childhope (ay) makapagtapos"*. (It seems too much to put into words, and my speech of thanks falls short. I sincerely hope that all of you here can graduate since what Childhope Philippines is doing is so great.)

Remarkably, they are one step closer to realizing their dreams, not only for themselves and their families, but also for becoming a source of inspiration for other street children like them, as they serve as living proof that they, too, can have a bright future despite the stigma and discrimination they face.

They also gave advice to other Childhope Philippines' scholars not to squander the opportunities provided by the organization and to continue striving for their goals. Jonalyn Ma mentioned in her gratitude speech *"Kapag may mga chances, may mga opportunity na binibigay sainyo, i-grab niyo lang talaga kasi ito ang binigay sayo ni Lord... binigay ni Lord na way para mas mapatunayan mo pa sa sarili mo na hindi ka lang ganiyan, hindi ka lang dapat ganiyan"* (If you are given chances or opportunities, seize them because this is what the Lord has given you. The Lord gave you this opportunity to prove to yourself that you are not like that).



Rosario Reyes also gave her encouragement to the other children

"Maniwala lang kayo sa sarili niyo kasi kahit ibang taong walang tiwala sainyo na 'di niyo kaya, basta as long na alam niyo na may tiwala kayo sa sarili niyo, magagawa at magagawa niyo"

(Simply believe in yourself because if other people don't believe in you, then you can able to do it on your own. As long as you know you have faith in yourself, you can do it!)



Likewise, Cristelle Suspene also reminded her fellow scholars

"Wag niyong sayangin yung oportunidad na pinagkaloob sa'tin ng Childhope dahil yung bawat tulong na' yan - mapapinansyal man 'yan o mga school supplies at paggabay na binibigay nila sa'tin - lahat ng 'yan ay sobrang laking bagay"

(Don't waste the opportunity that Childhope has given us because every bit of help - whether it's financial or school supplies and guidance they give us - all of that is a big deal).

After the gratitude speeches, Childhope Philippines proudly gave the certificates to 56 street children who moved up or graduated to their designated curriculum. The organization also honored street children who received academic excellence this school year. Aside from the certificate, street children received gift grocery packages and school bags. The event was formally ended with closing remarks from Ms. Helen Quinto, the Assistant Executive Director of Childhope Philippines Foundation. She was pleased to congratulate all the children who moved-up, and graduated, as well as those who have academic achievements together with their family and friends.

"Huwag niyong isipin na dito na natapos ang paghukob ng iyong karunungan, kundi ito ay isang pagbubukas ng isa pang pintuan upang mahubog pa ninyo ang inyong antas ng kaalaman," (Do not believe that this is the conclusion of the process of developing your wisdom; rather, consider it the opening of a new door to allow you to continue to develop your degree of understanding) one of the advice she gave to those children for their next endeavor not just in their education but also in their lives. Ms. Quinto also quoted Confucius as she reminded the children to always focus not on their failures but on how they stand up every time they fall as she believes that is what truly matters.

The 2022 Recognition Day of Childhope Philippines has been carried out in partnership with their Educational Assistance Program (EAP) donors, GCash, Conti's Bakeshop & Restaurant, Manila High School, Fly Ace Corporation, Vienna Groups, Algar Information, Bloodworks, Dr. Aleta, Angelo King Foundation, J. Lim, M. Fernando, L. Juan, F. Karamihan, J. Chua, L. Chua, and L. Ong.

The celebration was also promoted on their official Facebook page. Here's the link to the full video of the Recognition Day 2022. <https://fb.watch/f2G-MeWBbX/>



Feature Story

Enabling Underprivileged Youth to Build Future-Proof Skills

Asia Select's team is committed to creating a meaningful impact through collaboration and engagement with Filipino communities. As they bring people and career opportunities together, they also make an effort to give back to their Filipino brothers and sisters through annual Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs. They share their time, talent, and treasure with the Filipino community, supporting Childhope Philippines Foundation, Inc. in their efforts to equip children with the right skills and mindset and connect them with future employers. Asia Select's dedication to these objectives is unwavering.

Asia Select and Childhope Philippines Foundation, Inc. Celebrate a Successful May with Career Planning Workshop

In May, Asia Select and Childhope Philippines Foundation, Inc. collaborated to host a General Career Planning Workshop for 11 students who are striving towards their future careers. The workshop, held at Childhope PH headquarters in Paco, Manila, aimed to encourage youth to take responsibility for their career development and to approach their careers with greater seriousness. The program included various sessions focusing on self-assessment, personality development, goal-setting, resume writing, and job interview preparation. The workshop, which ran from May 7 until June 1, 2022, was a great success and helped participants identify, implement, and achieve their career goals.



One on one resume making session with ASI volunteers.



Session on how to pass a job interview.



Mock-up interview facilitated by ASI volunteers

"Actually with Asia Select Inc. (ASI), we share the same mission. While ASI empowers the workforce to maximize their full potential, Childhope empowers street children so that we also maximize their potential to learn so that they can become accepted and responsible members of the society. With that, Childhope PH and ASI are perfect partners in what we do." said Dr. Herbert Q. Carpio, Childhope Executive Director.

With the guidance and support of the volunteers of Asia Select, the next generations of top professionals are more motivated than ever in reaching their goals!



Feature Story

Accelerating Digital Equity for Disadvantaged Children in Metro Manila.

The digital divide was not caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, but rather it has worsened it as a result. Currently, digital inequity is higher than ever and will continue to increase unless collaborative solutions are implemented. During the pandemic, approximately 463 million school-aged children, or one-third of the world's students, were unable to participate in remote learning. In the Philippines, more than 74% of public schools were not able to transition to e-learning, leaving over 2 million students without access to online resources according to a 2020 survey by the Department of Education. The impact of the digital divide extends beyond education, hindering access to modern healthcare and competitive job opportunities as digitalization advances.

As a significant player in the technology industry, HP Inc. is committed to making a meaningful impact through its Sustainable Impact strategy. In an effort to reduce the digital divide and promote greater digital equity, the company has set an ambitious target to positively impact 150 million individuals by 2030. To achieve this goal, HP has launched an innovative accelerator program, HP PATH (Partnership and Technology for Humanity). This program seeks to invest in local initiatives and partnerships to address the unique challenges faced by underserved communities around the world. HP PATH's primary focus is on promoting education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, which are essential building blocks for sustainable and thriving communities. By launching HP PATH, HP Inc. is not only demonstrating its commitment to responsible corporate citizenship, but it is also setting an example for other companies to follow, showing that they too can leverage their resources to create a positive impact and help build a more equitable world.

