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ALL FOR OUR KAPAMILYA

Over the last 25 years, ALKFI has continuously exerted efforts in serving our fellow Kapamilyas in need. We go beyond what is provided and extend to those who need help the most. We currently have 6 Major Programs all in the efforts to create a holistic approach in serving the Filipino people.

We are driven by passion to influence the nation in making right choices towards fulfilling our future goals. We ride in the current station ID Slogan of our mother company, ABS-CBN Corporation, themed: *Ipanalo and Pamilyang Pilipino*. Reiterating that our advocacies have and will always be centered in the basic unit of our society, the family.

We all need to have a good foundation, the strongest basis of our existence and influence; thus, we invest big in the Filipino families. We enhance and instill the value of sharing each other's time, talent and treasure to our fellow Kapamilyas.

This coming election is no different. The future of our dearest country is in our very hands. We only have one thing in mind, to make the Filipino family the victor in every endeavor and decision we make. We only want what is best; because our countrymen deserve nothing but the best.

I am encouraging everyone to be an influencer in your own right; after all, the Filipino Family deserves to emerge as the winner in every step of the way.

Katagiri

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OUT & ABOUT

July 2015 Town and Country Feature

Her fearless testimony helped change the course of Philippine history. Now, as the executive director of the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Clarissa Ocampo is making a different kind of change.

In 2014, after 25 years at the helm of the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Gina Lopez stepped down from her post as managing director. As the recognized heart and soul of the organization, stepping into her shoes would be no easy task. No one, though, would question the qualifications, integrity, and convictions of her successor, Clarissa Grey Ocampo.

For those who lived through the political turbulence of the late 1990s to the early 2000s, Ocampo's name should ring a bell. A quick recap of Philippine history informs us that on December 22, 2000, Ocampo was called in as the surprise star witness in the impeachment trial of President Joseph Ejercito Estrada. Ocampo, then the senior vice president and trust officer of Equitable PCI Bank, was, as the prosecution claimed, the "smoking gun" who would substantiate the charges brought against the president. To cut a very long and complicated story short, her testimony—where she claimed she sat just a foot away from Estrada as he signed several bank documents as "Jose Velarde"—helped convince the Filipino people of the president's culpability; he was deposed soon after, following the mass revolt known as EDSA II.

Fifteen years after the fact, Ocampo reflects on the series of events that altered the course of Philippine history. *"I just wanted to do my job. But to get media exposure like that? I didn't want it, but it was probably destiny. It was very difficult having to testify. For one, I worked at a bank, and as protocol we honor the confidentiality of arrangements. However, we were now at trial, I was subpoenaed, and of course I had to follow the law. In terms of my values, I just felt that it was something I had to do."*

As the star witness in a highly publicized case, Ocampo put not only herself in a dangerous situation, her family was affected as well. Shortly after she testified, Ocampo and her three children—two sons and a daughter—had to go abroad, staying in the United States until it was safe enough to come home. *"It wasn't easy, especially for the children. They couldn't go to school, they were very sad. Just waiting abroad, not knowing what was in the future, that was an incredibly difficult time."*

Even though the family did their best to keep a low profile during this period, people seemed to recognize Ocampo everywhere she went. *"I was supposed to be in hiding, but everyone knew me! They would take my photo and chat with me. People would say to me, 'I'll tell my relatives in the Philippines that I met you here. I would have to tell them, 'No, you can't!'"*

As Ocampo reminded us earlier, she never wanted to be in the spotlight; even now, as she goes about her days as the managing director of the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, she claims to enjoy being in the "backroom," in contrast to Lopez who remains the public face of the organization, even after her retirement. *"Our roles are very complementary. We have a good balance. I am the manager; the backroom person who does the finance, accounting, planning, HR, legal—and she's doing the distribution on the ground. I am happy to be in the background, in the backroom. I am happy with our output."*

Ocampo was originally asked to join the foundation as its chief financial officer in 2011, not a big stretch since finance was her forte, having been a banker her entire working life. She had retired as a bank consultant just nine months before, but soon grew bored of being idle at home. *"It was the first time for me to experience that. I had worked straight out of college, right after my graduation. Even when I was a student, I worked every summer. I had a very, very strict father. For him, when you are a student, you don't get an allowance in the summer. If you wanted money, you had to work. So I worked. I was a clerk in an insurance company, the next summer it was for an oil company. Then I worked for an NGO," says Ocampo.*

