



MANO AMIGA
PHILIPPINES



Help that goes beyond

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Our Purpose

Form each person's heart, mind, and soul,
with Dignity in service.



Our Mission

Mano Amiga Philippines provides education, livelihood, and training 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.

About Mano Amiga Philippines

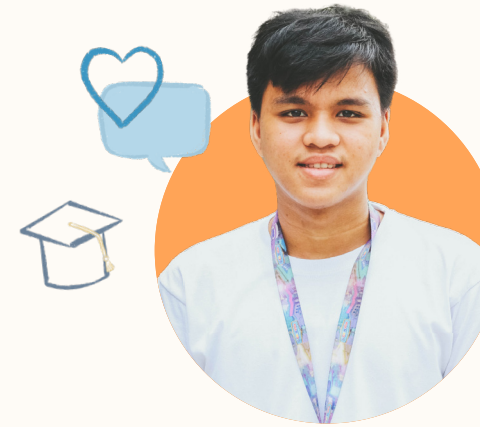
The Mano Amiga education model was first developed by the Regnum Christi Movement in Mexico in 1963, with the vision of providing disadvantaged children access to a good education and holistic formation.

Mano Amiga started in the Philippines in 2008 as a small kindergarten program. Since then, Mano Amiga Philippines has grown into a full K-10 school, with a socialized tuition fee scheme wherein the tuition fee is based on the family's capacity to pay. In SY 2022-2023, 71% of our student population received a full or partial scholarship.

The Mano Amiga campus also serves as a community development center: offering skills training, livelihood opportunities, and values formation programs for the families.

Mano Amiga Philippines has also established itself as a renowned thought leader through different innovative education & teacher training programs focused on STEM, Project Based Learning (PBL), Digital Literacy, and Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Mano Amiga Philippines is currently impacting over 5,000 individuals through various programs and services.



Message from a Scholar

My name is Benz, and I am a Grade 12 student at Mano Amiga Academy. I will be graduating this June, and I have been a scholar since kindergarten. I would like to thank the sponsors of Mano Amiga for giving me the opportunity to achieve my dreams. As a child living in poverty, this opportunity is a lifesaver not just for me, but for my family as well. I would also like to thank you all for helping kids like me get quality education. I believe that every child has a potential for greatness, and I'm glad that with your help, this potential among the Mano Amiga scholars will be realized.

I will continue to strive towards excellence so that I can help future generations in turn, as a way of giving thanks to you who gave me this chance at success.

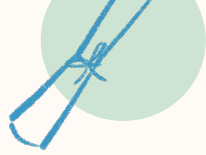
Benz Dominick P Soriano

Mano Amiga Scholar for 13 Years

**A Life Transformed by Metro Pacific
Investments Corporation and Metro
Pacific Investments Foundation**



Benz Soriano has been a shining star of the Metro Pacific Investments Corporation and Metro Pacific Investments Foundation Annual Educational Excellence Fund since 2009. From Kindergarten to Grade 12, Benz was able to pursue his dream of receiving a good education for 13 years through their generous scholarship support. Like Benz, each Batch 2023 Grade 12 student was able to enjoy many life-changing experiences that the partnership has provided, from field trips, exposure activities, and work internships, to career talks with the inspiring employees of MPIC and MPIF.



Commencement Exercises

The school year 2022–2023 marked a significant milestone for us as we resumed face-to-face classes for the first time since the pandemic began. Among our first senior high school graduates are a group of remarkable scholars who have been with us for 13 years.

During our graduation ceremony, they took the opportunity to express their heartfelt gratitude and share the invaluable lessons they have learned from their time at Mano Amiga.

Jade Ng, the recipient of the Grade 10 Integer Award, conveyed how Mano Amiga truly lives up to its name as a “Helping Hand.” She expressed her gratitude for the guidance and support she received, which helped her become the best version of herself today.