HP holds the view that genuine digital equity is contingent upon four fundamental factors: access to hardware (such as laptops and printers), internet connectivity, quality and pertinent digital content (including learning resources), and digital literacy (which involves the requisite skills to effectively use technology). As a part of its efforts to bridge the digital divide, HP's initiatives will concentrate on supporting four distinct communities that are most susceptible to facing these challenges. By focusing on healthcare, education, and economic opportunities, HP's endeavors are aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and seek to effectively match the needs of these communities with the necessary resources to promote greater digital equity.

"As digital technology transforms seemingly every aspect of our lives, there's a real danger of more and more people getting left behind. We cannot allow that to happen, and HP will work to break down the digital divide that prevents too many from accessing the education, jobs, and healthcare they need to thrive." Said Mr. Lores, President and CEO, HP Inc.

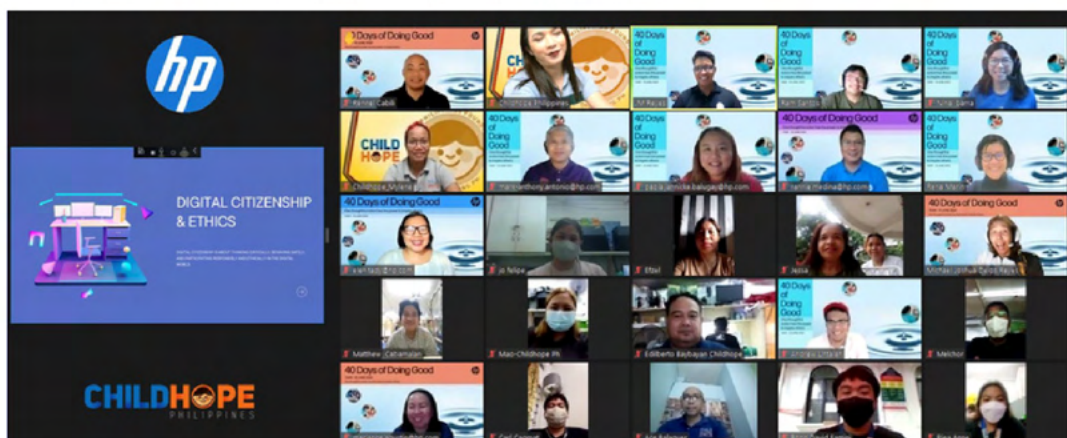
Digital Equity/Covid-19 Community Relief

- Distributed more than 400 units of HP Neverstop Laser printers to NGOs like Childhope Foundation to amplify their efforts in supporting remote learning. Through their network of partner schools across the country, HP was able to reach thousands of students and teachers, enabling them to reproduce learning modules and deliver on home and school printing needs, especially in areas where a full digital set-up is not yet possible.



HP Philippines has generously donated 160 laser printers to ChildhopePH's KalyEskwela Mobile Community Learning Hub for street children beneficiaries. This act of kindness is part of HP Inc. Sustainable Impact's grant to ChildhopePH, which aims to aid the organization's education initiatives for street children in Metro Manila.

- Continued its long-term partnership with Childhope Philippines under the program banner "KalyEskwela," a mobile Learning Hub in line with its Street Education and Protection (STEP) Program which targets to educate and empower 100 street children for the future. Childhope Philippines is also the recipient of the HP Imagine Grant and 40 Days of Doing Good Grant to further amplify their efforts.
 - HP Imagine Grant is an employee contribution scheme focusing on education and technology-related learning experiences for the underrepresented and/or underserved communities.
 - 40 Days of Doing Good brings all HP employees around the world together to support local communities through volunteering. This year, HP Philippines took part in sharing their expertise through "Shadow & Learn" where they taught young learners with the necessary skills to be future-ready through topics such as social media marketing, marketing benefits and features as well as tips in looking for a job.



As part of HP's 40 Days of Doing Good initiative, HP Philippines hosted a webinar titled "Digital Citizenship and Ethics". The webinar aimed to educate Childhope's street educators and social workers on the significance and challenges of digital citizenship, and how responsible and resilient digital citizenship can ensure their safety and that of their clients. The session also covered online personal security threats, the importance of privacy and internet safety, and the power of digital footprints and traceability. The webinar was designed to promote safe and positive online learning experiences among street children beneficiaries, creating empowered digital citizens within a safe and responsible learning environment.



Feature Story

From Nothing to Something: A Story of Hope from Childhope Philippines' Livelihood Assistance Program

Josie, a 39-year-old single mother of three, is among the many people who have benefited from Childhope Philippines. Raising her children alone, without spousal support and with different fathers for each child, Josie faced a daunting task. When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, her challenges increased as her source of income dwindled.

However, Josie's fortunes changed when she met social workers from Childhope Philippines while selling wares at LRT 1-Central Station near Universidad de Manila. They convinced her two children to attend their learning sessions on the streets, and soon they became beneficiaries themselves.

Now that her children are active members of Childhope, Josie was able to participate in their livelihood program. She received livelihood training, seminars, and all the help she and her children needed from the organization. They received financial assistance and grocery packages, and Childhope also helped shape her children into respectable individuals with goals.

Josie, overwhelmed with gratitude, "Childhope was a significant help for us because they never abandoned us, especially social worker Fidel. They were the ones who guided our family, providing us with enough capital to start anew."

As a single parent from an underprivileged family, Josie's journey was tough. Childhope Philippines, along with its staff, social workers, donors, and street educators, became her partner in raising her children in a way that every child deserves. The wisdom and knowledge that Josie gained from the organization's activities, meetings, and seminars will be etched in her heart, where it will blossom and serve as an instrument for promoting the rights and welfare of children.

From nothing to something, Josie is now capable of supporting her children in achieving their goals and becoming responsible citizens who will continue to pass on the goodness they received from Childhope Philippines from generation to generation.

Organizations like Childhope Philippines provide livelihood initiatives for the disadvantaged sector of society to ensure the well-being of street youth. With its broadest program areas in terms of geographic reach, Childhope serves around 1,000 to 1,200 street children annually in 15 regions across six Metro Manila cities.

The current problems that the poor face make it simple for them to abandon hope. However, there is a glimmer of hope for change thanks to organizations like Childhope Philippines, whose goal is to help the poor through community livelihood assistance programs.



