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## A FIGHTER. A DREAMER. A FUTURE LEADER OF TOMORROW.



**86 ALSA BUHAY Graduates. 8 in Elementary.  
78 in Secondary. Aiming for their Goal!**

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## **Bend, Mend, and Lend towards a Meaningful Lent (Payatas Center)**

April 01, 2019



As the Lenten season is near approaching, everyone is preparing their minds, hearts, and souls for this upcoming Lent. Many commit to fasting, as well as giving up their luxurious lifestyle and vices in order to replicate the sacrifice of our savior Jesus Christ.

The formation was held at Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., Payatas center last April 01, 2019 and attended by the learners, mothers from Mother and Child Health and Nutrition program, and some parents within the area. It was officiated by Mr. Ryan De Guzman, a former seminarian and a graduating student with a course of BA in Philosophy.

The formation's theme: Bend, Mend, and Lend towards a meaningful Lent 2019. Lent is the Christian season of preparation and celebration of Jesus' resurrection on an Easter Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days, a period of reflection, fasting, penance, and alms giving are practiced. The speaker made this recollection a mind awakening for all the sins people continuously doing. Time to restore ourselves from the lost path we are currently taking, and to connect physically, mentally, and spiritually to our savior Jesus Christ.

The recollection ended with a closing prayer led by Mr. Ryan De Guzman.



## Photos:



*Group work: In preparation of the Lenten season*



*Mr. Ryan ended his talk by awakening the minds of the participants to surrender or stop their unnecessary deeds and vices in preparation in the upcoming lent.*



**Baccalaureate service: Universidad de Manila**  
**“Pandayan ng Pagbabago ng bawat Manileno”**

April 2, 2019



The annual commencement tradition for the graduating students in college was marked by faith, gratitude, stewardship and an inspiring call to act from one of their speakers, Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS, program coordinator of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.

The ceremony started at 5:00 in the afternoon, and attended by 3,000 graduating college students from different courses. It started with processional entrance song: “Glory and Praise to our God” spearheaded by the University’s choir.

In line with this, Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS program coordinator was invited to be one of the speakers during the Annual Baccalaureate service. In the said service, different religious denominations were invited to share their spiritual values to the graduates. Sr. Frances tackled and highlighted, how to become a good steward as future professionals in their own work field.

Through this invitation and ceremony, the network between the Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. and Universidad de Manila strengthen and build trust between the two. Since, the scholars of Puso Sa Puso under the *Enfant Du Mekong* are currently enrolled in the said university and Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., accepts and accommodates the social work interns from their school for several years.



Photos:



*The procession of the speakers*



*Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS during her inspirational talk.*



**Fire Prevention Awareness Seminar  
(Payatas Center)**

April 3, 2019



March is one of the hottest months of the year, and marks as the beginning of summer season in the Philippines. It is also the month of an alarming fire incidents in the country and perfect time to discuss and raise awareness about the causes, hazards, and dangers of fire.

In observance on this advocacy campaign, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. with the partnership of BFP (Bureau of Fire Protection) organized a Fire Safety Prevention Awareness Seminar. It was held at ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center, last April 3, 2019 and attended by the learners from 5<sup>th</sup> batch, mothers from the neighborhood and beneficiaries from Mother and Child Health and Nutrition Program. It was headed by SFO3 Edwin Pasiliao an acting congress fire substation commander.

The fire officer emphasized on the importance of basic survival techniques, alertness, and presence of mind in case of fire. He also discussed the proper way of holding and using the fire extinguisher in case fire occur. He emphasized on his discussion the fire safety tips to reduce injuries, prevention of fire in the house, and things to do to rescue people.

SFO3 Edwin Pasiliao ended his talk by giving the phone numbers to call in case of emergency in the area.



Photos:



*Group photo with SF03 Edwin Pasillao*



## **Hanapbuhay: Livelihood and Formation Seminar**

April 4 and 5, 2019



Last April 4 and 5, Ateneo medical students facilitated a two-day seminar for ALSA BUHAY learners of Parola and Payatas center. It was held at ALSA BUHAY Payatas learning center, Quezon City. It was attended by 8 learners from Parola and 16 learners from Payatas.

On the first day of the livelihood seminar, the two invited ALS passers Lorna Laberinto and Christian Terana, shared their struggle and journey in life on how they achieved their dreams in life. It will serve as an inspiration and motivation for the current learners who are waiting for the result of their A&E test.

Lorna Laberinto, a mother, enrolled in ALSA BUHAY belong on 6<sup>th</sup> batch in Parola center. In her first attempt to take the A&E test, she failed, but she never loses hope and took the exam again. In her second attempt, luckily she passed the test and decided to enroll in Vocational courses and take up housekeeping. She passed the NC2 (National Certificate 2), and now, she is currently working at Red Planet Hotel and got promoted as a team leader.

Christian Terana from 3<sup>rd</sup> batch in ALSA BUHAY Payatas center, graduating in college in a two-year course with an excellence award, a scholar of Enfant Du Mekong, shared his experiences as a dreamer that turned into reality. He never stopped chasing his dreams until it became into reality, the fruit of his labor as a student was slowly evident in his hands. He also thanked the organization for an unceasingly support and molding him as a better person. He took Hotel and Restaurant Services at Bestlink College of the Philippines.