Christian Jade Carreon, the Grade 12 Integer Awardee, took a moment to extend his heartfelt thanks to the administration and sponsors. He acknowledged their generosity, stating, “Kindly wait and witness us continue the generous cycle you have started.”

To all our partners and benefactors, we extend our deepest gratitude for standing alongside us in our mission. We are immensely grateful for your belief in our vision and for being instrumental in shaping a brighter future for our students.

“Thank you for believing that I had the potential to become something greater than I was before.”

Jade Ng, Grade 10 Integer Awardee



Our Impact

+5000

People reached by our various programs on Education, Livelihood Training, and Community Development

+3000

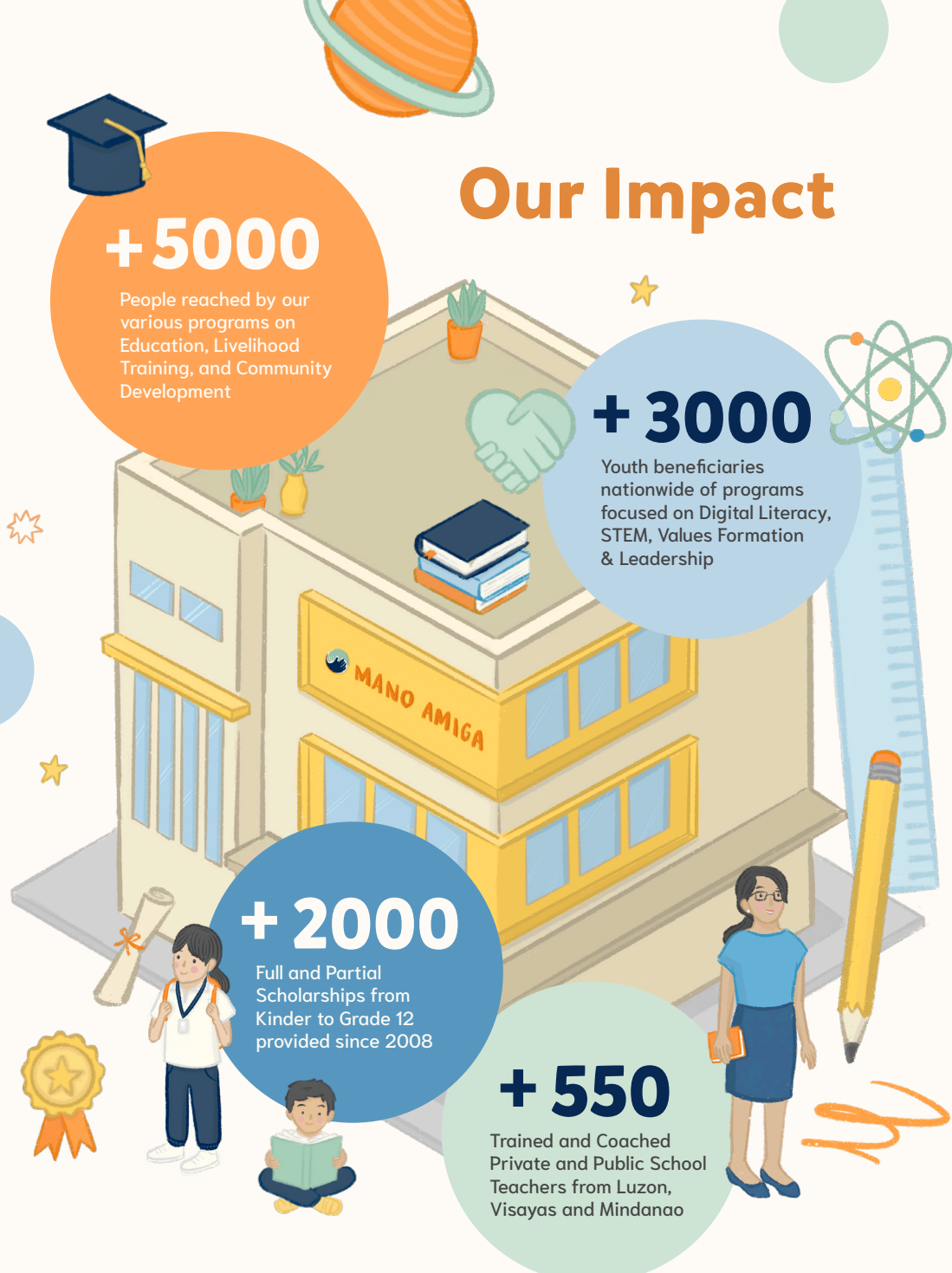
Youth beneficiaries nationwide of programs focused on Digital Literacy, STEM, Values Formation & Leadership