Luckily for her, the downtime didn't last long, as someone at ABS-CBN had mentioned to Lopez that Ocampo was available. Things quickly fell into place after that. *"She interviewed me, and on the same day she asked me to report to work. There was an opening in the finance department, which had opened up only a week or two weeks before. I was a banker for 34 years, so it seemed like the perfect fit," recalls Ocampo.*

The decision to join the foundation was easy, as it had always been her desire to one day give back and serve the Filipino people in her own way. She recalls, *"I had long known of the foundation, primarily through its work with Bantay Bata and Sagip Kapamilya. Even when I was still working, I had plans of joining a foundation like this. It was really my goal after my retirement. After I had testified, there were many people who got in touch with me and wanted me to meet them. Students asked me to speak at their functions and commencement exercises. I realized that there is a yearning for good things in this country, and that there are people who need help. I realized I wanted to serve, but not in government. It's a different way of giving back."*

Another factor was that Ocampo had been part of a Lopez company before and had grown to respect the family's values and ethics. *"I worked for Gina Lopez's father Eugenio Lopez, Jr., when 'El Capitan' was the chairman of PCI Bank. I really admired him. He was people-oriented, people liked him. He was quiet and he was a really good man," she says.*

Established in 1980 as the public service arm of the ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation, the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation's main projects involve child welfare and protection (Bantay Bata), education (Programa Genio), environment protection and conservation (Bantay Kalikasan, Kapit Bisig Para sa Ilog Pasig), disaster relief management (Sagip Kapamilya), and community development (Bayanihan). Asked how she splits time between these concerns, Ocampo turns coy, as if she's being asked to name her favorite child. *"We can't play favorites. Fairness is so important to me. Even among the employees, I always look at fairness. What are our values? Truth, service, and the common good. The common good is very important. You can't favor a certain group. You have to think about everyone. With the programs it's the same. All of them have their needs."*

Understandably, after Typhoon Yolanda caused unprecedented levels of death and destruction in the southern Philippines, Ocampo devoted a large portion of her time preparing the Foundation's response to the disaster. It was here that her management style, once described as "a balance of the heart and mind," made its mark. As over a billion peso's worth of donations in cash and kind was collected, donors expected immediate results. Ocampo took a measured, deliberate response that was initially called into question, but in hindsight has proved to be the right one. The donations in kind were distributed as quickly as possible, but allocating the cash portion needed careful planning. *"What happened with Yolanda, we decided the money should be spent in a combination of building schools, providing the healing programs for students and teachers to help with the psychological trauma, and then creating livelihood."*

Ocampo continues, *"Initially, we wanted to give 4,000 boats. But everyone was doing that. When we talked how many boats were going to be donated, there were too many—many more than what the fishermen had before. We had to scale back. Could the seas sustain this? We had to consider the capacity. It's so easy to have a knee-jerk reaction and just give, that's the 'heart' part. Sometimes it's better to wait and find out what they really need, and so we helped with farming and tikog grass weaving, the other major industries in the province."*

The foundation established an integrated tikog weaving program, overseeing all aspects of the production, from the planting of the grass, the weaving process, and then the sale of the finished products, such as small bags, pouches, and wallets. *"The weaver's income has grown tremendously, as there is no more middle man," beams Ocampo. "Our intervention isn't just giving money. It is thinking of what is best to uplift their lives. That's what I want to see when I visit our beneficiaries on the ground."*

As she reaches her 60th birthday later this year, her mandatory retirement is already on the horizon. But just like Lopez before her, Ocampo believes she'll continue being involved with the foundation in one way or the other, and looks forward to the day when she can visit even more projects than her current schedule allows. Still armed with the drive and determination that made staying idle at home unbearable, there's no stopping this admirable woman. *"Life is short, you don't know when you will go. I would like, when I look back at the end of it, that I can say to myself that all I wanted to do, I achieved. And if I did not achieve, at least I tried. That's how I am. I don't want to not have goals. There are always goals."*



Written by Pierre A. Calasanz, Photograph by Jinggo Montenejo

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SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE... THE LOPEZ WAY

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Lopez Group Foundation Inc. (LGFI) leads the Lopez Group delegation in the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) CSR Expo, themed *“Collaborate. Sustain. Revolutionize”* at the SMX Convention Center in SM Aura Premier from June 30 to July 1.