Feature Story

Manila City Out-of-School Youth Get Opportunity to Learn, Earn

Formerly known as the Street Youth Empowerment Project, this initiative has been renamed "Project Bamboo" and is still funded by the Asian Community Center (ACC21). The program aims to provide out-of-school youth in Manila City with the opportunity to learn new skills and earn a living. By offering alternative education, service skills, and livelihood training, street youth in Metro Manila can benefit from the program. Childhope Philippines is one of the partner organizations that has received aid from ACC21 to implement the Project Bamboo initiative. The educational program aims to help out-of-school youth gain access to education, entrepreneurship, employment, and civic engagement opportunities.

Recognition Day

Thirteen OSYs who had been receiving technical-vocational training for the previous six months graduated and received their certificates on October 5. They successfully completed the Barista and Food and Beverage (F&B) courses. According to Mr. Melchor Amante, Project Bamboo's project coordinator, graduates will be connected to local businesses for job opportunities as well as other organizations and offices for further education and entrepreneurship opportunities.



One of the F&B graduates, Joan, stated that after completing the course, she felt more confident in applying for jobs to help support her sister's education.

"My plan was to pursue a college education but there were challenges so I tried this opportunity. To my fellow youth, don't lose hope. Grab opportunities like this for us to learn and have a brighter future," Joan said.



Jex, a young father with one daughter, said he is hopeful that he can provide a good future for his family as a beneficiary of the program.

"This program is a big help for me to reach my dreams for a good future," he said.



Barista training



Pre Assessment of Waitering services and Home service



Table skirting training

Education Programs to Strengthen the Youth Development Alliance

ACC21 has partnered with Childhope, an organization with extensive experience and expertise in organizing and executing projects for street children. The partnership project, formerly known as the Street Youth Empowerment Project and currently called Project Bamboo, aims to provide vocational and technical skills to street youth, which can help them become gainfully employed or establish their own businesses in the future. This project also helps them become financially independent while they are on the streets and when they are ready to leave.

The project is part of Childhope's existing interventions for a more comprehensive approach to helping street youth break the cycle of poverty. Since Project Bamboo began, more than 100 upskilled OSYs are now employed, starting businesses, and continuing their education.

During the graduation ceremony of Project Bamboo, Mr. Ito, CEO and President of ACC21, expressed his full support for the collaboration and the OSYs' prosperity despite the challenges of poverty. He looks forward to a stronger and lasting solidarity in the future, with more graduates who are ready to meet the challenges ahead and build themselves to live comfortably like others who have specialized in their chosen careers.

Childhope and ACC21 are committed to working with different organizations, companies, and institutions which provide financial and in-kind support to the project and to the street youth participants; which may include free training and availability of resource persons. At the same time, both organizations will jointly and separately continue to conduct advocacy sessions to create awareness among the different stakeholders who can provide continuous assistance to the project.

Finally, this joint proposed project mainly focuses on ensuring the financial sustainability of its beneficiaries by providing them with vocational and technical skills as well as livelihood trainings to help them earn income and become self-sustaining. In the long-run, successful graduates of the project will also be requested to become resource persons to new batch of participants, which will help us to ensure the continued implementation of the proposed joint project.

Support Out-of-School Youth Education Programs Today

Our out-of-school youth have a hope and a future. Through our partners' kindness, we were able to bring aid, security, and education to these kids. Be a part of this family today and leave a mark to these OSYs' lives. Support our initiative to provide quality education and together, let's bring hope and a better life to them. Donate to Childhope Philippines now.



Feature Story

Out-of-School Youth of Metro Manila Initiate Livelihood Fair

Childhope Philippines is dedicated to empowering street youth in Metro Manila. The Street Youth Empowerment Project, now known as Project Bamboo, aims to provide Filipino street youth with alternative education and service skills training. In addition, Project Bamboo also offers livelihood training for its youth participants. This includes teaching business concepts that can be used to start one's own business.

Project Bamboo Livelihood Training: A Closer Look

Project Bamboo provides street youth with the opportunity to address their economic needs in less, if not non-hazardous ways. It also aims to provide street youth with vocational and technical skills that would allow them to become gainfully employed or to establish their own business enterprise in the future. Among these include food processing, T-shirt printing, perfumery, and preparation of household items such as dishwashing liquids and fabric conditioners.

As for the facilitator and resource persons, those in charge of the livelihood trainings will be from partner nongovernment organizations that run social enterprises. They'll also come from small businesses, owners who are willing to impart their knowledge and expertise on making different products which they sell for a living.

Finally, a livelihood fair will be conducted at the end of the trainings to allow the participants to showcase what they have learned and to allow them to practice skills in business.



Livelihood training on how to make tocino and longganisa



Livelihood training on how to make turmeric and salabat powder



Alex, a barista student, sells brewed coffee.



Kheen is carefully inspecting her dishwashing liquid products.



Rice cakes are being sold by Mauro and Warren.

Livelihood Fair 4.0

This year's livelihood fair was held at the Manila-Sacramento Library in Paco, Manila, with 13 youth participants. The goal of this activity was for the participating youth and parents to become acquainted with basic entrepreneurship skills and to put what they have learned in their training into practice.

As for the project coordinators of the Project Bamboo, they see this event as an opportunity to showcase the fruit of their training of the youth participants. Mr. Melchor Amante, project coordinator said, "This initiative is a great opportunity for our youth participants wherein they could display their livelihood products and services of our program participants."

Acknowledging the challenges the participants face in terms of the available resources, he added that the program aimed, "to show support since they have very limited access to a large market; as well as to encourage them to strive further in order to progress and achieve an improved quality of life."

Among the items sold were T-shirts, face masks, dishwashing liquid, hand sanitizers, milk tea, rice cakes, fruit chips, and freshly baked cookies; as well as processed foods such as longganisa, tocino, and lumpianisa.

Support Project Bamboo and Our Other Livelihood Programs Today

With the current issues that trigger problems for the poor, it's easy for them to lose hope. But having organizations such as like Childhope Philippines whose mission is to provide gives a glimpse of hope toward change. Be an agent of change today and leave a mark to other people's lives. Support our initiative to provide quality education and together, let's bring hope and a better life to them. Donate to Childhope Philippines now.



Certain OSYs are retailing masks, t-shirts, and dish soap.



