

PAYATAS PROJECT

Members of the 1968 High School Class of Assumption Convent in San Lorenzo, Metro Manila, Philippines have been actively supporting the education of a number of children who live in the Payatas dump. The Payatas dump (see aerial photo below) is located in the suburbs of Manila,



20 km away from the central area of the city. It covers a 70+ hectare area where 3,000 tons of garbage are brought in every day. Approximately 92,000 people (18,000 families) live around this garbage dump. They make their living going through the garbage, collecting any recyclable and usable items such as paper, plastic, empty cans, aluminum, vinyl etc. and sell them to ragmen to make their living. The average income per day is 200 pesos (approximately C\$5.00 or US\$4.30). It is not rare that children as young as four years old scavenge from early morning till late at night in order to help ends meet. Therefore, many of them are unable to go to school. Due to the harsh living conditions, many children suffer from malnutrition and skin diseases. The infant mortality rate is as high as 30%.

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Assumption '68 Payatas daycare students.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Sponsor a child with annual pledges
- Make a donation to the Project
- Organize fund-raising efforts within your community to support Payatas
- Inform your friends about the Payatas Project and encourage them to donate

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT



Some Assumption '68 Payatas high school scholars

It is out of concern for the children of Payatas that the Assumption project was conceived. Providing them with education will open avenues to a better future and help raise them out of their current plight.

The Assumption Project supports the education of some 89 students, providing funding for a day care center and tuition, books, uniforms, transportation and other school expenses for students in high school and college.

The annual costs to support each of these students are as follows:

- 80 daycare students, 12 months a year - P40,000 or C\$1,100 or US\$860
- One high school student - P6,600 or C\$175 or US\$145
- Per college student - P50,000 or C\$1,315 or US\$ 1,075



Day care students with volunteer teachers and tutors.