Aside from LGFI, the delegation includes ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc., Knowledge Channel Foundation Inc. (KCFI), First Philippine Holdings Corporation, Eugenio Lopez Foundation Inc., Lopez Holdings Corporation and Ang Misyon.

Lopez Group chairman emeritus Oscar M. Lopez is one of the speakers under the Philippine CSR Luminaries Panel on the expo’s second day, during the main

conference. The special session gathered the men and women behind successful initiatives and organizations in corporate sustainability.

The LCF is a network of over 80 operating and grant-making corporate foundations and corporations that promotes and enhances the strategic practice of Corporate Social Responsibility among its members and the larger business community, towards sustained national development.

The theme for its 14th year reinforces *“the importance of collaborating networks and multi-sector coalitions to sustain efforts of inclusive development. It also seeks to revolutionize approaches to development reforms in light of the forthcoming transition in Philippine leadership and the challenges of ASEAN integration post 2015.”*





By: Althea Cahaya'99

In photo (L-R): Noemi B. Samson (ALKFI Chief Finance Officer), Clarissa G. Ocampo (ALKFI Managing Director), Reynaldo A. Maclang (PNB President), Benjamin S. Olivia (PNB First Senior Vice President - Global Filipino Banking Group), and Norman Martin C. Reyes (PNB Senior Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer - Marketing Group) lay hands as a sign of working together to help our fellow Filipinos in need.

BANKING ON THE ADVOCACIES

Philippine National Bank commits to help Filipinos through ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. As PNB ties up with ALKFI, Filipinos abroad can now remit cash donations through the bank's overseas offices to support the different advocacies of the foundation. PNB has 77 overseas offices/ remittance centers. Locally, PNB has over 600 branches nationwide. Aside from remittance, clients can also donate to ALKFI through different payment

channels: over-the-counter donation, automated teller machines (ATM), and online banking.

Clarissa G. Ocampo, ALKFI Managing Director says, "We are very happy for this partnership, with PNB's commitment with our advocacies. We want to give a chance for each and every Filipino, here and abroad to make donations, to help, and to spread

the advocacy. There are so many needs of our beneficiaries, and there are so many advocacies we are into."

President of PNB Reynaldo A. Maclang adds, "We also share the commitment to help the needy, those in marginalized sector of society. Through our branches, I think we will be able to help gather the funds ALKFI needs for their various projects."

AN AFTERNOON TO REMEMBER

The Lola, Mommy and Me Event at the Raffles Fairmont Hotel by: Ana Junio

MAY 31, 2015 It was a sunny and bright Sunday afternoon when Bantay Bata 163 marked its anniversary at the Grand Ballroom of Raffles Fairmont Hotel, with families and friends who have always supported this cause.

Lola, Mommy and Me is a celebration of 18 years of Bantay Bata's service to Filipino children. This event is primarily a fashion show coupled with champagne high tea and silent auction of amazing offerings from paintings, jewelry, make-up sets, accessories

and travel packages.

Bantay Bata advocate and fashion icon Rajo Laurel brought color to the stage as his creations were modeled by celebrity moms and grandmoms. Celebrity mothers include Dawn Zulueta, Sunshine Cruz, news reporter Niña Corpuz and many more. ABS-CBN Corporation President and CEO Charo Santos-Concio led her grandchildren as they walked the runway. The kids enjoyed

strutting their stuff while wearing clothes and accessories from international brand Malvi and Co.

Special thanks to Moët & Chandon for free-flowing champagne that kept the spirits high and vibrant throughout the afternoon.

Bantay Bata 163 is one of the programs under ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. that addresses holistic development of every Filipino child. It is

Lola, Mommy & Me

An Afternoon to
Remember



(L-R) ALKFI Managing Director Clarissa Ocampo, ALKFI Chairman Gina Lopez, ALKFI Chief Marketing Officer Susan Afan and DZMM Kapamilya Konek Host Jing Castañeda graced Bantay Bata's Lola Mommy and Me event.

Bantay Bata 163 is one of the programs under ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. that addresses holistic development of every Filipino child. It is the only media-based hotline service for children not only in the Philippines, but also in Asia.