+2000

Full and Partial Scholarships from Kinder to Grade 12 provided since 2008

+550

Trained and Coached Private and Public School Teachers from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao



Our 2022 Highlights

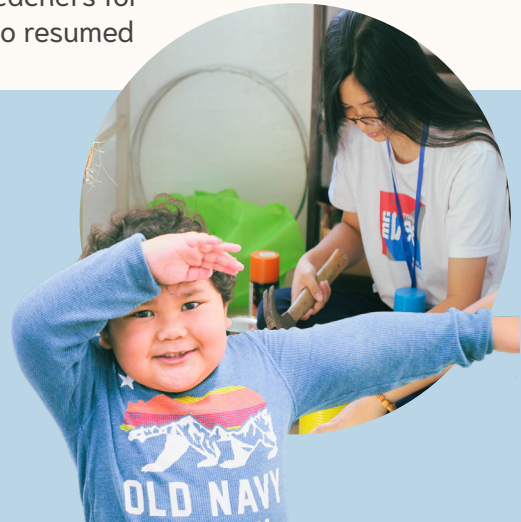


Resuming face-to-face classes and activities of Mano Amiga Community



After two years of conducting programs online, the Mano Amiga Campus has welcomed back its students, and teachers for in-person learning. In addition, Mano Amiga also resumed several face-to-face activities and events:

The **PBL (Project-Based Learning) Open House: Idea Carnival** enabled students to showcase their PBL projects to parents, teachers, and fellow students. Kinder Joy's tackling of separation anxiety to Grade 10's insightful presentation on the significance of gardening are just two examples of the different impactful Project-Based Learning Outputs in 2022.



The Mano Amiga **Family Day** brought together families and friends of Mano Amiga students to enjoy a fun-filled day of exciting activities, games, and sports. We believe that the partnership between parents and teachers are crucial in the holistic formation of our students. These fun and meaningful activities create an atmosphere of joy and learning that helps strengthen the bond of our school community.

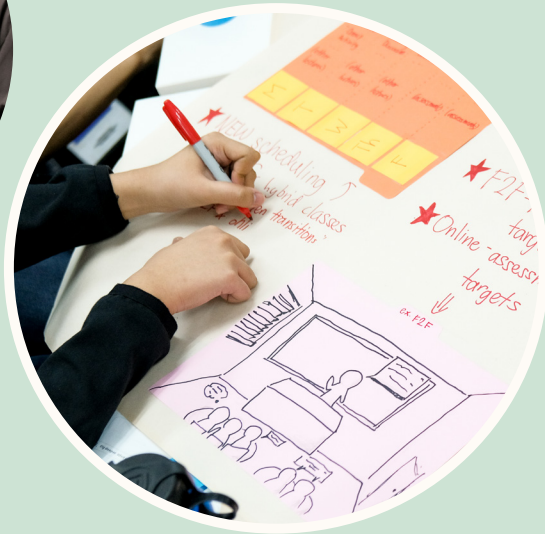


Grit and Grace is a TED Talk-style event that featured some of our scholars and alumni namely Ivy, Sam, and Lovely who shared about resilience, kindness, and making a difference in the world.



Ivy beautifully defined grit and grace, and their relation to resilience and kindness. Sam narrated her life story and taught everyone about empathy and compassion. Lovely, one of the pioneer students of Mano Amiga, described her life as a college student and shared how she continues to apply grit and grace in this new chapter of her life.





