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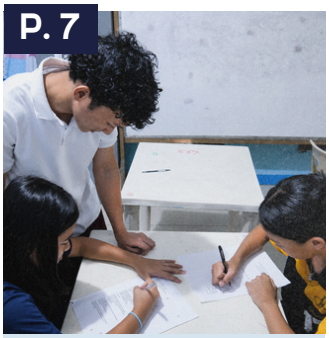
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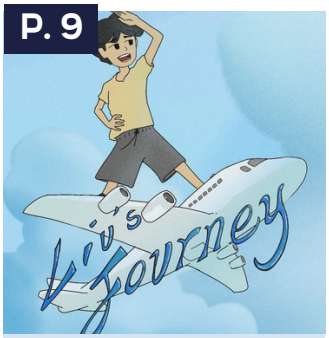
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FAIRPLAY NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAIRPLAY



DEVELOPING TALENT:

Fairplay's Level 3 Coaching Course

From understanding why we coach to learning how to develop talent, Fairplay's Level 3 Coaching Course challenged coaches to deepen their knowledge and practice.

Fairplay's Level 3 Coaching Course began on August 9, with eight coaches starting a three-session programme facilitated by Executive Director Roy Moore. By the final classroom session on August 23, four coaches successfully completed the course.

Building on the foundations of Levels 1 and 2, which explored why and how we coach, Level 3 focused on a new question: How do we develop talent?

During the first session, coaches studied concepts from The Talent Code by author Daniel Cole, exploring deliberate practice, chunking, and how to make training sessions more effective. The second session focused on creating "ignition"—helping young players develop aspirations, set goals, and imagine possibilities beyond what they thought they could achieve.

The final session explored master coaching and what it takes to develop talent. Beyond knowing the right drills and techniques, coaches reflected on the importance of understanding their players: knowing when to challenge them, when to listen, and when to let them learn through their own experiences.

Following the three classroom sessions, the coaches took an examination the following week. The course was another step in Fairplay's continuing investment in developing coaches who can help young people grow—not only as athletes, but also as individuals and leaders.

Because great coaching is about more than teaching the game. It is about helping players discover what they are capable of becoming.

RAINY DAYS OF LEARNING

Rain hammered the rooftops and flooded the streets of Payatas as dark clouds lingered overhead. With classes suspended for days, children had been missing their classmates and teachers. But at Fairplay, tutoring sessions continued despite the relentless downpour.

Many Fairplay Scholars live just a short walk from the Youth Center, making it possible for them to attend even in bad weather. By showing up, staying connected with their peers, and making the most of every opportunity, the scholars demonstrate the initiative and determination Fairplay hopes to nurture in every child. Even with classes suspended, they continued studying and supporting one another at the Youth Center.

AROUND FAIRPLAY

UPCOMING EVENT
DSWD Accreditation Visit
October 7-8, 2026
Fairplay Youth Center

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Blood Donation Drive scheduled for September 19, 2026 has been postponed until further notice.



COLLEGE PREPARATION KITS AND VEGETABLES, THANK YOU CONEXUS!

This August, the second batch of higher education Fairplay scholars received their college preparation kits consisting of different appliances and equipment along with their monthly supply of vegetables. Mini refrigerators, air fryers, electric kettle, among others were given to bring ease to their daily expenses as higher education students. The kits, together with the vegetables, will enable them to prepare healthy and easy-to-prepare food for their busy days. This program was made possible with the support of Conexus in partnership with Fairplay. Thank you, Conexus MedStaff!

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SPORTS

News, stories and highlights from Payatas FC and our young athletes.





PAYATAS FC JOINS HIGH5 FUTSAL LEAGUE - YOUTH

Payatas FC U18 boys and girls compete in the inaugural Youth Division of the High5 Futsal League.

Payatas FC joined the inaugural Youth Division of the High5 Futsal League, which kicked off on August 8, 2026, at Aquinas School.

Competing in both the Girls and Boys Divisions, Payatas FC faced Stars United in its opening matches, giving its young players the opportunity to gain competitive experience, develop their skills, and put teamwork and sportsmanship into practice.

