



# Annual Report 2019-2020

## Tondo site Manila, The Philippines



Chalice has partnered with BYSMP Bless the Children Foundation Inc. since 2014. The sponsor site's central office --known as the "Centro"-- sits within the impoverished region of Manila, where densely-packed homes are constructed of makeshift materials and there are few or no services, utilities or sanitation. Families earn incomes doing casual, low-wage work such as peeling garlic and recycling scrap metal. The "Centro" is a hive of activity, providing a daily hot lunch, workshops, tutoring, an on-site medical and dental clinic, music lessons, and a tailoring workshop for mothers of sponsored children. Parents involved with family circles have access to livelihood skills programs such as bookkeeping certification, tile-setting and house painting. The sponsorship program runs through the school year and has summer activities for the children.



### Child



- Tondo site works with 1833 sponsored children.
- 26 Tondo sponsored children graduated senior high school.
- 214 moved up to junior high
- 112 moved up to Senior High.
- 1557 children had a free medical check-up.
- 1806 children had a free dental check-up. 493 received necessary ongoing treatments.
- 600 children received regular meals through the nutrition program.
- Prior to the pandemic, Tondo site ran an ongoing leadership program called BidaBest (Be the Best). When COVID-19 lockdown measures took effect, the site started Bida Best AHA Online Program. 571 children connected virtually with each other in 28 groups based on grade level. 26 site volunteers who had passed a thorough screening facilitated the online gatherings.



### Family

- Tondo site works with 78 family circles.
- 12 parents of sponsored children graduated from bookkeeping training and were certified.
- 64.3% of parents used sponsorship funds for nutrition.
- All of the savings created by all of the family circles combined reached 1,717,570.40 Philippines pesos.




### Community

- 1804 families received funds through the Chalice gift catalogue for livelihood skills training.
- This year the sponsor site began programming in a new community called Baseco.
- The site introduced a daily nutrition program as well as an urban gardening program.

