

Our Goal

The Fenixia Foundation is dedicated to helping special needs children, adults and their families thrive. Our goal is to bring diagnostics, resources and interventions to communities all over the world in order to improve the lives of those with special needs.

“Fenixia showed the importance of collaboration. The Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Special Educational Teacher and Developmental Pediatrician gave concrete ideas that all of us could take back to other families with special needs.”

Febe Matthews, Parent & Special Needs Advocate of Davao City, Philippines

The Start of Our Journey

Fenixia's initial outreach mission took place in March 2016. We sent a volunteer team of occupational therapists, speech therapists, special educational teachers and physicians to Mati, Philippines to provide assistance and support services to special needs families and teachers. Over four days, we assessed 180 children and trained 230 parents and teachers. We realized what an enormous need there was for even the most basic kind of services, and how much impact we could have on families who had almost no resources of any kind.

Our team returned to the US and created the Fenixia Foundation Inc., a US nonprofit 501c3 organization. We have taken our mission seriously with 100% volunteers, partnering with doctors and therapists in the U.S. and Philippines to extend our reach in the Philippines while continuing to bring special needs specialists of all kinds to conduct outreaches for both Filipino families and teachers.

We have also created a webinar series to help families, caregivers and teachers support those they care for with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our Impact as of 1.1.24

Fenixia has conducted assessment & training workshops in the Philippines and California, Bay Area since 2016. In 2023, created social & wellness events for teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



1952

children assessed/impacted in Philippines

32,000+

participants (teachers and family members) attended workshops or webinars

150+

outreaches/workshops/webinars conducted

1400+

durable equipment & AAC devices donated

155

20x20 boxes of school supplies distributed



10

social & wellness events for teens (16+) and adults with IDD and DD in Coachella Valley, CA

15+ special needs classrooms refurbished in the Philippines



Meeting a Need

Being on the ground in the Philippines, we realized there was a desperate need for wheelchairs and school supplies. We have connected with amazing partners like AbleCloset of Santa Clara and Hope Haven West in CA along with LBC Express Inc. to provide wheelchairs and other durable equipment to children in Davao, Bacolod, Mati, and Manila. In addition, we've provided children who are non-verbal with "GoTalk Communication Devices."

We've realized that there is an enormous need to provide family and teacher training at little or no cost in both the U.S. and the Philippines, so our goal is to continue our webinars and trainings. They can be found on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

We started social & wellness events for teens and adults in California's Coachella Valley with hopes it can be replicated in other parts of the world.

How You Can Help

We are in need of:



Volunteers who are doctors, therapists or specialists in the field of special needs — particularly autism — to join us in our outreach efforts in the Philippines or to conduct workshops and trainings around the world. To help, please complete our volunteer form: <https://fenixiafoundation.org/volunteer>



Donations to continue to support our mission: <https://fenixiafoundation.org/donate>

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