After the sharing, participants were asked to write their own dream ten years from now. It will serve as their reminder to move forward and take all challenges they might encounter.

In the second day, the invited speaker Ms. Matec Villanueva a professor from Ateneo de Manila University, discussed Marketing and integrated it to their experiences in life. She discussed it with enthusiasm based on the understanding of every participant.

In the afternoon, the invited speakers from the Ricky Reyes Learning Institute, Mr. Mark Christian Balmonte a hairdresser and make-up artist demonstrated the basic hairstyling and make-up for women. Meanwhile, Ms. Shirly Diana Balbuena a massage therapist, demonstrated the basic massage movement for a beginner.

Special thanks to the Ateneo Medical Students in preparing and conducting this informative and meaningful livelihood seminar, and to their invited speakers who are generously shared their skills and knowledge to the participants. Indeed, the two-day livelihood seminar ended with a fruitful learnings and skills for their own future purposes. Each participant received a certificate from the said seminar.

## Photos:



Ms. Lorna Laberinto and Mr. Christian Terana Passers from 6<sup>th</sup> batch and 3<sup>rd</sup> batch ALSA BUHAY.

Ms. Lucy, livelihood coordinator of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. gave a session on livelihood "Bakit Kailangan Magnegosyo".



Ms. Matec Villanueva, discussed marketing and strategies needed for the customers patronizing their own product.



Before and after hair and make-up demonstration





*Basic hair and make-up demonstration*



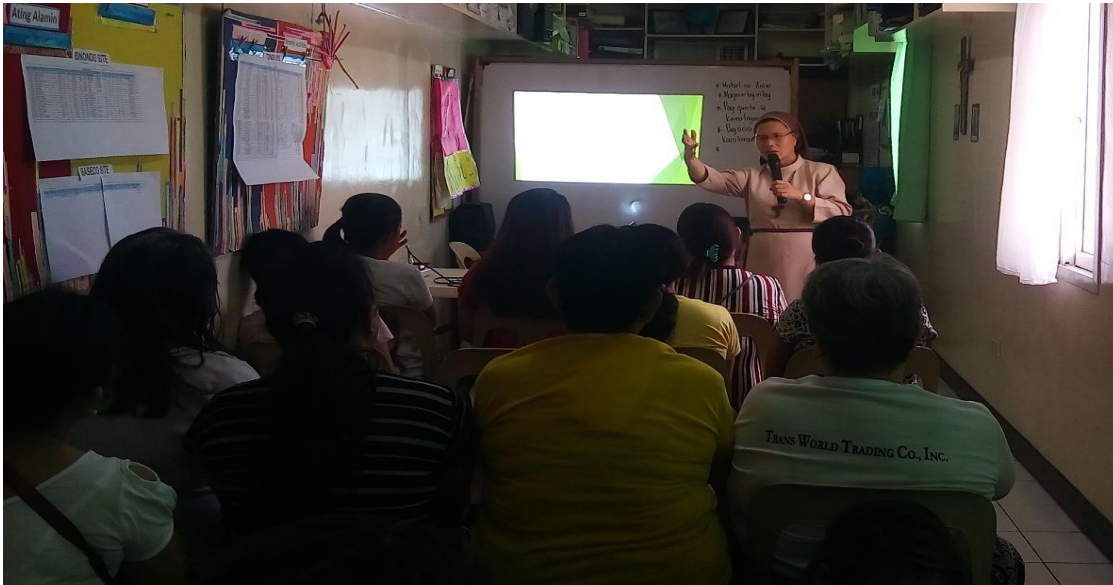
*Massage therapy demonstration*



*Awarding of certificates to the eloquent speaker!*



**Lenten Recollection:  
Pag-ibig at Pagpapatawad (Love and Forgiveness);  
Loading and Unloading  
(Parola Center)  
April 5, 2019**



“Each lent means another great opportunity to immerse ourselves into the heart of the season and time to contemplate to our deeds to others.”

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, Lenten Recollection for Parents and learners was conducted and spearheaded by Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP and Mr. Eljohn Isagunde, LPT.

In the morning, parents' recollection was facilitated by Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP, and attended by the beneficiaries under Mother and Child Health and Nutrition Program and parents from ALSA BUHAY program. She started the activity with an opening prayer followed an introduction about Lent, Ash Wednesday – Holy Thursday and Before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The activity focused on the significance of unloading personal baggage in life; problems, discontentment, doubts, fear, and burden of guilt. Being pre-occupied with all these burdens make one inaccessible to others and unavailable for God's purpose in our lives. She stressed that God is merciful and forgiving and if we humbly offer ourselves to Him, empty our hearts of hatred, and the willingness to be filled with God's grace, we are all able to share God's love to others. We need to allow God to load our lives, and we can only do this by unloading our problems and negativities.



The afternoon of the same day, Mr. Eljohn Isagunde, focused his topic on God's love and forgiveness that centered on these two important questions, "what is God's love?" and "what is forgiveness?" He stressed God's love in connection to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and the "fruit of God's love is salvation". He highlighted the verse from Jeremiah 31: 3 that says "*I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have drawn you with unfailing longing*". He ended the activity with a video about forgiveness.

