



# 2019

## IMPACT REPORT

## ABOUT REAL LIFE

Real LIFE Foundation, Inc. is a Christian nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that exists to honor God by serving and empowering the underprivileged youth of the Philippines through educational assistance, character formation, and leadership development.

We provide our scholars with financial assistance for tuition, miscellaneous fees, transportation and meals, and other school-related expenses. They are not only given monetary support, but are also plugged into LIFE groups where they are coached in the areas of Leadership, Integrity, Faith, and Excellence.



## INTRODUCTION

Real LIFE began 2019 making plans to expand our scholarship program because we believed God was enabling us to help more underprivileged students. And indeed, He made it all possible.

As we worked toward strengthening our partnerships with schools and forming new connections, God opened doors for us on the campuses. We were able to officially seal partnerships with five private and semi-private schools. Beyond that, God made it possible for Real LIFE to be an official partner of the Department of Education.

By God's grace and with the faithful support of our partners, in 2019, we sent many more students to school and opened new centers nationwide.





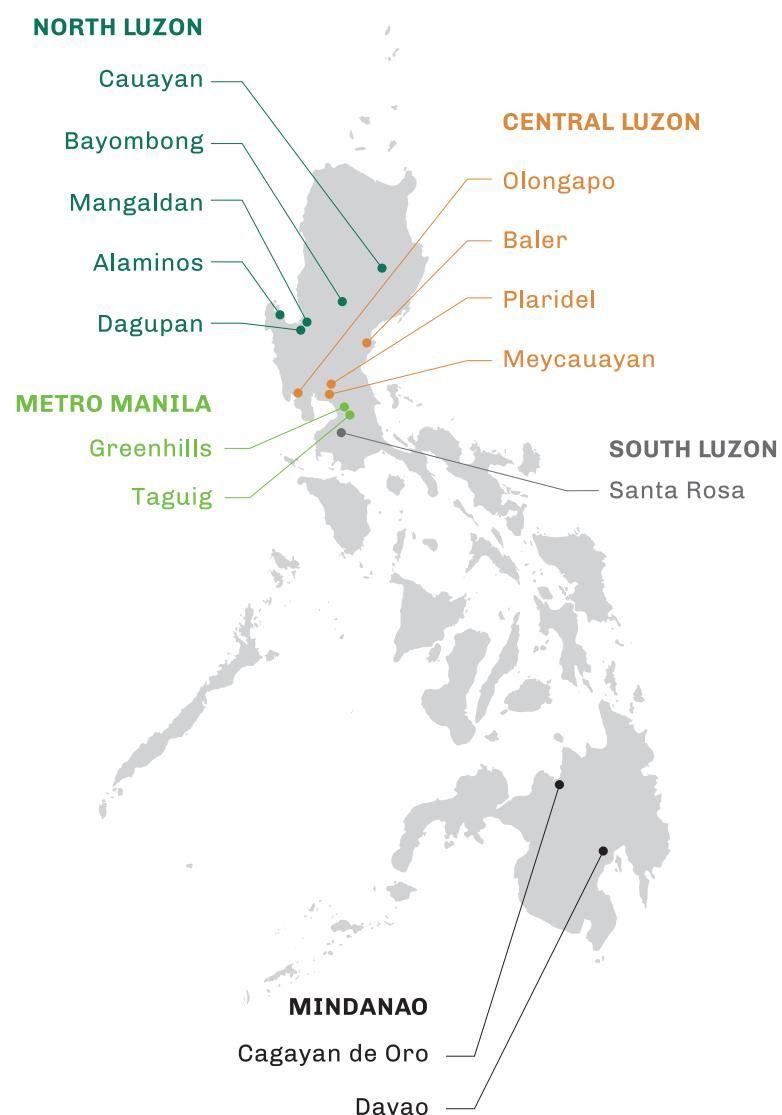
## SECTION 01

# KEY STATISTICS

### 01.A. We Opened 14 New Centers

As the need for educational assistance continues to grow, it is heartbreakingly to turn down the applications of students from locations where there is no Real LIFE center. This is why we find it crucial to not only increase the number of scholars in our current locations, but also to be present in more cities and provinces.