Feature Story

Vision to learn: Helping street children at school see clearly



Vision is arguably the most critical sense, affecting our ability to learn, concentrate, and perform cognitive tasks. Unfortunately, many children from impoverished families lack access to regular eye care, resulting in reduced capacity to follow instructions, work cooperatively with others, and comprehend reading materials. This is mainly due to financial constraints, language barriers, unresponsive health bureaucracies, or a lack of eye care professionals in their communities.

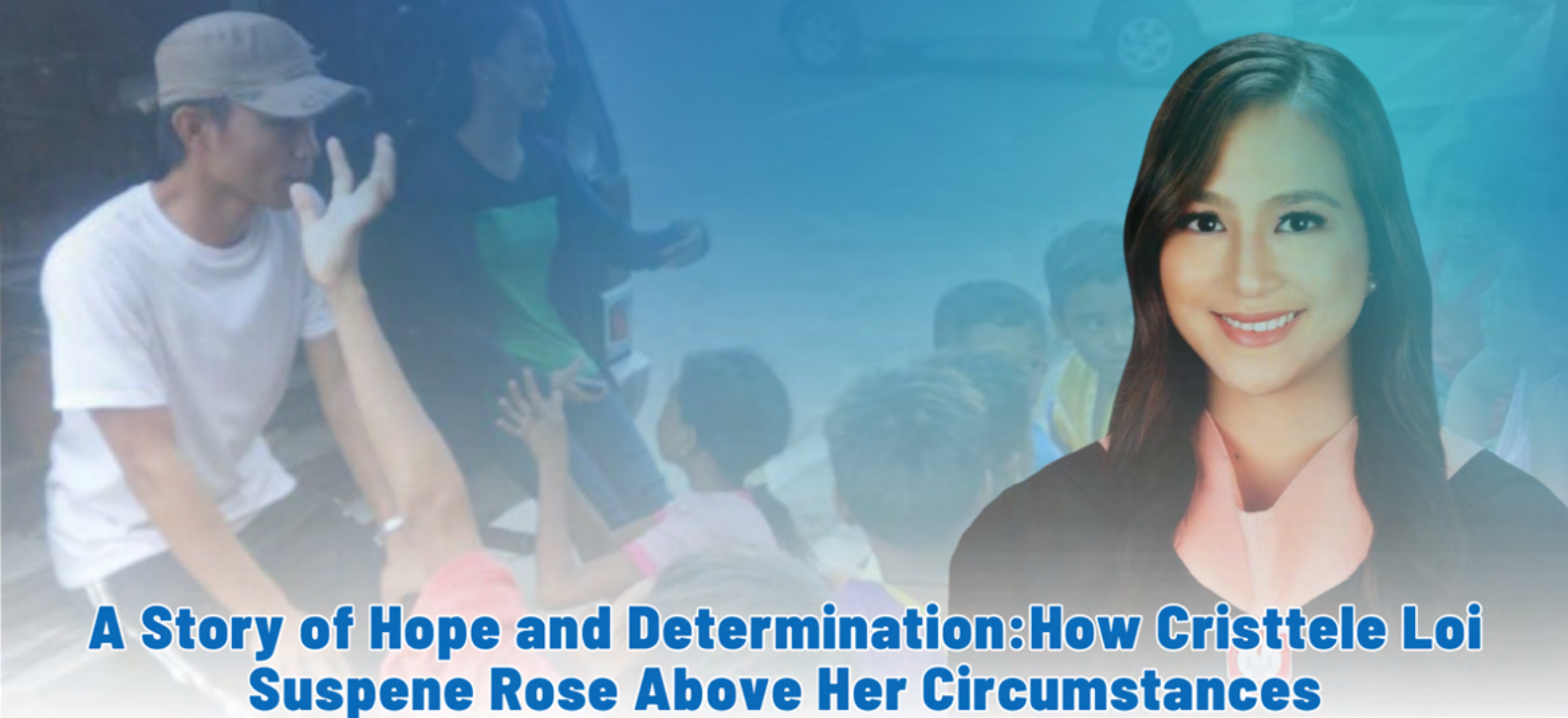


Street children, in particular, face unique challenges, including limited access to basic necessities and health issues such as cataracts that can result in various vision problems. However, the KliniKalye Mobile Health Clinic has been able to help these children see clearly. By providing free eye exams and glasses, we are helping them overcome their vision issues and perform better in school. Our goal is to provide these children with the opportunity to attend school without worrying about how they will see when they get there.



Dr. Pamela Carpio, Project Coordinator at KliniKalye, explains the significance of this initiative, "Health services we give from KliniKalye are a powerful tool for providing access to care that all children deserve. We know that children who have access to vision care do better academically in school. Helping kids who need glasses is a simple yet effective way to boost their educational and economic progress."

Our team ensures each child has a pair of prescription eyeglasses and one pair of non-prescription glasses. We give non-prescription glasses to those who need them most, including those who are blind or have vision problems such as cataracts or glaucoma. By doing so, we hope to create a better future for these children by empowering them with a fundamental tool for their education.



A Story of Hope and Determination: How Cristtele Loi Suspense Rose Above Her Circumstances

"I am a child exposed in the street that you thought would reach nothing in life but there was this Childhope Philippines that brought out the best in me and helped me in achieving my dreams."

At an early age, Cristelle was exposed to an unhealthy, unsafe, and socially undesirable environment surrounded by street vendors, drunkards, and people living in the street. Despite her surroundings, she never imagined that the place that seemed so hopeless would be where she would meet the right people who would bring a breath of hope into her dying dreams.

During her youth, Cristelle accompanied her mother, who was a street vendor, to Kalaw. Unlike other children her age, she was not there to play, but to help her mother sell goods. With a total of 12 siblings, it was not easy for her parents to sustain all their needs.

However, something happened that truly changed Cristelle's life. When she was 7 years old, in 2007, Childhope Philippines Foundation, Inc.'s (CHAP) street educators invited them to attend their learning session called KaylEskwela under the Street Education and Protection (STEP) Program. Since her mother was a street vendor in front of Araullo High School, she was able to attend the learning sessions in Luneta Park. Attending the learning sessions awakened her hope and slowly molded the way she thought, acted, and talked into something more purposeful. At the age of 10, she became part of the Junior Rights Advocates of Childhope Philippines and started speaking in front of many people, including children like her. Childhope Philippines selects children with potential and trains them to unleash their capabilities, and Cristelle was one of those. From ages 11 to 14, she was sent to different places to represent Childhope Philippines and speak to other street children.