### Photos:



These photos were taken during the talk of Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP, Parola Supervisor and closing activity of Mr. Eljohn Isagunde, LPT



## **Career Orientation: A Stepping Stone to Success**

April 8, 2019



Planning to enroll in higher education, enhancing skills through different vocational courses, and looking for job opportunities elsewhere; are some of the preferences of our beneficiaries after they will pass the Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency Test. They wanted to have those opportunities for a better way of life.

Having that idea in mind, Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. in partnership with Human Heart Nature, organized a formation that discussed the following topics: how to make an impressive resume, how to ace an interview, and how to prepare physically, emotionally and mentally for an interview. It happened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 at Human Nature, Commonwealth Branch, Quezon City. It was attended by some of the scholars and previous ALS test takers.

Inputs from the said formation were given by the staff of Human Heart Nature. Mrs. Katrina Arnica Garcia, who discussed the tips on how to make an impressive resume and how to apply for a specific job. Mrs. Renila Dizon, shared tips on how to answer some interview questions effectively with confidence on themselves. Lastly, Ms. Emegie V. Tumala, imparted knowledge on how to improve and groom their personality. To end the said activity, some of the staff leave an inspirational life lessons to their life journey: never stop



chasing their dreams despite of the difficulties, rejections, and failures they had in the past. Stand and continue to dream.

Each participant received their certificate after their fruitful and enlightening formation.

*Truly, life can be so hard to most of us, but that should never define our endings. We were given this gift of life to share and enhance what is within us to others. We are all here to fulfill God's mission to us. A philosopher once said, "It's not your fault that you were born poor. It will be your biggest fault if you die poor."*

#### OTHER PHOTO:







## **Annual Program Evaluation and Planning**

April 9 – 12, 2019



As the Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. continuously doing its mission, and programs continuously benefiting the beneficiaries, another Annual Program Evaluation and Planning happened to ensure and make the programs more efficient and effective. It was held at Sisters of the Divine Savior Convent, Tara, Bolinao Pangasinan last April 9-12, 2019. All Pusong staff were present, under the supervision of Sr. Mila Singap, FLP, Parola Supervisor and Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS Payatas Supervisor and Program Coordinator.

The four-day evaluation and planning done through deliberation, thorough discussion, and brainstorming in each programs. The programs of Pusong Sa Pusong are: Education, Awareness, Social, Scholarship, and Child Protection Program. Each program discussed, reviewed, and analyzed in correspond to its Objective, Key Results Area, Major Interventions, and Key Activities. Everyone responded, agreed, and added inputs that will strengthen and sustain each program. Afterwards of thorough discussion, one-year plan for the year 2019-2020 was formulated in lined with the existing data.

Another strategy made to strengthen each program and to continue serving the beneficiaries and future beneficiaries of Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. Pusong's mission is OUR MISSION!

Photos:







## **Seminar on Fire Safety and Fire Drill (Parola Center)**

April 24, 2019



The annual formation seminar on Earthquake Safety and fire prevention awareness was conducted on April 24, 2019 spearheaded by the Bureau of Fire Protection, San Nicolas chapter. The activity started at 10:00 in the morning, held at Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., ALSA BUHAY container van, and was attended by 30 participants under Puso programs. The objective of this activity is to raise awareness on how to prevent and respond on the calamity like fire and earthquake.

Senior Fire Officer 3, Ferdinand S. Vargas facilitated the formation. He tackled the basic fire response and differentiate the classes of fire extinguisher and the proper use of each. He also discussed precautionary measures during and after earthquake since the Philippines is one of the countries that belongs in the pacific ring of fire, which means many earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur.

This seminar was at the right time since this month is a Fire Prevention Month and the area of Parola is prone to fire accident. In addition, recently, everyone experienced the shaken of the land which it started in Luzon, the next day in Visayas, and the next day in Mindanao. This is a good opportunity to all attendees to be knowledgeable enough in case there is a fire incident or an earthquake. It was a preparation in any calamities might occur everywhere.

The last part of the activity was the actual firefighting held outside the ALSA BUHAY container van, wherein the participants engaged on the said activity and assisted by the fire fighter officers.



Photos:



*These photos were captured while demonstrating the proper usage of Fire extinguisher.*

*The last photo was the actual footage of the learners as a firefighter.*



*The preparation of actual firefighting of the participants.*



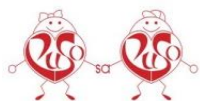


*A reminder to protect ourselves during earthquake!*



*Fire Protection officers of San Nicolas, Binondo Chapter with Sr, Mila P. Singap, FLP (Parola Supervisor) and Mr. Eljohn Isagunde, LPT (Instructional manager)*





**General Orientation of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc.**  
**(Parola)**

May 9-10, 2019



General orientation is a glimpse of the institution's background, culture, activities, rules, goals, and program, prepared for the new batch of learners and to their parents. The institution's orientation plays a vital role as guidelines for the learners, parents, and even in the community.

Hence, last May 9 and 10, 2019, Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc., Parola center, organized an orientation to gather and meet the newly enrolled learners and their parents. It was facilitated by the Pusong Pusong staff spearheaded by the Parola Supervisor, Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP. Learners who attended the orientation were able to meet their classmates, Instructional Managers, familiarize with the center, and to participate in activities that will help them forge a bond with their classmates.