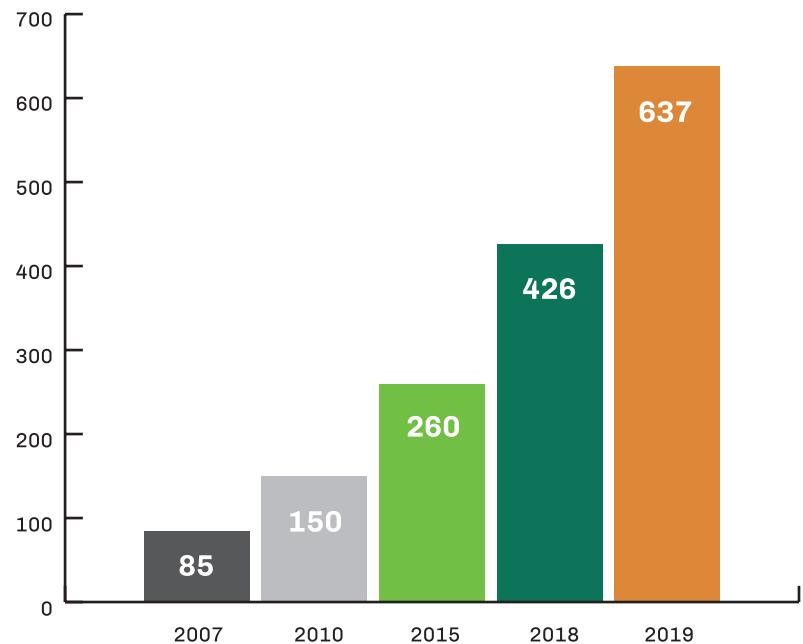
The opening of our 14 new centers in 2019 brought the total number of Real LIFE local centers to **54**.



## 01.B. We Supported About 50% More Scholars

Having more centers enabled us to support 637 scholars for S.Y. 2019–2020, about a 50 percent increase from S.Y. 2018–2019 when we had 426.

This is a significant increase in growth percentage since Real LIFE's incorporation in 2007, as reflected in the graph.



## 01.C. 69 of our Scholars Earned Their Bachelor's Degree

By the end of the year, we had 482 alumni in total; 91 of them are licensure exam passers.

2	Agriculturists	3	Police Officers
8	Certified Public Accountants	6	Psychometricians
1	Chemist	3	Social Workers
8	Engineers	51	Teachers
5	Nurses	1	Radiologic Technologist
3	Psychologists		



# LIFE AWARDEES



## LEADERSHIP AWARDEE

### Joshua Reyes

Real LIFE Urdaneta

*"I did not aim to become a leader. I just volunteered, rendered services for my campus, community, and family. I just obeyed what God told me to do. Then, I started to encourage others to do the same. Hindi ako tinuruan na maging isang leader lang, kundi maging isang servant leader (I wasn't only taught to be a leader, but to be a servant leader), just like Jesus."* —JOSHUA REYES

Joshua received a leadership award from his school and was also a recipient of the Province of Pangasinan Governor's Leadership Excellence Award.

A very driven student, he served as Vice President for Communications of the Supreme Student Council of his school and as secretary of the Sangguniang Kabataan of his barangay.

Joshua was a representative of his school to multiple conventions for student leaders and was even sent to Indonesia under the Student Internship Exchange Program of the Southeast Asian Technical and Vocational Education and Training (SEA-TVET) Consortium.

To students out there, Joshua says, "Remember to use your purpose to motivate others, to use your season to influence your generation, and also to inspire the next."





#### INTEGRITY AWARDEE

## Bernard Pasicolan

Real LIFE Tuguegarao

Bernard was appointed by his professor as class secretary for three semesters. Even when he or his classmates had low grades and they asked him to change their results in the records, he chose to remain truthful.

*“Never ko pong pinalitan ‘yung scores ko kahit mismo pong akin mababa. Ayaw ko pong nilalamangan ‘yung mga kaklase ko. Mas gugustuhin ko pang mababa ang grades ko kaysa galing sa kasamaan ang pagkakaroon ko ng mataas na grades. (I never changed my scores even when they were low. I don’t like taking advantage over my classmates. I would rather keep my low scores than be dishonest.)*

*Grades are just numbers. It is my character that matters.” —BERNARD PASICOLAN*



FAITH AWARDEE

## **Jonalyn Javier**

Real LIFE Batangas



In 2017, Jonalyn's father needed a kidney transplant. She patiently made trips alone to Manila from Batangas to process requirements for availing government assistance for the operation. During such a trying time, Jonalyn remained brave and inspired her family to stay strong in their faith in God.

With her parents as her inspiration, Jonalyn graduated cum laude with a Bachelor in Secondary Education degree, Major in English.