Organized by the Moran Foundation, the league provides a platform for young athletes to grow both on and off the court, reflecting the role of sport in building confidence, discipline, and resilience.

We look forward to seeing our Payatas FC players continue to learn, compete, and grow throughout the league!



GIRL OF THE MATCH: WEEK 1



BOY OF THE MATCH: WEEK 3

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Payatas FC to Represent Barangay Payatas in Quezon City-Wide Futsal Tournament 2026

Payatas FC U13s and U17s will represent Barangay Payatas in the Quezon City-Wide Futsal Tournament 2026, with the opening ceremony scheduled for October 3.

Payatas FC Players and Coaches to Represent Quezon City in Batang Pinoy 2026

Payatas FC U15 players and coaches will represent Quezon City at the Batang Pinoy 2026 National Finals, scheduled for December 12–18 in Bacolod City.

> "WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY COMES MY WAY NOW, I THINK, 'WHY NOT?' I'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS AND THINK ABOUT WHETHER I WANT TO TRY IT."
>
> -GARIBO, SPORTS APPRENTICE

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PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Edmer

Payatas FC U18

At just 15 years old, Edmer is already holding his own with both the U18 boys' and men's teams, playing as a pivot with exceptional skills, sharp movement, and a level of play that sets him apart from his peers—proving that age is no barrier to making an impact in the game.

COACH'S CORNER



Coach Shiela

Assistant Coach

"A great coach never stops learning, because behind every lesson is a chance to change a young person's life—to help them believe in themselves, discover what they're capable of, and become who they're meant to be."

QUICK PASS

FAIR PLAY AWARD
Janaica, Girls U14

LEADERSHIP
Timothy, Boys U18s

MOST IMPROVED
Ahira, Girls U14

YOU MISS 100% OF THE SHOTS YOU DON'T TAKE.
-Wayne Gretzky, one of the greatest ice hockey players of all time.



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THE BIG FEATURE

ONE STEP AT A TIME

After years of uncertainty, Gabo is discovering his potential through coaching, responsibility, and the courage to take another chance.

> "KUNG MAY CHANCE TALAGA MAGBAGO, KAHIT SABIHIN NATIN KONTI LANG, WHY NOT?"
>
> -Gabo

When Garibo, known to many as Gabo, first joined Fairplay, he was around seven or eight years old. Fairplay's drop-in center was practically next door to his house, and he remembers it as a small, dimly lit space beside a noisy road. It might not have looked like much, but it was where his connection with Fairplay began.

At first, he came for lessons and help with schoolwork. Football entered the picture when a friend invited him to play. Soon, he found himself watching players return from tournaments, their excitement impossible to miss. He became curious about what made the game so much fun.



Garibo playing barefoot at the barangay basketball court with friends in 2014.

Over the years, Fairplay became part of his everyday life. He attended lessons in the morning, went to school, and trained afterward. Looking back, Gabo believes those experiences helped shape the person he is today.

But growing up does not always mean knowing where you are headed.

When the Next Step Wasn't Clear

Gabo graduated from senior high school at Metro Manila College in 2023. Despite advice from people around him, he struggled to decide what to do next. He took a gap year, following the suggestion of Ate Mau, a former Youth Center staff member who had supported him with schoolwork and through difficult emotional moments.

During that break, he completed an internship at Decathlon Philippines in SM North. There, he learned the value of helping people—a lesson he would later bring into coaching.

When the internship ended, however, Gabo struggled to find direction again. He spent long hours at home on his computer, unsure how to begin the next chapter of his life.

Watching former classmates pursue college and opportunities to play futsal while studying made him wonder what might have happened had he taken a similar path.

"The most difficult thing was how to start," he recalled. He felt he had to know everything and figure everything out on his own. Although he knew there were people who could help, he was afraid to ask.

Over time, he began to understand that asking for help was nothing to be ashamed of.

