



MANO AMIGA  
PHILIPPINES

## TEN YEARS OF TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES



2019  
ANNUAL REPORT

Our purpose is to form each person's heart, mind, and soul.  
With Dignity, In service.

## OUR MISSION

Mano Amiga Philippines provides education opportunities that serve as catalyst for community transformation, inclusive growth, and lasting social impact. We empower people and communities through sustainable and replicable programs focused on enabling every individual to realize their full potential.

## OUR PROGRAMS



AFFORDABLE  
HIGH QUALITY  
K-12 EDUCATION



SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD  
AND SKILLS TRAINING  
FOR WOMEN



ADVOCACY  
COMMUNICATIONS  
CAMPAIGN



COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT

# HOW IT ALL STARTED

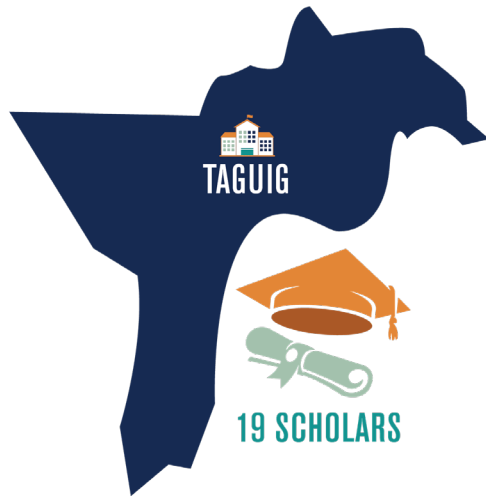


*“A world-class school for children who couldn’t afford a good education...”*

The Mano Amiga model was developed by the Regnum Christi Movement in Mexico in 1963, with the vision of providing disadvantaged children access to a good education and holistic formation.

In September 2008, Mano Amiga Philippines first opened the Mano Amiga Academy preschool in the PNR community in Taguig. The school had 19 students and was using a temporary 2-storey structure, with just three classrooms. Since then Mano Amiga has grown to a K-10 school and community development center, impacting more than 1,000 individuals through its various programs and services.

# MANO AMIGA THROUGH THE YEARS



Mano Amiga Academy opens in a temporary campus in Taguig with 19 scholars.

**2008**



Mano Amiga Philippines Foundation starts offering livelihood for Parents through the Bistro 3846 Cafe.

**2010**



The school grows to 120 scholars with levels Kindergarten to 3rd Grade.

**2011**



The foundation acquires a 2-300 square meter property in Betterliving, Paranaque

**2015**

# MANO AMIGA THROUGH THE YEARS



## KINDERGARTEN TO 7TH GRADE

Mano Amiga Academy begins the school year in a new campus, offering Kindergarten-7th grade

2016



Mano Amiga Philippines reaches nationwide impact through programs focused on teacher training, digital literacy, advocacy campaigns, and livelihood development

2017



Mano Amiga Academy starts offering a full K-10 program

2019

# OUR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



## INTERNATIONAL QUALITY EDUCATION THROUGH MANO AMIGA ACADEMY

Mano Amiga Academy, through a socialized tuition fee scheme, seeks to provide high quality and affordable K-12 education to children from low-income families. Mano Amiga Academy produces well-rounded leaders who will impact their community anchored on Gospel values and continuous pursuit of excellence.

## WHAT SETS OUR SCHOOL APART?

Our Project Based Learning (PBL) approach entails applying classroom learning to solve real-world problems, strengthening a student's critical thinking, communication, and collaboration skills. We offer personalized and holistic formation: a support tailored to the needs and circumstance of every child, an experiential approach to teaching the Catholic faith, and the integration of values in every subject and school activity. We use the international XSEED program, high-quality instructional materials that have been developed based on local and global standards of excellence.

We work with the entire family in educating and forming their child. Parents volunteer two hours a week in the school, and have access to monthly formation programs. We conduct annual house visits to genuinely understand their situation at home. We also constantly invest in the development of our people. We take pride in our year-long training opportunities and in our coaching and mentoring approach, to ensure the personal and professional growth of every member of our team.

# OUR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

## INTEGRAL FORMATION

At the very heart of how we fulfil our mission at Mano Amiga Philippines is the Integral Formation® philosophy, which seeks to develop excellence through a well-rounded education, for the formation of the whole person.

### INTELLECTUAL

Our rigorous and dynamic curriculum equip our students with the knowledge and skills they need in order to think critically, communicate effectively, and collaborate well with others. Through our Project-based learning approach, students constantly create and apply knowledge by thinking and doing.