Apart from learning about morals, values, and their rights as children in the learning sessions and seminars, Cristelle was enlightened about the importance of education in achieving her dreams. Through the help of Childhope Philippines, she became a scholar in Aguinaldo International School until she graduated from high school. As an individual from an underprivileged background, the opportunity to study that was given to her is something she will treasure. Even though continuing in college would not be easy, she was determined to lift herself and her family out of poverty.





When Cristelle began college, she was fortunate enough to be a recipient of Childhope Philippines' educational assistance program. As a student at Emilio Aguinaldo College, she pursued a Bachelor of Science in Psychology while also working as a student assistant to cover her tuition fees. At the time, her parents were in their 60s and 70s, so she needed to provide for herself. To make ends meet, she sold various items and even acted as a tutor, but it wasn't enough. Thankfully, Childhope Philippines' financial assistance helped her to sustain her daily expenses as a college student.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic posed a new challenge to Cristelle's endurance and determination. The school was forced to remove the scholarship of all the student assistants, including hers. Fortunately, Childhope Philippines never left her behind and continued to support her throughout her college journey. From her third year until graduation, provided her with a 30,000 peso tuition fee per semester, as well as the technological devices and internet she needed for the new learning setup brought about by the pandemic. Cristelle's parents also lost their jobs, Childhope Philippines' #DeliveringHope Project provided her family with groceries, vitamins, and financial assistance to help them survive.

Childhope Philippines did not only help Cristelle financially but also holistically. She considered Childhope Philippines as a home, a place that reminded her that she was not just living for the sake of existence but living with purpose. The organization trusted her and gave her the opportunity to achieve her goals, something that she will always treasure. Cristelle successfully graduated and earned her degree in Psychology. She plans to continue volunteering and inspiring more street children to achieve their dreams.

Cristelle's story reminds us that the youth are the hope of the future, and they need people who will make them see and believe that hope exists. With organizations like CHAP who never give up on the youth, we can break the cycle of poverty one child at a time.

"Wag niyong sayangin yung oportunidad na pinagkaloob sa'tin ng Childhope dahil yung bawat tulong na'yan - mapa-pinansyal man 'yan o mga school supplies at paggabay na binibigay nila sa'tin - lahat ng 'yan ay sobrang laking bagay" Cristelle said during EAP Recognition Day

(Don't waste the opportunity that Childhope has given us because every bit of help - whether it's financial or school supplies and guidance they give us - all of that is a big deal).



Janna Victoria's Journey: From the Streets of Manila to Victory

"No words can explain how thankful I am for Childhope Philippines (staffs and volunteers) who continuously guide us in hope of breaking the cycle of poverty"

Growing up in the streets near Luneta Park and Manila Hotel, Janna Victoria's prospects seemed bleak. She believed that her life would always be confined to the dangerous and sprawling city streets. But one fateful encounter with a street educator changed everything.

Janna Victoria Mercolita comes from a family of seven and learned about life's harsh realities at an early age. Her family resided in a small, cramped house that doubled as a sari-sari store, which was their main source of income. Despite her underprivileged upbringing, Janna was determined not to let poverty rob her of the one thing she held dear – her education.

Teacher John invited 10-year-old Janna and her friends to attend a learning session at Luneta Park under the Street Education and Protection Program of Childhope Philippines Foundation. Through this program, Janna and her peers gained knowledge in various areas, including basic education, children's rights, and ethics.

Over time, Janna became a beneficiary of the Childhope Philippines' educational assistance program, which allowed her to graduate from high school and pursue a Bachelor of Science in Social Work at Unibersidad de Manila. However, Janna's college experience was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which required online learning and access to technological devices. Unfortunately, Janna's family was unable to afford such resources. Despite these challenges, Childhope Philippines and Janna's sponsor provided relief goods, groceries, and financial assistance to support her studies. Janna was able to complete her degree in Social Work in July 2021 and is currently preparing for the Professional Regulation Commission board exam for social workers in March 2023.

Through her experiences at Bahay Kalinga and Upskills+ Foundation where she took her internship, Janna has a newfound passion for helping underprivileged children. Her journey is a testament to the impact of mentorship and support, which can empower children to overcome obstacles and achieve their dreams.



In 2015, Janna was photographed alongside street educator John and other beneficiaries of Childhope.



Between 2013 and 2015, Janna joined Luneta's volleyball team for Childhope Philippines' Hope Sports Festival.



Jonalyn Ma's Journey: Overcoming Challenges and Becoming a Stronger Person

"Wag tayong mawalan ng pag-asa kasi may mga tao talagang handa tayong tulungan, iahon sa mga pagsubok. Lahat ng pagsubok na 'yan malalagpasan mo. Magtiwala ka lang sa itaas. Saka maniwala ka sa mga taong naniniwala sa'yo. Kahit konti man 'yan basta may naniniwala sa'yo, magpatuloy ka."

If Jonalyn Ma's life is a song, it will be Walk by Day6 (Even of Day). She has been through the ups and downs of life that sometimes, even if she thought at first that she had been through the worst, another unimaginable incident is there to test her. This made her stronger. But to become stronger, she learned it the hard way.

Jonalyn Ma is a 22-year-old and completed his academic degree at Access Computer College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Major in Marketing. But to be where she is right now, she has experienced a lot of rocks along the way.

Her mother sold lugaw (rice porridge) on the streets as their only source of income and survival. They lived in a wooden hut near the abandoned trains in Blumentritt, Manila.

When she met Childhope Philippines, she saw the light at the end of the tunnel in her life. She was 8 years old when she began listening to and attending Childhope Philippines sessions about children's rights. She was initially hesitant to attend the sessions because child abductions via white vans were common at the time. But as they continued to visit their neighborhood to teach their rights and what they should know as children while also providing food after each session, she began to see them in a different light. Her street educator regards her as a diligent student because she attends the sessions on a regular basis. As a result, when she was in senior high school, she was chosen to be a Childhope Philippines scholar. She received a variety of benefits, including financial assistance, school supplies, and emotional support. Childhope Philippines was always by her side when she faced life challenges that required guidance.

The road has been smooth for her and her family's life. Not until a large rock caused her to fall, a tragedy that put her resolve to the test. Her family is dealing with another enemy in 2020, when people are dealing with the sudden surge of COVID-19. Her father had a stroke, so she needed to be near him all the time. She was staying with her father at night and her mother staying with her father during the day when she was at school. His father also suffered side effects of his medications while he was admitted to the hospital. That one month of his father's hospitalization was one of the most difficult times in her life. But just when they thought it couldn't get any worse, another challenge awaited them. Her father was shot two months after he was released from the hospital. She just wanted to stop her studies and drop everything at the time.

