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We are very thankful to have such wonderful and steadfast partners for **Stepping Stone**.

From Foundations like **Springboard** to Universities like **UST**, we cherish and look forward to a fruitful 2018.

The road ahead may bring us to a lot of rights and turns, but together we will find our way.

Thank you Springboard Foundation!
Thank you University of Santo Tomas!

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Springboard Foundation has always supported **Stepping Stone** especially during occasions of celebrations such as Christmas.

Springboard Foundation chair person **Sarah McLeod** and **Executive Director Gina Tuazon** presented **Stepping Stone** with some ninety six (96) hampers, to be distributed to our students.

Although the **Stepping Stone**

Christmas Party was done early last year (December 15) and this donation was given on December 16, it was still a very welcome gesture.

The **Hampers** were distributed to all the parents of our students and patients over the next four days.

We thank **Springboard** for always keeping **Stepping Stone** in their hearts.

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The Little Scientists

By: *Nelialyn Tuazon - SPED Intern*



In this modern world, Science builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe. But we should also put into our mind that everything can't be explained by science.

One of the most trending news in Philippines is about the gradual changes happening to our very own "***Bulkang Mayon***" which may lead to a major volcanic eruption anytime. People should be aware of this since it is inevitable. Speaking of awareness, students from Functional Academics class tried a short and enjoyable experiment on how a volcano erupts and its effect to the living things around it.

Have you ever experienced acting as a scientist, who does experiments and discovers something new? Well, for the day's activity, the students felt that they were little and smart scientists wearing their apron and attentively following the instructions given to them. ***Teachers Lea and Angel*** together with the ***SPED*** and ***OT*** interns worked together as a team to assist the students in doing the experiment on their own. As a result, the students were able to portray how a good scientist behaves.



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Teacher Lea gave a short review regarding the topic on land forms, then she showed a short video clip regarding volcanic eruption before the *“little scientists”* started their experiment. I admire them for their patience knowing that some students are distracted considering their disabilities.

As I looked into their eyes, I could sense the excitement and curiosity. The way they poured the vinegar and food coloring, the way they scooped up the baking soda, the way they put in the soap I, as if they were in the real laboratory and seemed like real little scientists. I was happy to see them roaming and getting the materials as instructed. In this activity the students learned to follow instructions, patiently waited for their turn, and even helped their classmates or should I say their *“co-little scientists”*. They really are scientists in their own way.

As a future SPED teacher, what we did served as an eye opener because I believe that every child has their own individual talents. I allowed them to explore as well as experience hands-on activities. Because of this, I will widen my perspective in dealing with them because it is the fulfillment that counts. I will teach them to be more creative and good followers as well as take turns patiently. I believe that they do not have to be perfect to be called *“Little Scientists”*, all they need to do is to be the best that they can be.





UST Visit



Last January 11, 2018 Chairman and **President Mundy Gonzalez** and **Executive Director Dayal Nandwani** paid a visit to the University of Santo Tomas in Espana Manila.

The Visit was to meet **Dean Anne Aseron** and **Assistant Dean Georgina “Gigi” Mojica** of the **College of Rehabilitation Sciences** to discuss current and upcoming deployment of interns from **Speech Language Pathology** and **Occupational Therapy**.

The opportunity to meet the Dean & Assistant Dean also touched on the upcoming Physical Therapy

intern deployment **Stepping Stone** has completed the facilities of the **Physical Therapy Department** and is now undergoing **CHED Accreditation** to become an Affiliation Center.

It was also an opportunity to invite **Dean Anne, Assistant Dean Gigi** and also **Chair Jocel** of the **Speech & Language Pathology Department** to visit **Stepping Stone Sucat** soon.

UST has been a partner of **Stepping Stone** for many years now and a truly warm relationship has blossomed over the years.



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