> "IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, IF YOU DON'T ASK FOR HELP, YOU WON'T KNOW."
>
> -Gabo

Starting Small

Gabo's turning point did not begin with a grand plan. It began with a decision to get moving.

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IT IS GOOD TO HAVE AN END TO JOURNEY TOWARD; BUT IT IS THE JOURNEY THAT MATTERS, IN THE END.
-Ursula K. Le Guin

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(Cont'd. from page 4.) About a week before Coach Rona, Fairplay's Sports Program Manager, reached out about a coaching opportunity, Gabo started running. He challenged himself to wake up at six in the morning and run at least five kilometers. He wanted to prove that he could change his routine—and, little by little, his life.

At first, he missed a day or two. Eventually, he settled into running three times a week. Seeing his progress gave him a reason to continue.

"If I don't do it, nothing will change," he explained.

Then Coach Rona asked if he would be available to coach. Gabo had completed Level 1 coaching before the pandemic and started Level 2 before training was interrupted. Now, he had an opportunity to return.

> **IF I DON'T DO IT, NOTHING WILL CHANGE.**
>
> -Gabo

This time, he wanted to take it.

After spending years mostly at home, simply showing up for training was a big adjustment. Other players had continued developing while he was away, and now some of them saw him as a coach. The change felt intimidating, but he kept coming back.

Learning to Lead

Coaching gave Gabo opportunities to discover abilities he had not recognized in himself. He learned to work with different age groups, from energetic young children who tested his patience to older players who needed guidance on their attitudes and responsibilities.

One of his biggest tests came when he was entrusted with teams at a tournament. For the first time, he had to make decisions without someone constantly guiding him. Taking younger players outside their usual training environment meant being responsible for their safety, and he felt the weight of that responsibility.

Over time, his confidence grew. He became more comfortable communicating with staff and tournament organizers, making decisions, and coaching players across different age groups—including the men's team.



One moment showed him that the players were beginning to trust him, too. During a youth tournament, a young player approached Gabo and asked him to coach their team instead. Knowing that the children wanted him there made him happy and encouraged him to continue coaching beyond regular sessions.

For Gabo, that moment showed him that his presence could make a difference.

He hopes his players will remember more than the football skills he teaches. He wants them to know they can approach him when they are struggling, even if he is no longer their coach at Fairplay.

MORE THAN ONE POSSIBLE FUTURE

Today, Gabo is a Level 2 Youth Coach and a sports apprentice at Fairplay. As he takes on more responsibilities, he is discovering that coaching may offer opportunities beyond what he once imagined. He has even begun coaching outside Fairplay, opening another door to develop his skills and earn from his work.

He is also learning to take opportunities seriously rather than dismissing them before giving them a chance. He has not yet decided whether to pursue college as a student-athlete or continue developing along Fairplay's coaching pathway. For now, he is allowing himself to consider both possibilities.

He is not trying to plan every detail of the next five years. Instead, he is thinking about the person he wants to become a year from now: more confident, better able to manage his emotions and time, and, above all, happier.

For someone who once felt he had to figure everything out before taking the first step, that is a meaningful change.



A MESSAGE TO OTHERS

Gabo's advice to young people who feel stuck is to acknowledge what they are feeling and start with something small—something they can manage now. Change does not have to happen all at once.

He also has a message for his younger self: take your time. Discover what you genuinely want rather than following a path simply because someone else expects you to. And when things become difficult, ask for help.

Gabo knows that a second chance does not guarantee an easy road. He does not pretend to have everything figured out.

> **TAKE YOUR TIME. FIND OUT WHAT YOU REALLY WANT.**
>
> -Gabo

But he believes that when another chance to change comes along, it is worth taking.

"Kung may chance talaga magbago, kahit sabihin natin konti lang, why not?" he said. If you have the chance to change, even a little, why not try?

For now, Gabo is taking things one step at a time. Each training session, each new responsibility, and each opportunity he chooses to pursue is helping him discover what he is capable of becoming.

He may not know exactly where his path will lead. But he is moving forward—and giving himself the chance to find out.

LIFE IS A JOURNEY TO BE EXPERIENCED, NOT A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED.

