



## Courage has no age

• Joane Calugay

**W**hile the world is at the peak of a health crisis and many are confused with uncertainties, who would have thought that a 97-year old grandma would inspire the Dagupeños as she courageously got herself inoculated last March 31 in response to the Resbakuna campaign of the Department of Health against COVID-19.

Motivated by her 88-year-old brother who is a doctor, Antonia Cornel Ventenilla, fondly called as Lola Nenet, from Barangay Poblacion Oeste was accompanied by her 67-year-old son, Ramon during the first day of vaccination to the elderly at the Dagupan City People's Astrodome.

Dagupan City has started vaccinating the citizens starting with at least 6,000 health workers to get the first injections followed by senior citizens in the priority list.

The story of Lola Nenet, being the oldest to receive the shot became a trending topic on social media as the PTA Federated President of SDO Dagupan City, Madam Liway Manantan-Yparraguirre and PIO Dagupan



Lola Nenet takes her shot against Covid 19, courtesy of the LGU Dagupan City.

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shared her story on Facebook.

She was even featured in the Inquirer and she became an inspiration to many Dagupeños especially to the senior citizens who were hesitant and afraid to take the vaccine.

“Lola Nenet didn’t want to sit on her wheelchair. She said she will walk because she has her cane,” shared Manantan-Yparraguirre on her Facebook comment.

Turning 98 on June, she is still very much aware of what is happening in the country and the whole world. Thus, when she learned the news about the Resbakuna campaign, she did not hesitate to get vaccinated.

“Lola Nenet has a sharp memory and her eyes are still good after recovering from a cataract operation when she was 91 years old,” shared her

daughter-in-law, Maria Linda R. Ventenilla.

With her age, it is evident that Lola Nenet has an open mind and healthy lifestyle. Her simple act of complying and following experts’ advice can help save lives. Her care and call of humanity transcends the fear of what is yet to come.

Lola Nenet proves that courage has no age. People are never too old nor too young to fight the pandemic.

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