### HUMAN

Character is at the core of authentic leadership. Human formation focuses on forming students to constantly grow in virtue and values that would enable them to positively impact and transform society.

# OUR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



## SPIRITUAL

Our spiritual formation activities are focused on helping our students develop a deep and personal relationship with Christ.

## APOSTOLIC

We form our students to have a heart of an apostle, one that is sensitive and responsive to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of others.



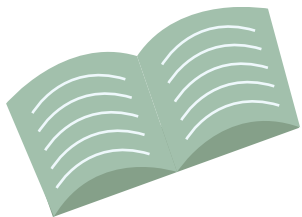


# STUDENT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES



## CO-TEACH PROGRAM

Held twice a year, the Co-teach Volunteer Program allows Mano Amiga partners to step into our teachers' shoes for an entire day. Volunteers prepare lessons and fun experiential activities for the kids like implementing a waste management campaign, creating abstract art, and creating their own paper robots.



# STUDENT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES



## MANO AMIGA'S GOT TALENT

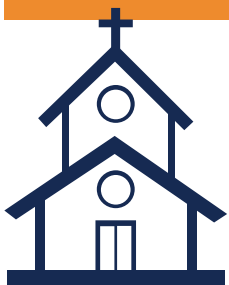
The students put on a two-hour show featuring solo acts and group performers chosen from each grade level. Talent shows allow students to explore different forms of self-expression, which in turn, nurtures a healthy self-esteem.

As grade 2 parent Mercedes said, “It’s good for the kids to have events like this because they get to share with people their talents and interests, other than how they are in class.” Even audience members have something to learn, “I enjoy seeing the students cheer loudly for their classmates, complete with handmade placards,” MA Student Affairs Coordinator Julie Pizarro shared. “It reinforces a culture of support, collaboration, and teamwork.”



# SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM

The students received dynamic Catholic Formation activities throughout the year. 2018 highlights include monthly virtue campaigns, outreach activities, and overnight retreats that nourish the soul, and help our students grow in friendship with Jesus Christ.



Night activity of the Grade 6 students to 'Save a Life of Grace, held at the St. Gasper Bertoni Seminary

# SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM



First Holy Communion Retreat 2018. The Retreat was run for a day. It is a time for our Gr. 3 students to come together, one week before their First Holy Communion, to consolidate all they have learnt in class into one day of fun, learning and prayer. Their craft and fun games is where they learnt the true meaning of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Helped by our Grade 9 students.

## OUR MAJOR PARTNERS FOR MANO AMIGA ACADEMY



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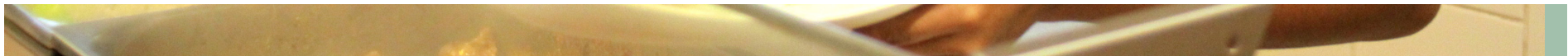
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# OUR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



## TRAINING AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD FOR DISADVANTAGED WOMEN

Bistro Café, is the official food and catering social enterprise of Mano Amiga. Bistro Café has three main programs: direct employment as managers, kitchen crew and waitstaff, provide intensive culinary and entrepreneurship training, and facilitate employment linkages to reputable food and hospitality businesses.



# OUR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



100% of its profits are donated to the Mano Amiga scholarship fund. To date, Bisto Cafe has benefitted over 200 women from low-income communities.

## OUR MAJOR PARTNERS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT



# SOCIAL ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

## YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Through the donations of our partners, Benefit Philippines and She Talks Asia, Mano Amiga was able to implement the Youth Mentorship Program for school year 2018 to 2019 which aims to provide 1:1 support to help our high school students reach their full potential. Sessions include workshops basic hygiene, self-defence, and values-based leadership.