-Winnie-the-Pooh

WANT TO SEE MORE?

MEET THE FAIRPLAY TEAM: GARIBO

SCHOLAR VOICES

Stories, ideas and perspectives from Fairplay Scholars.





ANG PANGARAP AY MAY IBANG DAAN

Sa kabila ng mga pagsubok, patuloy na natututo at naghahanda si Yan Yan para sa kanyang kinabukasan.

By Arjian, Youth Center Apprentice

Magandang araw sa inyong lahat! Ako si Yan Yan, labing-walong taong gulang. Lumaki ako sa Payatas at pangalawa ako sa aming magkakapatid. Noon pa man, dumadalo na ako sa Fairplay, mula pa noong elementarya ako. Marami akong natutuhan sa mga guro sa paaralan at gayundin sa Fairplay, hanggang sa malapit ko nang matapos ang Senior High School.

Madalas kong tanungin ang sarili ko kung saan ako magko-kolehiyo, lalo na't wala akong napasahang entrance exam. Alam ko rin naman kung bakit: hindi sapat ang naging paghahanda ko para sa mga entrance exam. Mas natuon ang oras ko sa mga gawain sa paaralan, pati na rin sa sobrang paglalaro ng online games. Kaya ganoon ang naging resulta.

Napag-usapan ng mga magulang ko na pag-aralin ako sa isang pribadong unibersidad, pero noong una, pakiramdam ko ay parang walang saysay iyon dahil nahihirapan na nga kami sa buhay at madadagdagan pa ang gastusin. Noong Marso 24, nasunugan kami, kaya mas lalo kong naisip na huminto muna sa pag-aaral o mag-gap year dahil sa aming problemang pinansyal.

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AUGUST SCHOLARS AND TEAM OF THE MONTH

Celebrating consistency, commitment, and hard work!

Congratulations to our August Scholars and Team of the Month!

Three Fairplay Scholars—Thirdy, Nikka, and Chlea—tied for Scholar of the Month, each achieving 100% attendance throughout August. Meanwhile, Team Shanning Star, composed of Noah, Nathaniel, and Shane, achieved an impressive 92.9% group attendance.

These scholars have shown dedication by consistently attending their mentoring sessions and working hard to improve their exam results. Their efforts deserve to be celebrated—and rewarded with a well-earned treat from Fairplay!

We hope you enjoyed your Jollibee lunch. Keep up the great work!

6 NEW FACES AT THE YOUTH CENTER

Six new scholars, more laughter, and new friendships!

Welcome to Fairplay, Ayesa, Gale, Bullet, Nize, Edward, and Cindy!

This August, the Fairplay Youth Center warmly welcomed six new scholars—two Grade 7 students and four elementary-level students—as they began their learning journey alongside their new classmates.

With six new faces joining the Youth Center, things might get a little more crowded, but one thing is certain: there will be even more laughter, friendship, and learning to share!



YOUR STORY MATTERS. YOUR VOICE MATTERS. YOU MATTER.

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WANT TO SEE MORE?

FAIRPLAY SCHOLAR IN ACTION: ARJIAN



> KUNG IKUKUMPARA KO ANG PARAAN NG PAG-IISIP AT PAG-UNAWA KO NOON SA NGAYON, MAS NAA-APPRECIATE KO ANG NATUTUHAN KO NGAYON.

(Cont'd. from page 6.) Noong Abril 13, ginanap sa UP ang graduation o moving-up ceremony namin bilang mga Senior High School student. Pagkatapos noon, ilang beses akong tinanong nina Ate Dani at Kuya Jerome, mga staff ng Fairplay, kung magpapatuloy ba ako sa kolehiyo o magga-gap year muna. Nang sabihin kong magga-gap year ako, iminungkahi nilang mag-apprentice ako. Kasama rin dito ang pagre-review para magkaroon ako ng mas malaking pagkakataong makapasa sa susunod na entrance exam ng mga pampublikong unibersidad tulad ng PUP at QCU.