In line with this activity, Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. and the city link assigned in the area of Parola compound (Tondo & Binondo area) under Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of Department of Social Welfare Development, worked together to lessen the out-of-school youth in the said area. The city link, linked her OSY beneficiaries to Pusong Pusong to enroll and to start their journey in life.

Pusong Pusong staff discussed the History, Vision, Mission and Goal of the organization, Alternative System Program of Department of Education and the organization, followed by the Livelihood program. Lastly, the responsibility of the duty bearer, parents, and learners. The activity made possible through the participation and collaboration of the stakeholders and the efficient work of the staff led by Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP.



**Photos:**



*Ms. Cyrah Albat, ICTSI representative during the orientation of Educational program of Parola Inter- Agency Network.*



*Mrs. Mylene Ballaran, LPT, Instructional manager of PSPEI during the orientation of Alternative Learning System (ALS program)*



*Mr. Isagunde and Mrs. Ballaran orientation on the Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., program*



## **Brigada Eskwela 2019: Matatag na Bayan Para Sa Maunlad na Paaralan (Parola and Payatas)**

May 14-15, 2019 and May 21-22, 2019



The Department of Education launched the Brigada Eskwela with a theme: Matatag na Bayan Para Sa Maunlad na Paaralan. It's an annual school maintenance program, aimed to engage all education stakeholders to contribute their time, effort, expertise, and resources to ensure that the school campus will be safe for the school-children as they go back to school.

In connection, as responsible institution molding the learners into a responsible individual in the society, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. from both centers Payatas and Parola also launched the Brigada Eskwela 2019. With the participation of the staff and learners who helped each other to furnish, to clean, and to fix everything needed inside and outside the center. Indeed, the event was a successful one! It was a reminder for all, helping one another makes things easy and fast. It also teach them to become a responsible steward in everything that God provides for them temporarily. Everything needs to be taken cared of trivial ones or the least important.

More than fixing and cleaning the center, camaraderie, initiative, and responsible individual in the society will be developed in them. A good steward of their home should begin in themselves.



Photos:



ALSA BUHAY learners in Payatas



ALSA BUHAY learners in Parola





## **Launching of Road Safety for Children Program**

May 17, 2019



Road Safety awareness plays an important role in shaping the attitudes and behaviors of children, ensuring they will become responsible drivers, passengers, and pedestrians in the future. It will prevent the road users from being harmed in the road. Road accidents are the major causes of death and injury among the young ones especially in the slum area of Parola compound.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, the launching of Road Safety Awareness for Children Program took place at the Covered court of Barangay 272, Binondo, Manila and attended by 112 children from the District of Parola compound, Binondo & Tondo Manila.

In partnership with the International Container Terminal Services, Inc. and Parola Inter-Agency Network (PIAN) the program on Road Safety for Children in Parola was launched. Together with the barangay Chairman partners; Bryan Mondejar of Barangay 20, Tondo, Chairman Masakayan of Barangay 275, Binondo Manila, government agencies, and with the 112 children. The event was truly informative and enjoyable to all participants as they learned while having fun in the different activities prepared. It made all possible with the collaboration and active participation of PIAN members with their IEC materials.

## Photos:



*These photos were captured during the Road Safety Roll out Covered court of Barangay 272*



*Signing of the affiliates on the Statement of Commitment on the Road Safety program.*





## **Opening Eucharistic Celebration**

May 20, 2019



*"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my father will love him,".*

As the new school year opened, Parola Center started it by having Eucharistic Celebration as its opening activity. The mass was held at Parola ALSA BUHAY learning center, playground gate 1, Parola Binondo Manila. It was initiated by Fr. Steven Ochieng, MCSPA and attended by the new set of learners combined elementary and secondary for this school year.

In his homily, Fr. Steven reflected on the gospel on how Jesus showed to the apostle His love. Fr. Steven inspired the learners to share their love to their family, friends and community. Jesus even offered His own life for us, and that is the symbol of His love to us, that shows how deep is Father's love to us, that even His only son has to die just to save us. After the homily, the attendees joined the communion and together partook the Holy Eucharist.

The mass was an opening activity for the new batch of learners, but it also served as an inspirational start for their study. It is really essential for them to have blessings and hear the good news of our salvation as they starting their journey in ALSA BUHAY center.



**Photos:**



*An opening Eucharistic Celebration at ALSA BUHAY Parola center*



## **General Orientation and Getting to Know Activity (Payatas)**

May 20, 2019



New School year, New beginning, and New set of learners, as Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. welcomed the 6<sup>th</sup> batch learners with a bang! Staff had their own assigned tasks to discuss and prepare some energetic activities to start the brand new day. Everyone was excited to come and meet their classmates to get along with and as well as their Instructional Managers.

The new ALSA BUHAY learners attended and participated in the different activities prepared and oriented about the ALS (Alternative Learning System) program. They were able to meet the staff of the Payatas center, and were able to mingle with their classmates. Learners are starting to build rapport and camaraderie among their classmates as they will be with each other for a long period of time.