But she also had the thought, "Ang dami ko nang hrap eh, andito na ako sa dulo eh." gayon pa ba ako bibitaw?" So, she tried her best to move forward. It might be a heartbreaking incident, but it also served as her turning point to strive harder.

She is now in the online selling business, assisting her mother with their daily expenses. She also plans to be a part of the volunteers of Childhope Philippines when the time comes that she can finally land herself a stable job. She also intends to be one of the sponsors of the funds required to support the needs of the children supported by Childhope Philippines.

She learned a lot of life lessons as a result of her trials and tribulations.

She proved to be the embodiment of the phrase "Keep walking, keep walking!"



Rosario Reyes: A Story of Perseverance, Encouragement

"Habang tumatagal, nakikitaan ko na kaya ko naman. Kaya ko naman talaga. Konting push lang pala kailangan."

Rosario Reyes graduated from National Teachers College on August 24 with a course in Hospitality Management. The 22-year-old degree-holder is the youngest among them 6 siblings. She is now currently living with her mother and her eldest sibling in Kalaw.

Her parents are both photographers who work in Luneta Park for a living. They are also sleeping there due to this circumstance, despite the fact that they have a house in Baseco. She was also living in Pandacan with her older sister in grades 2 and 3, but she returned to the streets when her sister married. She was even chased away by the officers who chased vendors on the street. She was in that arrangement for a year, but when she reached grade 7, her parents decided to get her a house because they saw how hard she worked in school. She maintained that diligence in her studies up until her college years wherein she tried having a job as a fast-food crew while juggling her time to be a student to have a budget for her laboratory subjects in her course.

She first got the push she needed from her older sister. Her older sister received the scholarship first from Childhope Philippines. Her sister tags along with her to the Childhope Philippines sessions. This first encounter prompted her to introduce herself and eventually demonstrate the potential that they saw in her, despite her extreme shyness. She was a Childhope Philippines scholar from the seventh grade until she graduated from college. The first push she received was when she joined the Junior Child Rights Advocate volunteer educators.

She also met popular singers like Chito Miranda through Childhope Philippines and had the opportunity to be a part of a band and perform on a big stage. She discovered she has a natural talent for performing.



Rosario annually received certificates from Childhope Philippines because of her continuous academic excellence. This photo was taken in 2018 during the EAP Recognition.

Also, during one of her side hustles in her fourth year of college, Mylene Lagman, Resource Mobilization and Communications Manager of Childhope Philippines, pushed her to try using her baking skills as a business. Even though she was initially hesitant and wary of her abilities, she mustered the courage to attempt it and succeed.

She learned to be confident in herself while remaining humbled by her life experiences as a result of the little pushes she received since she was a child.

"Habang tumatagal, nakikitaan ko na kaya ko naman. Kaya ko naman talaga. Konting push lang pala kailangan"

She also mentioned that a little push and trust from those who believe in her is the key to being confident in the current better version of herself.

She is currently job hunting and trying to find a stable job. She also hopes to be of assistance to the street children supported by Childhope Philippines.



A Tale of Hope: Overcoming Hardships Through Education, Support

"Huwag kang mawawalan ng faith kay God at lagi kang maghahanap ng lessons sa bawat araw na mayroon ka."

During Patricia's fifth grade, she moved to the city from her hometown with no permanent residence. She moved in with her aunt and uncle, who she considered her parents, in order to continue her education. Despite having only her big dreams to keep her going, she was determined to make a life for herself in the bustling streets of Manila.

At a young age, Patricia faced significant challenges and hardships. She often went to school without any money, and sometimes her family slept on the streets because they couldn't afford rent. She also faced discrimination for being a street child. Nonetheless, she found relief, fortitude, and hope when she was introduced to Childhope Philippines, a non-government organization that advocates for children's rights and supports their welfare, particularly those living on the streets.

At 11 years old, Patricia was invited by her cousins to attend learning sessions organized by Childhope Philippines. She quickly discovered that not only did she enjoy the food that the organization provided, but she also gained knowledge on children's rights, values, and basic literacy skills. She became a scholar under Childhope Philippines Educational Assistance Program in her final year of primary education. As a scholar, she received financial assistance for her education, school supplies, and groceries for her daily needs. Additionally, she had the chance to attend training and workshops that helped her develop her skills and plan for her future.