Nang makausap ko ang mga magulang ko tungkol dito, sumang-ayon naman sila. Kaya sinabi nina Ate Dani na sa susunod na dalawang linggo ay magsisimula na akong maging apprentice sa YC.

Noong unang araw ko bilang apprentice sa YC, nakakapanibago ang lahat. Hindi ko pa alam kung ano ang mga gagawin ko, at bago rin sa akin ang mga assignment na ibinigay dahil kailangan ko ulit itong pag-aralan.

Pagkalipas ng isang linggo, nakakapanibago pa rin sa akin ang trabaho. Siguro dahil sa mga bata, dahil hindi ako sanay makipag-interact o makipag-usap sa kanila. Pero nang lumipas ang isang buwan, marami na naman akong natutuhan sa iba't ibang bagay, marahil dahil na rin sa mga taong gumagabay at nagtuturo sa akin.

Kung ikukumpara ko ang paraan ng pag-iisip at pag-unawa ko noon sa ngayon, mas naa-appreciate ko ang natutuhan ko ngayon. Mas naiintindihan ko na ang mga impormasyon dahil mas nahihimay ko ang bawat paksa kaysa dati.

LEARNING CORNER



HOW TO MEMORIZE BETTER

Remember More with These Three Simple Techniques

By Princesz, Fairplay Scholar



1. Active Recall

Have you studied "3 Ways to Memorize"? Close your book and ask yourself, "What were the three ways again?"

Try to answer even if you can't remember everything. You can also use flashcards or quiz yourself!

2. Visualization

Are you studying photosynthesis? Don't just memorize the definition. Imagine the sun helping a leaf make its own food, almost as if the leaf were cooking!

Creating a picture or story in your mind can help you remember what you've learned.





3. Spaced Review

Did you review your lessons today, Monday? Go over them again on Wednesday, then on Sunday, and once more the following month.

You don't have to study for a long time each session—even a quick 5–10-minute review can help you remember what you've learned!



BRAIN POWER CHALLENGE

The Grocery List Memory Test!

Study these 20 items for 2 minutes. Then cover the list and see how many you can remember!

1. Rice
2. Bread
3. Eggs
4. Milk
5. Cheese
6. Oranges
7. Carrots
8. Potatoes
9. Onions
10. Garlic
11. Tofu
12. Spaghetti
13. Flour
14. Oatmeal
15. Sugar
16. Soy sauce
17. Vinegar
18. Jam
19. Biscuits
20. Popcorn

Tip: Use the visualization technique

Don't just read the words—imagine each item in your mind! Picture a banana wearing a hat, a giant egg rolling down the street, or a cabbage sitting on a throne. The sillier the image, the easier it may be to remember!

THERE IS NO GREATER AGONY THAN BEARING AN UNTOLD STORY INSIDE YOU.

-Maya Angelou



GOT SOMETHING TO SHARE? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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FREEDOM WALL

A space for kids to share whatever's on their minds.

Crush ko si Nikka, I miss Ate Sheng and Ate Mau. Idk about the spelling. I wish I have a grandparents by my side. I'm proud about myself.

Marami pong naitulong ang fairplay sa akin lalo na sa pag-aaral ko. Thankful din ako kasi naging scholar ako ng fairplay.

Masaya ako kase nakakuha ako ng award sa mapeh

Sana magbalik si ate iffa!

Proud ako sa fair play kase binigyan ako ng allowance. Miss ko na si ate ipa.

Crush ko si naica

Ang ganda ni Rhein!! -Matangkad mong kaibigan

Gusto ko na siya makausap at wish ko sana kausapin niya pa rin ako sa December inaamin ko na gusto kopa siya kahit na matagal na kaming wala na. Sobrang miss ko na siya.