RAFI



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Creating Safe Spaces for Children: SEL Teacher Training Program

Mano Amiga Philippines continues its mission of creating safe spaces for children through Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Teacher Training Programs. The programs are meant to empower educators to integrate SEL principles in their school community. Through SEL, children are able to process their emotions more effectively — enabling them to understand themselves and the people around them better.

In partnership with Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI), Mano Amiga implemented a four-month program to develop the SEL skills and practices of Cebu-based DepEd public school teachers. For this cohort, RAFI chose schools that are part of their Recovery and Resiliency program badly affected by Typhoon Odette.



3M

3M Stem Program

In partnership with 3M Philippines, Mano Amiga continued its program to encourage girls and youth to explore STEM as a potential career in the future. The holistic program includes the STEM Femme Club, STEM Summit, STEM Warriors Website, and the 3M Innovation Tour.

3M also opened its Innovation Hub to 40 Junior High School to College students to widen the perspective of students about STEM by showing them how 3M innovates its products and services, and by simulating this through the workshop. Ever since COVID, students were not given the opportunity to have face-to-face programs. The tour and workshop became an avenue for them to once again experience STEM programs that will ignite their curiosity and excitement.





ACEN Learning CommuniTree

Mano Amiga partnered with ACEN for its sustainability education program for Grades 4–7 students entitled Learning CommuniTree. ACEN created learning modules that tackled topics about energy resources, electricity, and the natural resources that we have in the Philippines that contribute to energy sustainability.

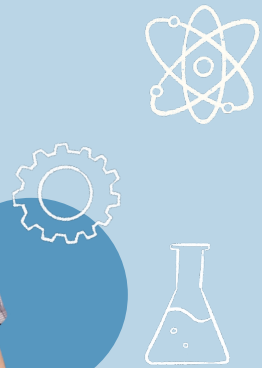
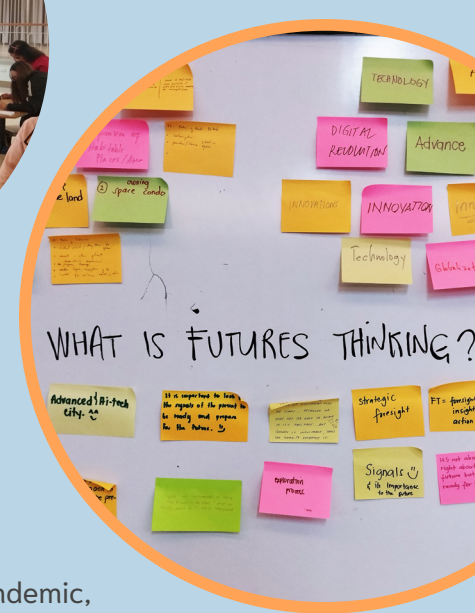
ACEN leads the sessions with practical lessons, videos, quizzes, and even games for students to appreciate the natural resources that we have in the country. Their team of professionals gave our students a glimpse of how energy is used and distributed in the Philippines. It was a beautiful time for students to deeply understand and appreciate the resources that we enjoy as well as the strides that we make for the Filipino community to have more access to these energy resources.



Teacher Training Program for STEM Teachers

For its very first face-to-face workshop post-pandemic, Mano Amiga partners with Globe for a Teacher Training Program for STEM teachers in National Teachers College. The training was meant to empower teachers' knowledge and skill in education so they can better equip the future educators of the country in the delivery of STEM education to the young generation.

The 2-day workshop was conducted at National Teacher's College and had topics on Futures Thinking and Social-Emotional Learning in STEM. A total of 35 teachers attended the workshop and had a deeper understanding of their roles as STEM educators in shaping the perspectives of students. Training programs such as these encourage our teachers to facilitate STEM in a more authentic way such that Futures Thinking and Social-Emotional Learning can be integrated and applied.