Each day, different activities and orientation were prepared, things they must need to know as a learner of Puso Sa Puso: Personal Hygiene, Cleanliness inside and outside of the center, and house rules. Every day is a good chance to all to know their classmates more and to be friends with them.

Photos:



*ALS Orientation and Introducing the staff*



*Getting to Know Activity*





*Personal Hygiene and Cleanliness Orientation*



## **New School Year, New Learning Center**

May 21, 2019



Last year, Parola staff and learners struggled in implementing programs and activities specially in doing classes, because of the limited learning center and huge number of learners. However, the situation did not hinder Parola staff to give effective, efficient, and invaluable learnings to the ALSA BUHAY learners. Given the situation, Puso Sa Puso made steps to answer the difficulties that the organization was facing. With the unceasing help and support of Hermann-Josef-Kolleg Steinfeld under the leadership of Director Frauenkron and Mr. H. Latz, the Metro Infanta Foundation headed by Ms. Mila Glodava, and other group and private individuals who had been part of this project, Puso Sa Puso was able to purchase a new container van, that will serve as a new learning and livelihood center in Parola.

After months of renovation to convert the raw container van to a conducive learning center, ALSA BUHAY learners has a new home to go to. A home where learnings and dreams are reachable. This container van was delivered last February 20, 2019 and last May 21, 2019 the Instructional Managers officially started their class in the new and conducive learning center. Everyone was overwhelmed to have this new learning center, that will fill of memories and dreams.

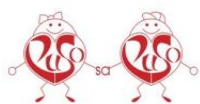
Again, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. staff and learners are truly blessed and grateful for your continuously supporting the organization. This new learning center will not be possible without your generosity and trust from the organization. May our good Lord bless you abundantly!

## Photos:



*Learners and their Instructional Managers officially started their class in the new and conducive learning center*





**Mindanao Youth for Development Module Training**  
May 27-30, 2019



The Department of Education has released an updated curriculum for the Alternative Learning System to align with the K-12 basic education curriculum. This new curriculum will help the learners to develop their skills more and will avail the quality of education; higher education, employment, entrepreneurship, and middle-level skills development.

The four-day training held at Padre Mariano Gomez Elementary School, Manila last May 27-30, 2019, was attended by the different ALS implementers in public and private schools, and even Non-Government Organizations. It was spearheaded by the Division of City Schools Manila. Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. staff are indeed thankful to be part in the said training.

Ms. Ma. Cristeta C. Blanco, ALS Education Program Supervisor from DepEd Manila, warmly welcomed all the participants and guests as they arrived and participated in the training. The main objective of the training is to enhance the competence of all implementers of the Basic Education and K-12 curricula. They also introduced the new MY Dev (Mindanao Youth for Development) module that will be taught for two months. Its main purpose is to become the learners work ready and civically engaged after studying in ALS.

The My Dev module composed of 9 modules namely: (1) Personal Development, (2) Interpersonal Communication, (3) Leadership-Teamwork, (4) Work Habits, (5) Safety and Health at Work, (6) Rights and Responsibilities, (7) Financial Fitness, (8) Exploring Entrepreneurship, (9) Civic Engagement. These modules were demonstrated by the public school teachers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the training and they were evaluated by the Master Teachers and their Supervisors.

The last day of the training were allotted to plan and budget the time when to start and finish the 9 modules. All participants enjoyed and learned a lot! It will strengthen the partnership among the NGOs and the Division of City Schools, Manila. It will help the learners to prepare for their future career. The last part of the training was the distribution of certificates to the participants as they finished the 4-day training.

Definitely, it was a fruitful and informative inputs to all participants!



**Photos:**



*Ms. Ma. Cristeta C. Blanco, ALS Education Program Supervisor from DepEd Manila, warmly welcomed all the participants and*





Day 2 and 3 demonstration teaching of the public school teachers

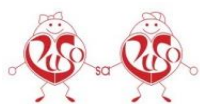


Group photo together with the district 3 public school teachers, Master Teachers, and Education Program Specialist





*Last day of the training, Ms Lea Faa, ALS Education Program Specialist II together with the other NGOs implementers and distribution of certificates*



## **Enfants Du Mekong (EDM) SCHOLARS OUTING**

June 2-4, 2019



Summer getaway is an annual event that every scholars looks forward to. Summer outings are not just for fun, it serves a greater purpose and impact to the group; to learn to each other experiences, to bond with each other, and to strengthen their group as one team and as one family in one foundation. For this year, the scholars summer getaway was held at Saint Dominion, Barangay Sapang, Talim Island, Binangonan Rizal.

The first day of the said event, started with an art workshop entitled "*The River of Life*". It was facilitated by Mr. Joseph Monbon. It aims to understand the life encounters of every scholar, as well as to know the strengths and weaknesses that everyone possesses. Everyone was given an opportunity to share their artwork and narrated the story behind it. The team also attended the holy Sunday mass in Sapang chapel which is located in Talim Island. To officially end the day, a film show was arranged as their final activity. The title of the movie was "Pay it forward", for the scholars to think, to analyze, and to realize the importance of education and life.