Minahal ko pero bakit pagdating sa dulo Friends lang pala -A

To Café lagyan na ulit ng saging ang outmilk

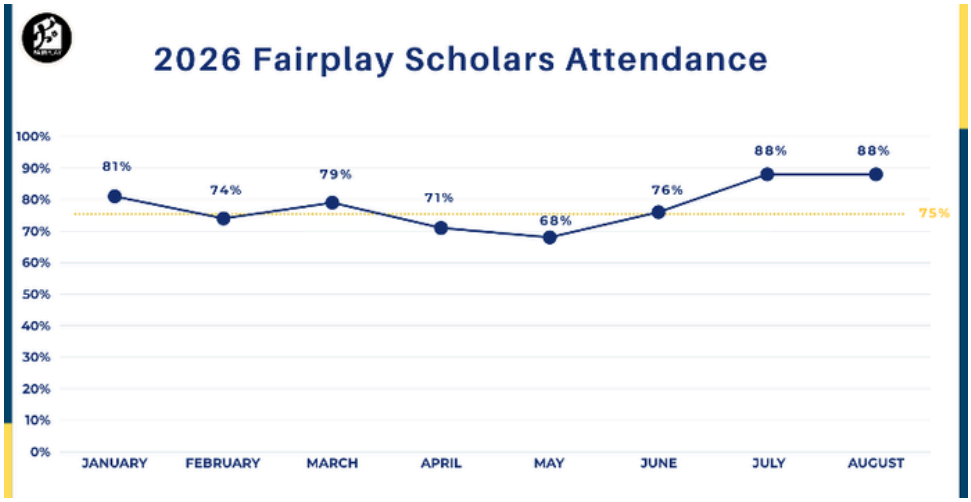
Excited ako ngayong 2nd term sana makuha ko yung top 1 top 2 lang kinaya ko ngayong first term eh

YOUTH CENTER GRADES AND ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

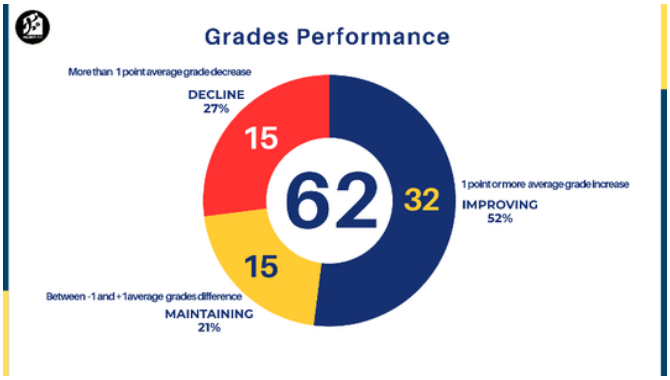
Steady Progress in Attendance and Academic Performance

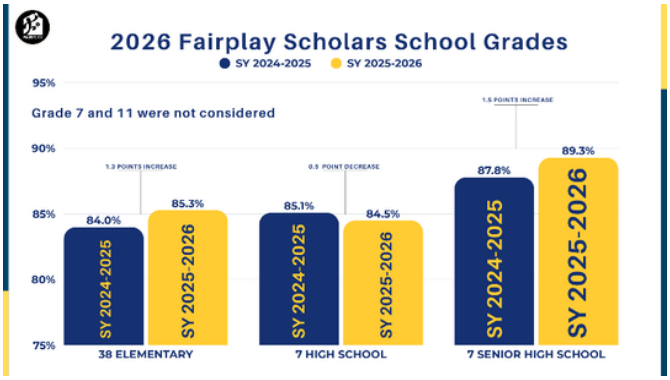
In 2026, Fairplay Youth Center's attendance and academic performance statistics have shown steady, encouraging progress.

In July and August, overall attendance reached 88%, its highest level since January. This reflects the scholars' consistent participation in regular mentoring sessions and Fairplay's continued efforts to encourage their engagement.



Academic performance has also shown promising results. More than half (52%) of Fairplay scholars improved their grades by an average of 1 percentage point compared with the previous school year, 2024–2025. This represents encouraging and realistic progress, and the Foundation hopes to sustain this positive trend.





Comparisons between school years 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 show improvements across some grade levels. Elementary scholars' grades increased by approximately 1.3 percentage points, while Senior High School scholars' grades improved by 1.5 percentage points. Junior High School scholars, however, recorded a slight decline in their overall grades.