Kinaiya Stress Management Workshop for Mothers of Mano Amiga

She Talks Asia in partnership with Charriol Philippines launched the Kinaiya Mental Health and Wellness Workshop for the mothers of Mano Amiga, marking the first formal face-to-face session for parents following the pandemic. Results of a school-wide needs assessment survey revealed that parents struggle with stress that comes with finances and responsibilities at home, especially as the pandemic disrupted boundaries between work, school, and family life.

During the session, the guest speakers affirmed and reminded the participants that it's important to be gentle on oneself and to take a break or rest for their mental health and well-being. The mothers showed support for each other as sharing of experiences with mom guilt were exchanged. They also learned breathing exercises they can do during stressful situations as the workshop ended.



“It is better to be brave, than perfect.”

Coralie Charriol



Business Skills Training and Cash Grant for Small Businesses

2022 marks the third year of partnership between Mano Amiga Philippines and Unilever Philippines and Shopee. Within this 3-year period, the organizations have worked together to directly provide a total of 63 local entrepreneurs with business skills training and financial support to grow and scale up their businesses.

The Year 3 cohort is actively participated by 20 entrepreneurs representing 17 local businesses from cities and provinces all over the Philippines. They were able to gain learnings and insights from experts in cash flow and taxes, branding, business continuity planning and digital content creation, through hybrid training workshops and consultations.





Christmas Around the World 2022

Together with our partners and volunteers, Mano Amiga Academy was transformed into a map of cultures and experiences during last year's Christmas Around the World. With toy cameras and mini passports in hand, students of Mano Amiga became tourists for a day as they traveled to different countries last December 14.

The day was filled with wonder, laughter, and excitement not only for the students but for everyone involved. It was a memorable experience that brought so much joy and happiness to the Mano Amiga community. We are very grateful for our incredible partners from the Education Heroes Committee, the Embassy of Finland, 3M, Rocha Art Gallery, and other individual volunteers.



SHS Work Immersion

Last February 27, our Mano Amiga Grade 12 scholars started their work immersion or internship to help them explore different career paths and enhance their knowledge and practical skills. They served as an intern for three weeks and got to experience what it feels like to be part of the workforce. From finishing assigned tasks to collaborating with teammates and communicating with mentors, the students learned to play to their strengths, deal with challenges, and develop important work habits.

Our deepest gratitude to Metro Pacific Investments Corporation, Metro Pacific Investments Foundation, Vitamin B Brands, Everest International Academy and Mano Amiga Academy for providing rich and meaningful experiences to our students!



“Even though my work is challenging for me, I was able to find the determination to push beyond my limitations, explore new concepts, and think creatively.”

Erica, Vitamin B Intern



“Immersion really helped me to see and know the life of an employee on specific days and how to properly manage your time and skills in doing your work.”

MG, MPIC Intern





Thank you from a Parent

Grateful and blessed are the right words to describe how I feel and what I have experienced from Mano Amiga. As a parent of a pioneer student, I witness the school's remarkable transition, especially among the students. The way the teachers mold each child and the interpersonal relationships between teachers and students are beyond words. Mano Amiga is not just a school for students to learn but an institution that builds a better generation of young people—a generation that is not just intellectually strong but also compassionate, with good values and character. It is a trademark where you can proudly say they are a product of Mano Amiga Academy.

To all the people behind Mano Amiga, a big thank you for being part of our child's journey. More power and salute to all of you!

Maria Lota Pedero,
Mother of Benz (Mano Amiga Scholar)

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Partner with Us

Mano Amiga works with partners in funding and implementing our different projects. We are currently looking for partners to help us scale the impact and reach of our initiatives.

Get Involved

Volunteer in our activities and help us inspire our students and share important life skills with them.

Sign up here



Sponsor a Dream, Transform a Life.

Help that Goes Beyond

Make a difference in a child's life by sponsoring a scholar. It takes P45,000 to send a child to Mano Amiga for one year. You may donate for one scholar or in any amount.

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



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