



# ERDA Foundation Updates

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### Filinvest by Ate Edlyn

The Gotianun family especially Mr Andrew Sr and Mrs Mercedes, is a close friend of Fr Tritz, SJ. I believe that because of this deep friendship, their Filinvest has been supporting the ERDA children for around 15 years.

And I am glad to learn that one of their children is Mrs Josephine Gotianun – Yap.

I encountered her name in one of the newspapers that featured her. I like reading stories about women leaders, strong women and pioneers. What I really remembered from that Inquirer Business article was that she was one of the first batch of students when Ateneo de Manila University's college became co-ed.

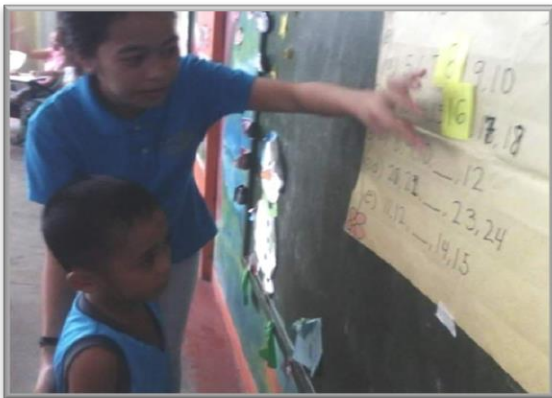
Under her lead, Filinvest has continued to support the ERDA children, especially those from Muntinlupa.

I think Mrs Gotianun – Yap would also be glad to learn that the ERDA girl students that Filinvest supported have also grown up to be strong women.

We have Leah Temporosa. When I was a new ERDA staff, I would already hear her name being mentioned by the Social Workers. She was one of the popular ERDA child leaders. (Her sister, Judith, was another very good child leader.)



Mrs Josephine Gotianun-Yap and Mr Michael Gotianun were with Fr Tritz during the 2016 Run for a Child - Filinvest fund raising activity for ERDA.



MJ was a Junior Educator and child rights advocate who volunteered her time to teach other children.

I could imagine that she knows the Child Rights and Responsibilities by heart; that she could make her members move; and that she could complete the mission.

She is so focused that she passed her Board exam; became a Certified Public Accountant; worked as an auditor; and bought a house.

We also have Mary Jane Villanueva. Her father passed away when she was in first year high school. Their family struggled because of this but she persevered.

She could have decided to focus only on her studies. But like Leah, she also wanted to serve. She became one of the ERDA Junior Educators (JEs) who taught younger children in reading and math.



Leah T last December during the turnover of house and lot unit she purchased at Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

She finished a degree in Psychology. She is working for minimum-wage earners to have a home of their own. (A special note to Fiesta Greetings: Mary Jane is also an artist. Her design was one of those chosen by Fiesta Greetings for its Christmas Card collection in 2018.)

And we have Lea Kibasen. She completed her Business degree in 2018. Her heart is strong as well. She did not stop applying for work until she landed one. She is presently working for the Company that sponsored her studies, Filinvest. (Her brother, Delino, is also working in another Company.)

Filinvest supported Lea's studies for almost 15 years. Filinvest has been a partner of ERDA for 15 years. Lea is the first among the ERDA students supported by Filinvest to work in the Corporation.



Lea K with her peers during one of their company's (Filinvest) capacity building activities.

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