On the second day, early in the morning, Mr. Joseph and Ms. Joceline Basconcillo, Payatas social worker together with the scholars started to trek in a mountainous area in Rizal, called Mount Tagapo, also known as Mt. Susong Dalaga, a conical peak on the Lake Island of Talim in Laguna de Bay, the largest lake in the Philippines. The second workshop entitled "*Positive qualities*" also started. To sum up the activity, everyone should embrace the things they have and be contented. After the workshop, the team proceeded at Camz and Ofel Island resort, to have fun and to do physical activities. In the night, the team joined the adoration prayer in the community together with the San Damiano youth. A bonfire was set, pick-up sticks, and sharing activities were conducted and facilitated by the Puso staff and Mr. Joseph Monbon.



The last day yet fulfilling day of summer getaway, the final formation was entitled, "Prioritization", it aims to recognize and identify the top priorities in life of the scholars. The following elements were presented: self, family, and community. As a concluding activity, each of them shared their output in the group.

Everyone had fun and gained insights and learnings in the 3-day activity. They learned through their experiences shared. Trust and rapport were truly built among themselves. They were very grateful for another opportunity given to them.

## Photos:



*Scholars art workshop as their first activity*



*Mountain trekking at Mount Tagapo*



*Adoration prayer at San Damiano*



*Bonfire, pick-up sticks, and sharing activities were set*



**Thanksgiving Mass**  
**(Payatas and Parola center)**  
June 26, and 28, 2019



Parola and Payatas centers held their thanksgiving mass for the new batch of passers of 2019 Accreditation and Equivalency Test. Parola center conducted their mass at Nuestra Senora Dela Soledad Parish, Camba Binondo Manila, while Payatas center conducted their mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Payatas, quezon City. Both masses were attended by the passers of A&E and the new batch ALSA BUHAY learners. The mass was offered as thanksgiving for the blessings that Puso Sa Puso received throughout the year. It was also offered to the new set of ALSA BUHAY learners and was initiated by the President of Puso Sa Puso, Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS.

In Fr. Artur's homily, he encouraged everyone to think what they are truly thankful for and to become more grateful to the blessings they continuously receive in their everyday lives. Be grateful that they have family, healthy life, and most important the gift of life. Those reasons were more than enough for them to be more grateful and thankful to God. He said that their diplomas were not enough to secure better future, they have to work for it. Education is the foundation in everyone's success and Jesus is the life foundation's when trials and challenges come. At the end of his homily, he congratulated the staff of Puso Sa Puso and all the people behind the success of their beneficiaries and the whole organization.

At the end of the Liturgy, the celebration proceeded to the Eucharist and everyone shared the body and blood of Christ as one community. Before the final blessing, Fr. Artur invited Sr. Mila Singap, FLP and Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS to share their gratitude and feelings towards the success and blessings that Puso Sa Puso received.



Photos:



*Parola center thanksgiving mass  
at Nuestra Senora Dela Soledad  
Parish*



*Payatas center thanksgiving mass  
at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel*





**Believe in the Power of your Dreams!**



Alternative Learning System recognizes the needs to give more opportunities to those who have no means to attend formal education. Providing access to educational opportunities regardless of their economic or personal status. These ALS learners who are interested in either brushing up or developing new skills. Alternative Learning System is also a pathway for the future ALS learners to continue their education and to achieve their dreams in life.

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. proudly announced that there were some previous learners turned to passers and now already graduated in college and in TESDA. Some college graduates granted as scholar of Puso Sa Puso and other private individuals. The people behind the scholarship program saw dreams, hopes, and perseverance in their eyes as there were applying for the scholarship. These graduates did not fail to showcase the knowledge and skills they learned in their stay in Puso Sa Puso. They kept on chasing their dreams and finally, the fruits of their labor are on their hands. They did not surrender in any obstacles they encountered.

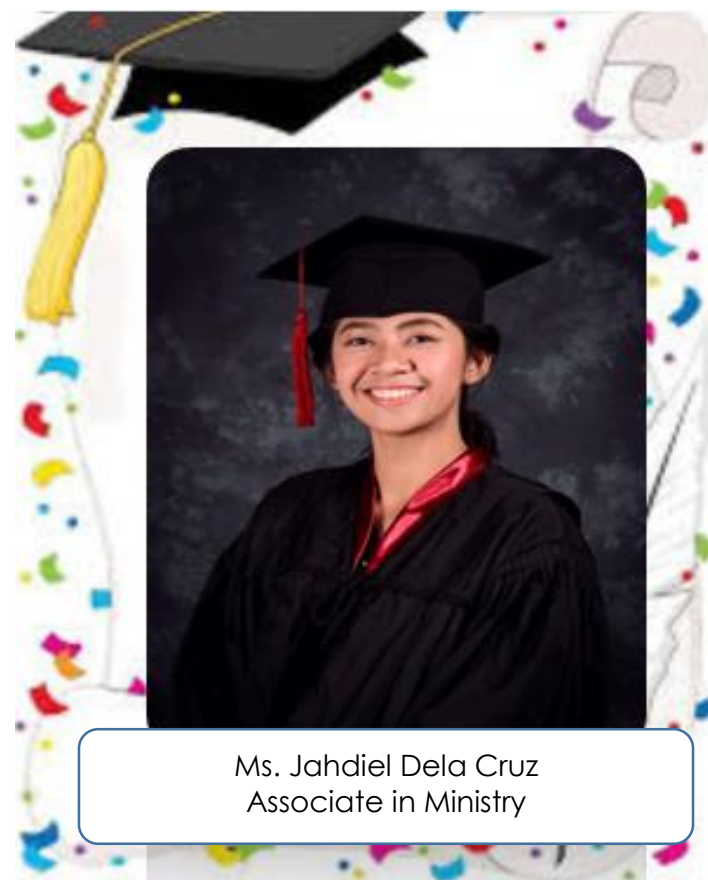
These previous ALS learners and now a college graduates, are proofs that dreams do come true!