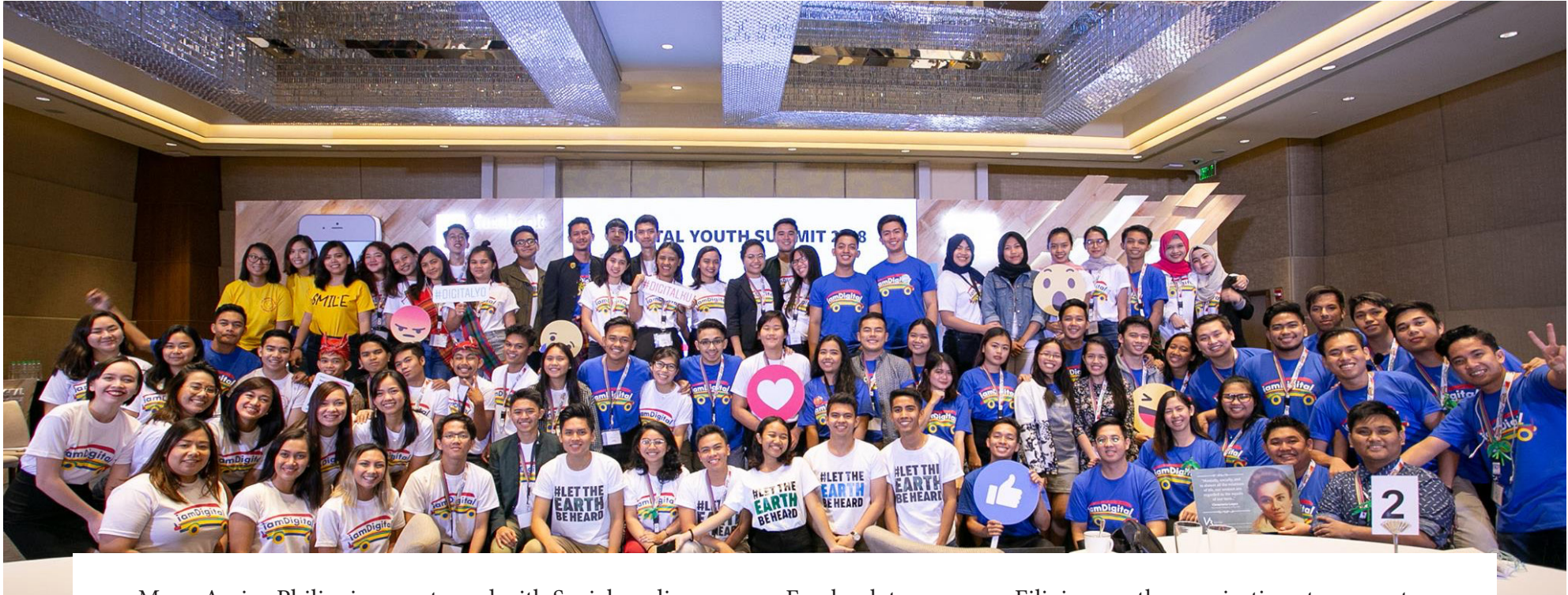


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# SOCIAL ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

## 2018 DIGITAL YOUTH SUMMIT: DIGITAL TAYO



Mano Amiga Philippines partnered with Social media company Facebook to empower Filipino youth organizations to promote digital media literacy. Five initiatives were chosen among the shortlisted projects presented during the 2018 Digital Youth Summit, which attracted participants from Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao.

The selected projects, aimed to address issues that range from the spread of fake news to violent extremism in ARMM. “Our goal has always been to empower the Filipino youth to build a safe and informed online community,” said Facebook’s Director for Community Affairs in Asia Pacific Clair Deevy.





# SOCIAL ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

## GLOBAL FILIPINO SCHOOLS (GFS)

Through the GFS program, over 200 Public schools across all 17 regions in the Philippines, latest of which are those in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), are being equipped with information and communications technology (ICT) tools and methodologies on 21st century education. For the third year, Globe has tapped Mano Amiga Philippines to be its partner in training Public school teachers in innovative teaching methods such as Growth Mindset program, Project-based learning, and ICT integration. To date, Mano Amiga has trained and coached over 500 public school teachers and principals nationwide.



**Globe**<sup>TM</sup>

# HELP US GROW



## BE OUR SCHOLARSHIP PARTNER

Since majority of the families we cater to can only a few pesos per month in tuition, the school's greatest challenge is to find scholarships for our students. It takes Php35,000 a year to help send a child to school. Each scholarship covers the per-pupil's operational expenses of the school, including instructional materials, teachers' salaries, training sessions, utilities, and classroom materials.

## GET INVOLVED!

Mano Amiga constantly looks for volunteers who can help us provide dynamic and enriching after-school activities, in the field of sports, arts, music, science, and values formation. Volunteer activities are usually held on Saturdays.

## HOW TO DONATE?

You could make the cheque payable to Mano Amiga Academy, Inc. or deposit directly to our bank account.

### Direct Bank Deposit (Philippines Only)

Account Name: Mano Amiga Academy, Inc.  
Account Number: 206-058-2926  
Bank Name: Banco De Oro

### International Wires (International Donations)

Account Name: Mano Amiga Academy, Inc.  
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SWIFT ID: BNORPHMM  
Bank Name: Banco De Oro  
Bank Branch: Bonifacio Global City Branch  
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