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Silvino Gabbaon's life of quiet generosity inspired MaxaM Foundation, and this cover story honors his legacy of compassion, service, and enduring impact on communities.

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A Legacy Built on Quiet Giving

Some legacies are built through recognition. Others are built through consistency, kindness, and the quiet decision to give, even when no one is watching. Silvino Gabbaogan belonged to the latter.

He was not known for grand speeches or public titles. He was known for showing up. For helping when help was needed. For giving what he could, when he could, without expecting anything in return.

In many ways, MaxaM Foundation did not begin as an organization. It began as a way of life. It began in the simple acts of generosity that Silvino practiced daily. These were not planned initiatives or structured programs. They were moments of compassion that responded directly to the needs of the people around him.

Those who knew him remember a man who believed that if you had something, no matter how small, it was meant to be shared. That belief did not come from abundance. It came from understanding struggle. It came from knowing what it meant to have little and still choose to give.

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After his passing, his family carried that same spirit forward. What started as personal acts of kindness slowly grew into something more structured. The intention remained the same. The scale changed. MaxaM Foundation was formed not to replace his legacy, but to continue it in a way that could reach more lives.

Today, the foundation focuses on education, mental health, and community outreach. These are not random pillars. They reflect real needs observed in the communities they serve. They reflect the same sensitivity that Silvino had toward people who were often overlooked.

Educational support helps children stay in school and build a future beyond survival. Mental health initiatives create space for conversations that are often ignored. Community outreach ensures that immediate needs, such as food and basic support, are met with dignity.

At the center of all these efforts is a simple but powerful belief. Giving is not about excess. It is about intention.

Silvino's story reminds us that impact does not always begin with resources. It begins with heart. It begins with the decision to care, even when it is inconvenient. It begins with seeing people not as numbers, but as individuals with stories worth supporting.

This final issue of MaxaM Magazine is more than a farewell. It is a return to where everything started. It is a moment to recognize that behind every project, every initiative, and every story featured in these pages, there is one quiet truth.

One man chose to give. And because of that choice, many lives continue to be touched. His legacy lives on not in words, but in action.

ADVOCACY IN FOCUS

Education, Mental Health & Community Outreach

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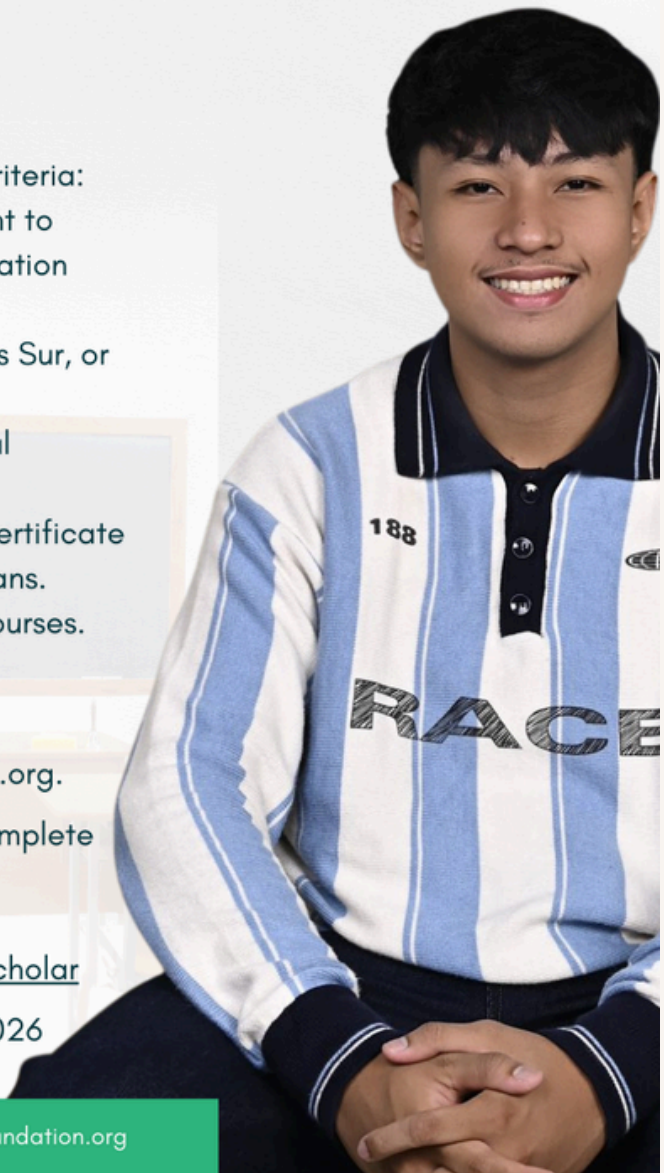
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- Indigent status, supported by a Certificate of Indigency of parents or guardians.
- Currently enrolled in Education courses.
- Completed Personal Data Sheet.