EXCELLENCE AWARDEE

## Fatima Recopelacion

Real LIFE Pagadian

"Nakahuman ra jud! Nakatapos din! To my beloved parents, I'm very much thankful and grateful to you as always. All your hardships and sacrifices have led me to where I am today. And in this milestone, you are always my number one motivator, the reason for me to continue striving and pursuing my dreams."

—FATIMA RECOPELACION, VALEDICTORIAN, REAL LIFE  
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Everyone was moved to tears as Fatima delivered her inspiring and heartfelt valedictory speech at our Mindanao graduation. She graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Accountancy.

To honor her for her academic excellence, we surprised her with a brand-new laptop that she can use for her future work.





## SECTION 02

# EVENTS AND TRAININGS

## 02.A. NATIONAL SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE 2019

The National Scholars' Conference (NSC) is held annually for graduating scholars. As they will be graduating soon after the conference, it is one of our last opportunities to remind them of the values imparted to them throughout their time in the Real LIFE scholarship program.

The theme for NSC 2019 was Press On. Through different sessions and speakers, our scholars were encouraged to never stop fighting for their faith, their families, and their future.

NSC is also an avenue to equip our graduating scholars with practical knowledge that they will need when they start applying for jobs and officially join the working world. Sessions include resume writing, simulation of job interviews, and career planning.



## 02.B. ASIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BY THE CENTER FOR ASIA LEADERSHIP

The Center for Asia Leadership (CAL) brought their Teaching Fellows from Harvard University for the Asia Youth Leadership Conference on August 8, 2019, held for the first time in the Philippines especially for Real LIFE scholars, alumni, and coaches.

The CAL Teaching Fellows conducted workshops on the following topics:

- Problem Driven Iterative Adaptation
- Design Thinking
- Adaptive Leadership
- Leadership Communications
- Introduction to Negotiation
- Networking: The Power of Personal Connections
- Developing 21st-Century Skills
- Interview Skills That Lead to Success
- Writing Emails That Impress
- Writing Persuasive Statements of Purpose
- Ambitions and Aspirations



## 02.C. PARTNERS FOR CHANGE

Partners for Change was a banquet held on June 27, 2019, for school administrators and schools division offices. In this event, we presented an opportunity to explore partnerships and collaborations that would benefit a greater number of underprivileged students. The occasion was graced by Department of Education Undersecretary Tonisito Umali and was attended by hundreds of school officials representing 131 public schools and private universities in Metro Manila, Bulacan, Rizal, and Laguna.





## SECTION 03

# NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

## 03.A. ASSOCIATION OF FOUNDATIONS

On March 27, 2019, Real LIFE became an official member of the Association of Foundations (AF).

Established in November 1972, the Association of Foundations is the first network of nongovernmental organizations in the Philippines. Its mission is to enable its member foundations to develop sustainable programs for the communities they serve.

Through the years, AF has become a bridge to grant opportunities, a capacity builder, a data bank, a consultant, and an advocate of key issues. AF is also a venue where people and foundations with expertise in specific fields share their knowledge and experiences with smaller and newer organizations. It is committed to the constant growth and professionalism of its member foundations to improve the quality of human life.

## 03.B. ZERO EXTREME POVERTY PHILIPPINES

Real LIFE joined the Zero Extreme Poverty (ZEP) PH 2030 Coalition. With a vision of seeing Filipino families enjoy the fullness of life in sustainable communities, ZEP aims to uplift one million families from extreme poverty to self-sufficiency by 2030.

ZEP has member organizations from different sectors such as agriculture and fisheries, health, education, housing and shelter, livelihood, environment, partnerships for indigenous peoples, and social justice. Each one actively participates in achieving the global sustainable development goals set by the United Nations.

## 03.C. NEW PARTNER SCHOOLS

Real LIFE is intentional in building partnerships with other organizations and institutions that can help us serve and empower more underprivileged youth. This is why in 2019, we officially signed our memorandum of agreement with the following schools:

- De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde Antipolo
- Emilio Aguinaldo College Cavite
- Olivarez College Parañaque
- Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Muntinlupa
- Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Marikina
- STI College Muñoz-EDSA

With the growing number of partners that help us support our scholars, we will be able to accomplish our mission in a more effective and sustainable way.





### 03.D. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

During our Partners for Change event for school officials, we sealed our partnership with the Department of Education, represented by the Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs, External Partnerships, and Project Management Service, Tonisito Umali.