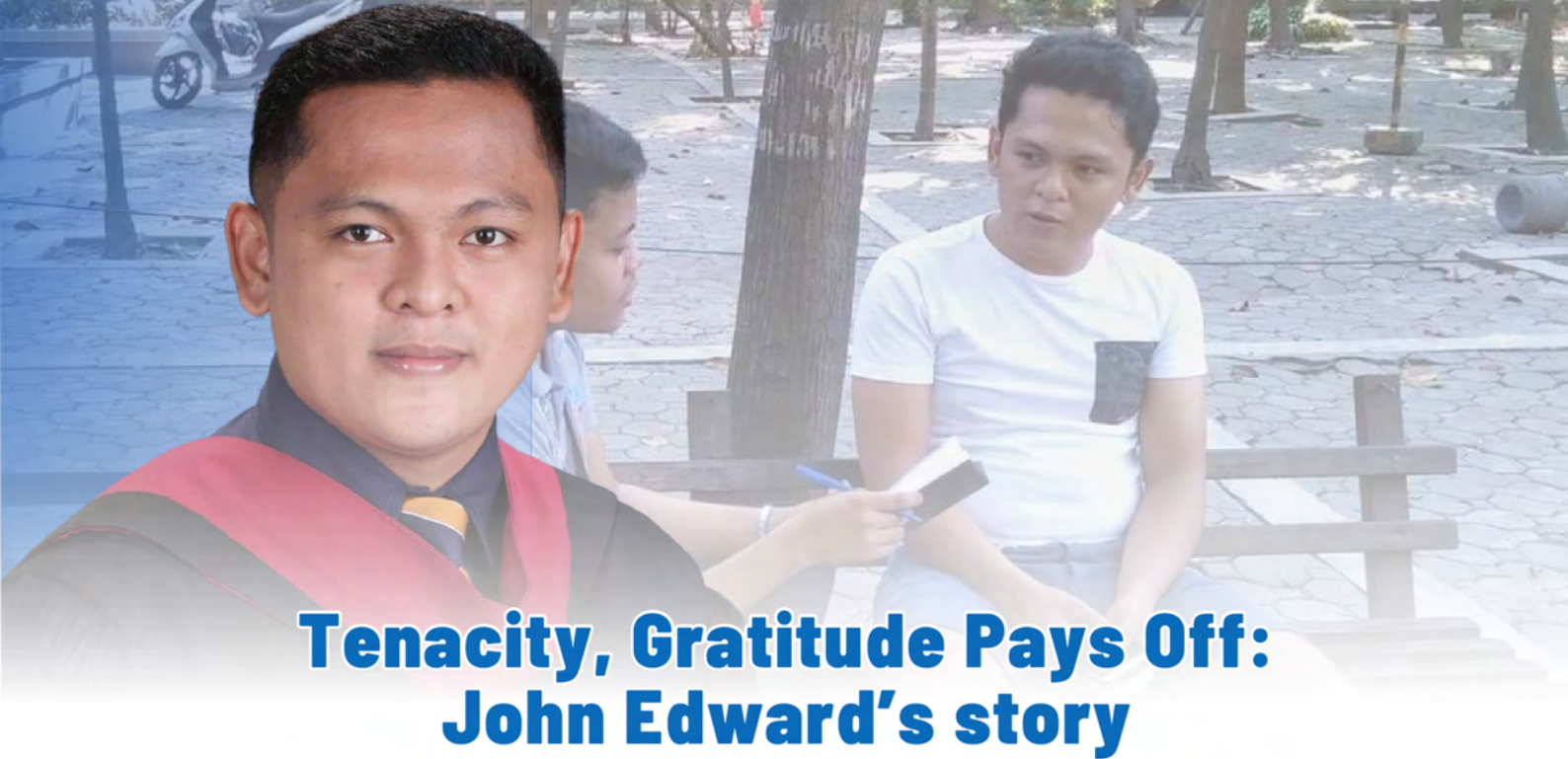
After more than a decade of being a beneficiary of Childhope, Patricia has many memorable moments with the organization, including Christmas parties and field trips to places she had never been before. These experiences inspired her to persevere in her education and work towards a brighter future.

Patricia's hard work paid off when she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Criminology from Universidad De Manila last July. Although she could not attend the recognition day for academic achievers and graduate scholars, she remains a beacon of hope and inspiration to other scholars and street children who dream of a brighter future.

She is grateful to Childhope Philippines for their support and the life lessons she learned. She believes that education is the key to realizing one's dreams and urges other street children to take every opportunity that comes their way. Patricia also encourages them not to let others limit their capabilities or dreams. She plans to use what she learned to protect the rights and welfare of street children and be a real agent of change in the world.

For Patricia, Childhope Philippines is not just an organization; it is a family and a significant part of her identity. She will continue to carry her experiences with her as she embarks on the next chapter of her life, using them to promote peace and order and serve as a protector and advocate for the rights and welfare of street children.





Tenacity, Gratitude Pays Off: John Edward's story

"I haven't finished my journey yet, but I am getting close to my destination"

There is no simple journey. A journey does not always guarantee an easy path to success; it has mishaps, inconveniences, and steep obstacles – so is John Edward Cepres' journey in life.

Growing up under the bridge beside the Manila City Engineering office near Divisoria, John Edward at 6 years of age had experienced it all. From crossing the streets going to Lawton against the seemingly never-ending flow of fast-moving vehicles; to assisting his mother who is a vendor beside Unibersidad De Manila; to dismissing fatigue and clenching thighs from pedaling a sidecar to contribute to making ends meet on daily basis; and finally, juggling multiple responsibilities at the same time. Truly, being in an underprivileged situation forced John Edward to mature beyond his age yet it does not faze him in grasping opportunities and reaching greater heights of success.

At an early age, being the third child among his seven siblings, John Edward learned to toughen up his knees, stand on his own feet, and work to provide for his own needs. With this, John Edward can be described as a person who is independent and tenacious. However, even the toughest warrior cannot face the battle up ahead alone. That's why he met an ally in the identity of Tatay Christian and Tatay Butch who are both street educators and volunteers under Childhope Philippines' Street Education and Protection (STEP) Program.



Edward was a member of Lawton's basketball team at Childhope Philippines' Hope Sport Festival.



As a youth leader, he also assists his street educator in all sessions.



He was able to manage his life difficulties with the help of his social worker through individual counselling.

Now 22 years old, John Edward has been part of the scholarship of Childhope Philippines Foundation, Inc. (CHAP) for 7 years and has been a beneficiary of Childhope Philippines' program for 15 years. Childhope Philippines' believed in John Edward's capability to reach his goals manifested by his strong-mindedness and perseverance. These characteristics of him were, even more, distinguished and at the same time challenged when he worked a variety of jobs throughout his college life.

For 4 years, John Edward has experienced working in different industries to support his studies and to help manage the finances of their family whilst being a regular Criminology student at Unibersidad de Manila. He went on to work in a famous fast-food restaurant that required him to go to work from 3:00 PM after his afternoon class until midnight; then he would wake up at 5:00 AM to prepare for his morning class. John Edward also worked in two forerunners in the online food and grocery delivery industry as a delivery rider.



However, just like most students and his fellow scholars, the pandemic took a toll on John Edward's studies because of the sudden shift in the students' mode of learning. The pandemic also harmed their family's financial resources after the closure of many industries, especially the food industry where John Edward previously worked. Fortunately, Childhope Philippines kept in touch with the scholars and beneficiaries and provided them with groceries, financial assistance, and school supplies. An ally amidst the battle indeed.

Despite all the challenges that John Edward faced, he kept headstrong and faced his battles straight ahead. He never did consider sacrificing his studies or Childhope Philippines' scholarship for he believes that being able to study is an opportunity that should never go to waste.

After all hardships and perseverance, John Edward finally received his bachelor's degree in Criminology in Unibersidad De Manila last July 21. He is currently preparing for the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) board exam for criminologists in July 2023. After reaching one of his goals, he is keeping an eye out for another – to become an official police officer, not just for his own good, but also in hopes to protect the rights of the street children who are close to his heart.

John Edward's tenacity is truly remarkable. He was able to withstand all the bumps in the road toward his goal because someone believes in him, and he believes in himself. And we owe it to other street children to believe in them, to shower them with knowledge, skills, and experience. Because as John Edward said, these graces are the greatest foundation of a man who can change their own and other people's life.