To apply, please submit all required documents to info@maxamfoundation.org.

In the same email, kindly copy and complete the personal data details through the following link:

www.maxamfoundation.org/silvinosscholar

Deadline for submission is April 30, 2026



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Voices That Rise



Love in the Age of Disconnection

February is often painted in soft colors. Red hearts. Flowers. Messages of love that fill timelines and storefronts. There is a collective invitation to celebrate connection, intimacy, and closeness.

And yet, for many people around the world, love has never felt more complicated.

We are more connected than ever through technology. Messages travel instantly. Video calls bridge continents. Social media allows us to witness each other's lives in real time. But beneath this constant connectivity, there is a quiet question many are afraid to ask.

Why do so many still feel alone?

Modern relationships are shaped by a world that moves quickly. People are expected to be emotionally available, self-aware, independent, and successful all at once. Dating has become a process of selection rather than connection. Conversations start easily, but they end just as quickly. Ghosting has become normalized. Vulnerability is often mistaken for weakness.

For many, love has started to feel uncertain.

In some parts of the world, economic pressure delays relationships. Young adults choose stability over commitment because survival comes first. In others, cultural expectations continue to define what love should look like, leaving little space for those whose experiences fall outside tradition. Across cultures, there is a growing tension between independence and intimacy.

People want connection, but they also fear losing themselves.

There is also the silent impact of past wounds. Many carry unresolved trauma into their relationships. Childhood experiences, previous heartbreak, and emotional neglect shape how people love and how they protect themselves. Some hold on too tightly. Others keep a distance to avoid being hurt again.

In this context, love becomes less about romance and more about safety.

Psychologically, the need for connection is fundamental. Human beings are wired for attachment. When relationships feel unstable or unpredictable, the body responds. Anxiety increases. Trust becomes difficult. Emotional withdrawal becomes a form of protection. What looks like indifference is often fear.

This is not a failure of individuals. It is a reflection of the environment we are living in.

At the same time, there are quiet acts of love happening every day that rarely make it into headlines. A partner who stays during difficult seasons. A friend who checks in without being asked. A parent who continues to show up despite exhaustion. These forms of love are not loud, but they are real.

They remind us that connection still exists, even in a world that often feels fragmented.

February can be an opportunity to shift how we understand love. Instead of measuring it through grand gestures or public displays, we can begin to recognize the smaller, consistent acts that sustain relationships over time.

Love is not only about finding the right person. It is about becoming someone who can hold space, communicate honestly, and stay present.

It is also about learning to sit with discomfort. To repair instead of withdraw. To listen instead of assume.



Sometimes, the most powerful form of love is not found in being chosen by someone else. It is found in choosing to remain open, even after everything that tried to close you.

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

January 05, 2026

Miss & Mrs Celestial Universe – Official Timeline & Key Milestones

To ensure a smooth, transparent, and well-prepared inaugural edition, we are pleased to share the official timeline for Miss & Mrs Celestial Universe 2026.

February 2026

Access opens to the National Director & Candidate Portal for all confirmed and reserved participants, including official guidelines, itineraries, and competition materials.

February - August 2026

Early confirmed candidates will be featured in MaxaM Magazine, highlighting their stories and advocacies.

May - July 2026

Official invitation letters will be issued to support Schengen visa processing. Visa assistance is available through our partner visa consultancy.

July 31, 2026

Final deadline for submission of candidate bio, official headshot, and advocacy video.

August 2026

Official public introduction of all confirmed candidates.

September 14-20, 2026

International Finals Week in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

We would like to encourage all interested National Directors and candidates to complete their registrations early, as confirmations will be finalised on a per-country basis.

We look forward to welcoming you to a well-organised first edition.

For updates and further information, please visit our official website.

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Silvino's Scholar is a cash assistance program designed to help deserving students pursue their education with dignity and hope. This initiative is made possible by JDM Rice Choice, in collaboration with the MaxaM Foundation, to invest in the future of young people in our local communities.

SPECIAL GREETINGS



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*Happy Birthday
in heaven,
Papa Silbing.*

February 27, 2026

This month, we celebrate your life, your kindness, and the quiet love you shared with so many. Your generosity continues to live on in every act of giving, every meal shared, and every life touched by MaxaM Foundation.

You may no longer be with us physically, but your spirit is felt in the way we care, the way we serve, and the way we choose to give without expecting anything in return.

Thank you for the legacy you left behind. We carry it with pride, with love, and with purpose.

Happy birthday. You are deeply missed and forever remembered.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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Love is not proven in grand gestures, but in the quiet consistency of showing up, choosing, and caring every day.”

February often centers around love, but this quote reminds us that real love is not found in moments of display, but in everyday presence. It lives in small actions, in patience, in choosing someone again and again even in ordinary days. True love is steady, not loud. It is built through consistency, trust, and the willingness to stay, even when it is not easy.

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