This newfound partnership will enable us to bring the information about our scholarship program to more underprivileged students through direct coordination with the schools. Under the partnership, school officials may now endorse to Real LIFE their top academic students who need financial assistance the most.





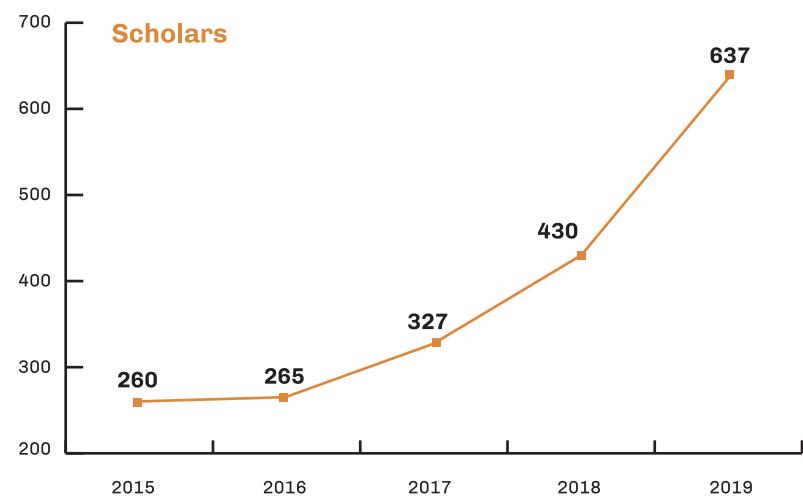
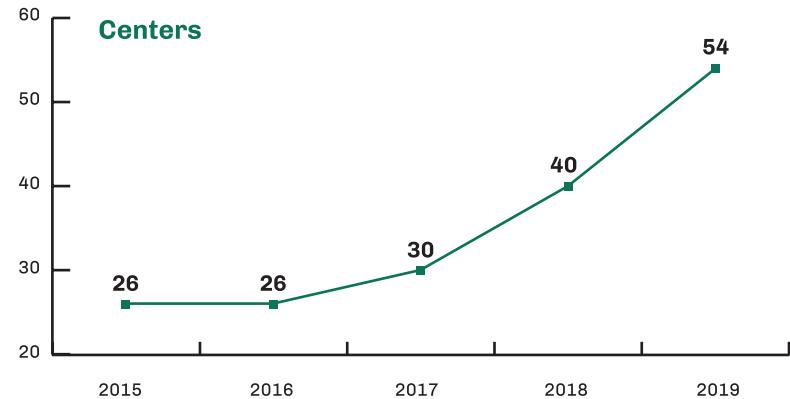
## SECTION 04 IN 2020

We are so amazed at everything God has enabled us to do, and we dare to dream more for Real LIFE. This 2020, we have already opened 10 new centers in Antipolo, Bacoor, Bayambang, General Mariano Alvarez, Makati, Marawi, Nova Central, Quezon Avenue, San Carlos, and Silay.

From 637 scholars, we are targeting a 40 percent increase, which adds up to close to 900 scholars in the upcoming S.Y. 2020–2021.

This may be a huge jump from last year, but not nearly enough considering the great need. There are plenty more students and families who are hoping for a chance of getting a scholarship.

By God's grace, Real LIFE is now in a position for greater expansion to inspire hope in more homes. Thank you for journeying with us through 2019. We are excited for what God has in store for us in this new decade.



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## CHAIRMAN:

FERDIE CABILING also serves as the director for Victory in Metro Manila.

## TREASURER:

CRICKETTE ABELLO also serves as the director for partnership development in Every Nation Philippines. She previously served as the head of operations for Real LIFE.

## TRUSTEES:

STEVE MURRELL serves as the president of Every Nation and is a founding pastor of Victory.

GILBERT FOLIENTE serves as the president of Victory and Every Nation Philippines.

JOEY BONIFACIO serves as a member of the International Apostolic Team of Every Nation and is the senior pastor of Every Nation Singapore. He previously served as the executive director of Real LIFE.

ATTY. INKY REYES is a partner of Gordon Dario Reyes Law Offices.

MAE PEREZ is the executive director of the Real LIFE Foundation. She previously served as the event manager of Every Nation Philippines for six years and the worship services and events director of Victory Fort Bonifacio for nine years.

## CORPORATE SECRETARY:

JIJI CONCEPCION also serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Every Nation Philippines.

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