These results highlight the importance of continued academic support and mentoring as Fairplay works to help scholars strengthen their performance and reach their potential.

SPEAK YOUR MIND, EVEN IF YOUR VOICE SHAKES.

-Maggie Kuhn, American activist and founder of the Gray Panthers.

LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE!

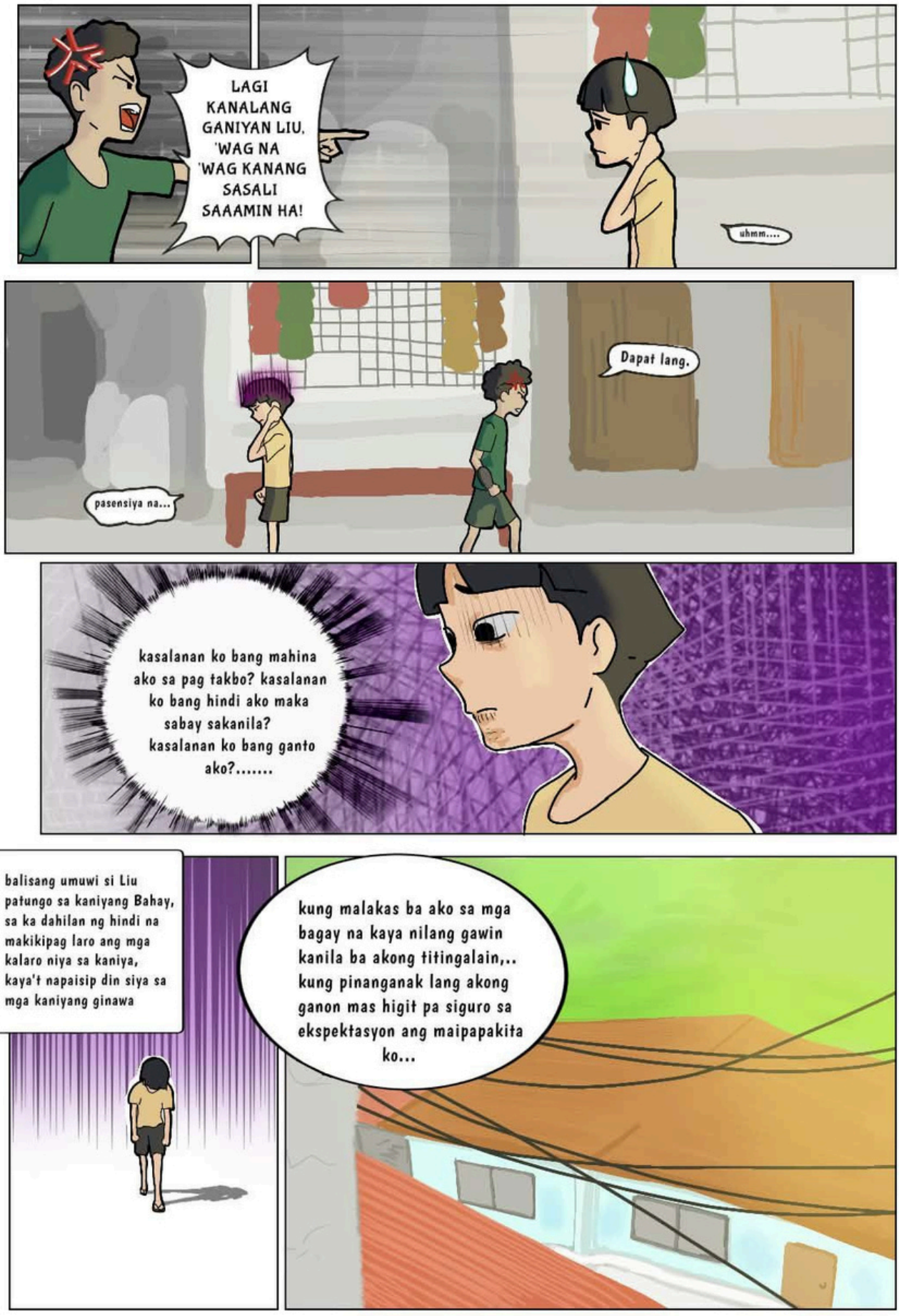
GOT A POEM, A STORY, A DRAWING, OR AN IDEA?
WE WANT TO SEE IT, READ IT, AND SHARE IT!
JOIN US AND LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD.