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. is truly proud to all of you! Continue to chase your dreams and wave the Puso flag! Congratulations and God bless you all.

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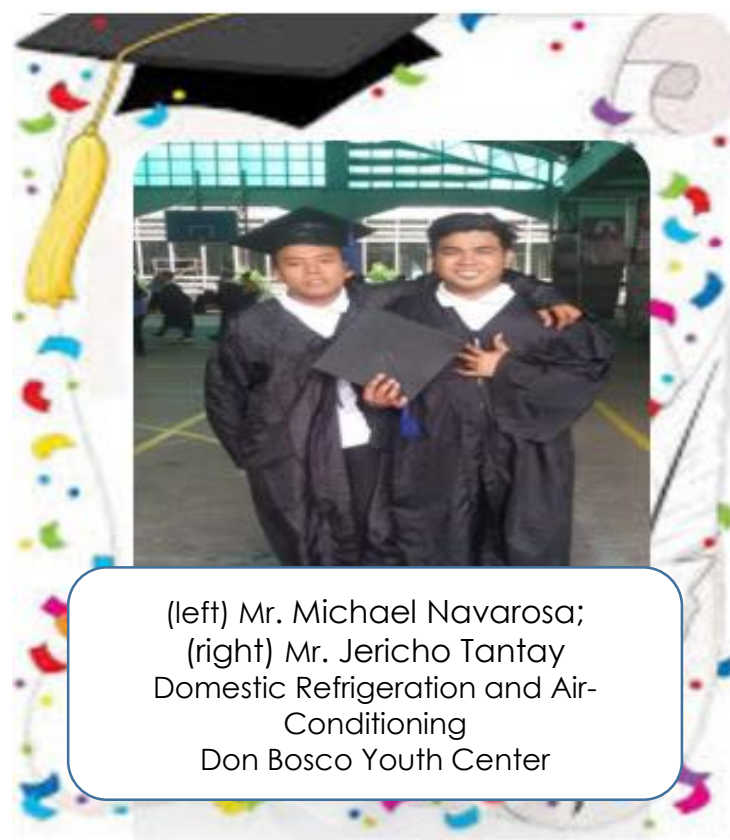
Mr. Christian Terana  
Hospitality and Restaurant Services  
Bestlink College of the Philippines  
Excellence Awardee



Ms. Jahdiel Dela Cruz  
Associate in Ministry

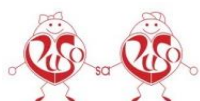


Ms. Jheng Maravella  
Hospitality and Restaurant Services  
Don Bosco Youth Center



(left) Mr. Michael Navarosa;  
(right) Mr. Jericho Tantay  
Domestic Refrigeration and Air-  
Conditioning  
Don Bosco Youth Center





## **Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Moving Up Ceremony 2019**

June 29, 2019



Another history that slowly unfolds as batch 2018-2019 of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Parola and Payatas centers waved their concluding rights. It denotes the educational journey of a man's quest for having a better life and opportunities that may come ahead. Time wherein they reaped the fruits of their labor; hard work, dedication, perseverance, commitment, and dreams they put in their ALSA BUHAY journey. A journey that gave hope and light to the aspiring graduates of Puso Sa Puso.

Moving Up Ceremony 2019 of Puso Sa Puso was held for the first time at Don Alejandro Roces Sr. Science and Technology High School, Don A. Roces Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City at exactly 1:00 in the afternoon of June 29, 2019. The rain would not stopped everyone to make the ceremony a memorable to everyone. Administrators, staff, guests, parents, and passers came to witness the momentous ceremony of the organization. The theme highlighted with the "*Pagkakaisa sa Pagkakaiba-iba: Kalidad na Edukasyon para sa lahat*" (Unity in Diversity: Quality Education for All). This theme highlighted the role of K to 12 Basic Education Program in developing an educated society where the challenges and benefits of diversity are embraced and welcomed by every Filipinos.