More and continuing support is vital

About a quarter million street children live in major cities of the Philippines; up to a third are in Metro Manila alone. Most are boys aged 7 to 16 years old; a third are girls. The need to support these children is increasing much faster than we can mobilize resources. We must share and pool resources, no matter how small, to enable them to become self-helping and responsible citizens who will in turn help their families and fellowmen.

Opportunities abound to sustain Street Education and Protection Program through financial or in-kind donations as well as by volunteering talents and skills. Now, more than ever, is the time to be part of a meaningful program to transform the lives of street and urban poor children so they may realize their dreams of success and a life filled with hope and inspiration.



Childhope Philippines Leads National Children's Month Celebration with MusiKalye

The National Children's Month is celebrated every November in the Philippines to promote the welfare and rights of children. It is a time to recognize the importance of children in society and to highlight the issues that affect them.

This year, the Department of Education (DepEd) partnered with several organizations, including the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), the National Youth Commission (NYC), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and local government units, to celebrate the occasion. The theme for this year's celebration is "Kalusugan, Kaisipan, at Kapakanan ng Bawat Bata Ating Tutukan!" which emphasizes the importance of children's health, mental well-being, and overall welfare.

One organization that actively participated in the National Children's Month is Childhope Philippines. The organization focuses on advocating for the overall well-being of children, especially those who are less fortunate and living in the streets. To support the month-long celebration, Childhope Philippines hosted MusiKalye 2022, a yearly event that aims to showcase the talents of street children and youth clients.

The event, which was held on November 30 and attended by Childhope Philippines Ambassador of Hope, Ms. Lovi Poe, was a success. Thanks to the support of donors and sponsors, including TELUS International Philippines, Coforge, PLAY at Okada Manila, Milo Philippines, Supersam, Kamuning Bakery Cafe, Nature's Spring, and Mr. Lalin. The event was livestreamed, allowing more people to witness the talents of street children and youth clients.

While National Children's Month is an excellent way to promote children's well-being, we must continue to support them throughout the year. As individuals, we can do our part by volunteering our time and resources to organizations like Childhope Philippines that work to improve the lives of street children. We can also advocate for policies and programs that prioritize the welfare and rights of children.

Let us not limit our efforts to celebrate children's well-being during National Children's Month. Instead, let us make it a year-round commitment to support and uplift their lives. Let us work together to give every child, regardless of their circumstances, a better tomorrow.





Volunteering With A Heart

Serving does not always mean expectation of what to receive back, but how much willing to give voluntarily.

Last 2022, a Japanese student rendered her internship at Childhope Philippines. She is Sarasa Takahashi, or Sara. Her stay in the organization started from late June to late August, contributing her time through joining KalyEskwela – a mobile education program of the organization. “I examine children, I communicate with them during street education. And the children are so friendly, and talk to me, even in Japanese”, Sara unveiled during the interview. She was in-charge of the documentation of activities, as well as assisting the street educator on-duty. Programs of the organization cater (how many) areas of Metro Manila and Sara was able to visit 6 of them in the span of 2 months she spent in Childhope which are Monumento, Morayta, NAIA, Divisoria, Museo Pambata and Ermita.

The 23-year old young lady mentioned how the outreach activity marked as one of her most memorable experiences as a Childhope intern. When volunteers or donors visit the headquarters, they would be the one in-charge of planning for the activities they wished the children to enjoy. Usually, this happens on weekends. “... and I could meet many children, or their (families) on that day.... and they seem very happy. Like when they get (a food) or clothes. And they say “thank you”, so I (was) also felt happy, seeing them smiling...”, she excitedly expressed her feelings towards the experience.



Aside from that, Sara also noted in her story the fun of hanging out with her co-workers in Childhope. “... we went to the shopping center and [had] dinner afterwards with [them]...”. It was a very nice experience for Sara, considering that she was also able to explore more about the Philippines.

Volunteering in a foreign country contributed a lot to her career, as an Internal Relations student of her university. Although the internship was not a requirement she had to fulfill, her passion and kind heart drove her to lend her precious time in the organization, “I just do (volunteer) because I wanted to.” Of all the hundreds of non-government organizations in the country, and visiting 5-6 of them, Sara chose Childhope Philippines alone to render a couple of months for her internship.



As a matter of fact, she was able to find this through an organization in Japan named Child Future Network, a donor of Childhope. Visiting the organization in the year 2020, and discovering its core values coincides with her beliefs was her grounds for her decision. Originally, she planned to start in the same year of her visit but the pandemic hindered her from doing so.

For the time being, Sara just graduated from her bachelor's degree a week prior to the interview. In her succeeding days of working on her final reports, in partial fulfillment of her requirements as a graduate student, she is able to apply all her learnings and experiences throughout her 2-month stay in the organization.

"My final report is related to street children, which is based on (my) experience (in) Childhope."

She wishes to come back to the Philippines and meet again the people she worked with, as well as the other beneficiaries she got to interact with.

"... they are (so) doing incredible work. So all of them are (so) definitely necessary for (the) street children. So I'm really so proud of them. So I can't wait [to] work(ing) with them again in the near future."

"... [they] also save a lot of children. So I think they make such a huge social contribution. I'm also lucky to [get] involved in something wonderful (organization)."



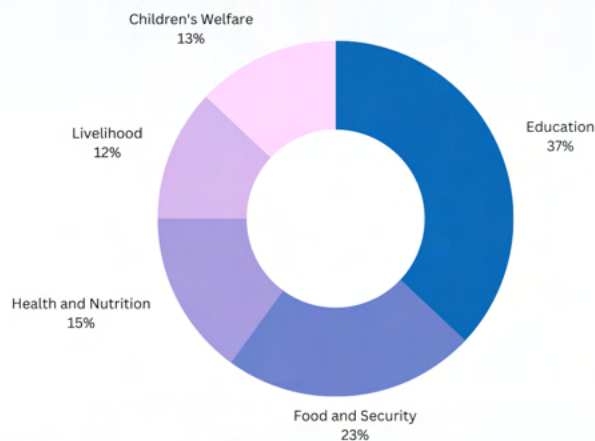
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Register at <https://childhope.org.ph/volunteer-childhope/>

Fundraising Report

The Street Education and Protection Program has raised a total of **PHP 14,566,070.52** funds for the year 2021.



This pie chart depicts the breakdown of funds for the Street Education and Protection Program from January 2022 to December 2022.

Beneficiaries

Beneficiary	Number
Children - below 15 years old	500
Families/ household	300
Youth - 15 to 30 years old	40

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