LIU'S JOURNEY

The Boy from Pampanga St., Payatas Who Dared to Dream

A Comic Series

Written & illustrated by Arjian, Fairplay Scholar



CREATIVITY IS INTELLIGENCE HAVING FUN.
-Albert Einstein

MAHILIG KA BA MAG-DRAWING, MAGSULAT NG TULA O KWENTO?
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HUMANS OF PAYATAS

Stories from Payatas and the people who make it strong.



> "I BELIEVE THAT LIFE IS A CONTINUOUS LEARNING PROCESS. I MAY NOT KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, BUT I WILL CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD WITH GRATITUDE, HOPE, AND FAITH."
>
> -VHERISE

VHERISE

My name is Vherise Magdaraog, and I am 23 years old. I was born in Manila, Philippines. When I was one year old, my family moved to Payatas, where I grew up.

I grew up with my mother, father, grandmother, and my four siblings. I am the second oldest among five children. We were not a rich family, but I was blessed to grow up with parents who gave us love, care, and support. My father works as a garbage collector in Payatas, while my mother takes care of our family. They both worked hard to provide for us and give us what we needed.

Seeing my parents work hard taught me the value of hard work and perseverance. Because of our situation in life, I learned at an early age that I needed to work hard for my future. I wanted to finish my studies and someday help my family.

When I was in Grade 7, I became a scholar (Kapatidkita Mahalkita Foundation). This was a big blessing for me because it helped me continue my education. I remained a scholar until I graduated from college at Colegio de Montalban, where I finished my degree in Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship.

After college, I spent about a year doing different sidelines while looking for a job. I applied to many companies and attended many job interviews, but unfortunately, I was not successful. There were times when I felt disappointed and discouraged. Still, I did not give up because I believed that the right opportunity would come at the right time.

One day, a colleague from church told me about a job opening at Fairplay For All Foundation. At first, I was not very interested because I already had other job applications. But I decided to try, and I was surprised when I passed the interview.

Today, I am working at Fairplay For All Foundation as an Admin & Finance Assistant. There are many things that are new to me, and I still face challenges in my work. But I am thankful because every day gives me a chance to learn something new and grow as a person.

Working at Fairplay is also special to me because I was once a scholar too. I know how important it is to receive support and be given an opportunity to continue studying. The Foundation gave me the chance to grow, and now I am happy that I can also be part of an organization that helps young people.

I want to support and encourage the younger ones to continue learning, enjoy sports, and believe in themselves. I want them to know that even when life is difficult, they should not easily give up on their dreams.

I am very grateful for all the people who have helped me throughout my journey. The kindness and support I received when I was younger helped me become who I am today. Now, I hope that I can also give the same kindness to others.

My journey is not yet finished. I still have many things to learn, many dreams to achieve, and many challenges to face. But I will continue to work hard, learn from my experiences, and be grateful for every opportunity that comes my way.

GREAT THINGS GROW IN UNEXPECTED PLACES, AND PAYATAS IS FULL OF PEOPLE WITH THE COURAGE TO MAKE THEM HAPPEN.

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LOSER

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That feeling was entirely new
I mean, liking you
I liked how boring you were
You're like those plain cardboard boxes
that others would dispose but I'd love to keep
Even your clothes were boring
Black, white, earthy tones, and colors along that line
I liked your awful singing
I found your people-pleasing tendencies adorable
I liked it when you answer my random questions wrong
I liked how gentle and caring you were
I liked how shallow you were
It made me want to dig and delve deeper into you
I liked that you're quite a loser
It made me want to be a loser too
So, we could be losers together



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