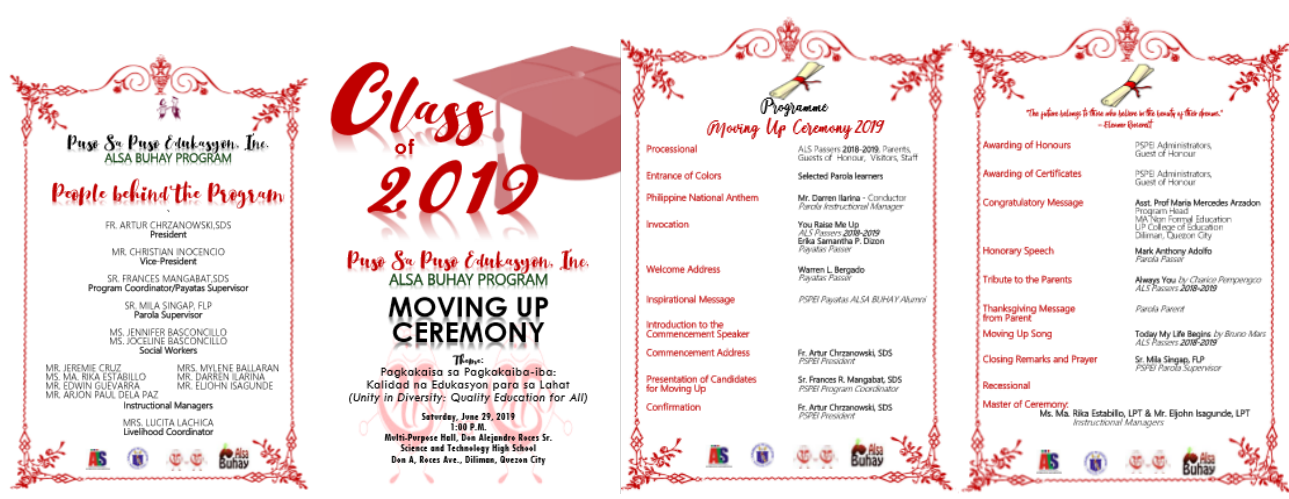
Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. got 75% passing rate combined for both centers, equivalent to 8 passers from elementary and 78 passers from secondary. The ceremony commenced with the processional followed with the program proper.

Ms. Maria Mercedes Arzadon, one of the guest speakers, a Professor in University of the Philippines, an advocate of Alternative Learning System, her heart truly belongs to the ALS learners joyfully expressed her congratulatory message to the graduates and to the

organization. She emphasized that they should be proud as an ALS graduates and continue to chase their dreams and have voice to their rights.

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Congratulate you all! Continue to dream and believe in yourself. May our good Lord shower you an abundant blessings and guidance to your new journey in life.

## Photos:



Invitation and the flow of the program



Preparation for the big day!





Program proper: entrance of colors and singing the National Anthem



Warren Bergado, an excellence awardee gave his Welcome remarks.



Mr. Christian Terana, an alumnus of Puso sa Puso gave his inspirational speech.



*The 2019 ALS graduates!*



*The people behind the ALSA BUHAY program! Shared happiness and success after the program*



A Thank you letter  
to  
Misean Cara -  
Mission Support from  
Ireland



Dear Donors,

In behalf of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. passers from batch 2018-2019, I would like to extend our gratitude to Misan Cara for your endless support to the organization where we were educated and taught good values. By that, we were able to get a chance to continue our education for free.

I was an out-of-school youth before, but with the care and love of my friends and parents pushed me to enroll in the Alternative learning system to continue my education. I strived hardest to finish my studies and to give back to my family. I was grateful to our good Lord, He answered my prayers, most of us passed the National test called Accreditation and Equivalency Test. This was held at the Commonwealth Elementary School on February 24, 2019.

I was one of those youth that was hopeless, but now I got the chance to achieve and to chase for my dreams. I am proud to tell you that I am one of the honor students in Payatas Learning Center, I graduated with an excellence award, and now I am currently enrolled in college taking up Bachelor of Science in Information Technology. Through Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. and with your support, we graduated in Elementary and in Junior High School level last June 29, 2019. You gave us a memorable graduation ceremony.

Misan Cara Funders thank you for your support, we are very grateful to know that there are people who are willing to give their support and sympathy for the young and adult ones.

Sincerely,  
Warren L. Bergado  
ALS Passer  
Batch 2018-2019



## **An Endless Gratefulness to Misean Cara – Mission Support from Ireland**

To Misean Cara – Mission Support from Ireland:

Greetings!

You have been supporting Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. for a period of time now. Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., is fulfilling its mission to extend free education for every young people especially the poor who wishe to continue their studies. Through giving free education and by the fund extended to us, a lot of learners changed their lives, perspective in life, and they were able to dream again. They pursue their education through Alternative Learning system by enrolling and engaging themselves to Puso Sa Puso. These Out-of-School Youth and adults were able to lead, believe in themselves, and were able to chase their dreams.

We, the staff are really amazed, truly grateful, honored, and blessed to have Misean Cara, for your unceasingly support for the organization.

May our partnership be strengthened and be blessed that we will be able to continue to become instruments of hope for the young people who desire to build better future through education and become good citizens of the nation.

Once again we thank Misean Cara and every group and individuals who unceasingly support Puso sa Puso. May our good Lord and Savior continue to shower blessings and guidance to all of you. Maraming Salamat!

Gratefully in Christ,

Staff

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.

**Photos:**



**Warren Bergado**  
**An excellence awardee**



**Staff of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. – ALSA BUHAY**

(left-right; Mr. Darren, Mr. Edwin, Mr. Eljohn, Fr. Artur, Ms. Lucy, Ms. Jeniffer, Ms. Joceline, Ms. Mylene, Ms. Rika, Sr. Frances, and Sr. Mila)