Proceeds of Lola, Mommy and Me event will be utilized to broaden the service of hotline from rescuing abused kids into a helpline dedicated to strengthen families. The funds will also be used by Bantay Bata to organize medical and legal services, put forth scholarship programs and revive the Children's Village which houses rescued kids.



L-R (1) ABS-CBN President and CEO Charo Santos-Concio with her grandkids, Julia and Talia. (2) Amanda Tengco Banson, Clara Banson, Cara Banson, Salud de Castro and Bantay Bata 163 Resource Mobilization Manager Carress Banson (3) Angela Lopez, Connie Rufino Lopez, Oscar Lopez, Briana Lopez Guingona, Cedie Vargas and Migs Vargas (4) Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo with kids Ayisha and Jacobo (5) Samantha Angeline, Angel Francheska, Angelina Isabelle and their mom Sunshine Cruz (6) Raisa Tantuico, Cedie Vargas, Mrs. Connie Rufino Lopez and Adriana Vargas (7) Atty. Consuelo Corpuz holding Emily (Niña's Daughter), Niña Corpuz, her husband Vince, and daughter Stella (8) Suky Lammoglia, Raqui Garcia, Kelly Boncan and Kim Atienza (9) Elissette Dy Ang, Carl Ang, Kristoff Ang (little boy), JR Ang, Joseph Ang, Jill Ang, Michelle Ang and Jerv Yu (10) Janina Dizon Hoschka and daughter Juliette (11) Dr. Luisa Puyat and her daughter Miguela (12) Jessica Guevara-Everingham with twins William and Alexander (13) Sharon Horsman and Rajo Laurel (14) Samar Governor Sharee Ann Tan with her three kids, Zaree Miesha, Rianne Miesha and Frederick Ethan (15) Vivienne Garcia, Rona Garcia, Irma Potenciano, Virma Vergel de Dios (16) Lydia De Roca (Owner of Lydia's Lechon) with daughter Lyd (17) Cat Arambulo - Antonio with her son Asher (18) Feliciano Atienza with her daughter Eliana (19) ABS-CBN News Anchor Karen Davila hosts Bantay Bata's Lola Mommy and Me event



ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONERS CELEBRATE ENVIRONMENT MONTH

By: Sherwin D. Hinlo



116,429 KG.

Total Used Batteries collected:
January - July 15, 2015

LEAD recovered: 87,321.75 Kg.
Sulfuric Acid treated: 17,464.35 Liters

By: Sherwin D. Hinlo



157,657.51 LITERS

Total Used Oil Collected and Recycled:
January - July 15, 2015



In celebration of Philippine Environment Month, Clark Development Corporation, once again, held its annual Recyclables Collection Event last June 26, 2015. In coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region III, the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region III and the Environmental Practitioners Association (EPA), the event was held at the CDC Parking Lot, Clark Freeport Zone, Clark Field, Angeles City, Pampanga.

The event was participated by different companies located in the zone. Graced by Mr. Red Francisco E. Milla, Jr. - DENR Region III Regional Director and Ms. Lormelyn E. Claudio - EMB Region III Regional Director, the goal of the event is to promote and encourage individuals and locators in the proper recycling of electronic wastes, used ink

cartridges, lead acid batteries, oils, florescent bulbs, papers and other recyclable wastes. These wastes can be sold to recyclers; which, in turn can be used once again in manufacturing such products.

The event has the same goal as that of Bantay Kalikasan's Bantay Baterya Project. Proper handling, transport, recycling and disposal of used lead acid batteries has been its endeavour since inception in 2000. In partnership with Oriental and Motolite Marketing Corporation, the project is a nationwide campaign that solicits the support of companies and individuals to donate their used lead acid batteries to the foundation.

During the event, Phoenix Semiconductor Philippines Corp. (PSPC) showed its support by donating a portion of their batteries to the Bantay Baterya Project. EHS Manager, Ms. Daisy Malig represented PSPC and turned over the batteries to the project. The revenue from the donation goes to Bantay Kalikasan's environmental initiatives in protecting La Mesa Watershed and preserving the Philippines' key-biodiversity areas through eco-tourism.





Making a Difference Together

By: Jennifer Naldoza

June 19, 2015 Netsuite Philippines, Inc. recently held its 3rd tree-planting activity at the La Mesa Ecopark. 30 volunteers from the HR Department joined forces and had a germinant planting activity. They potted baby Cupangs that will soon be planted in La Mesa Watershed. After the planting activity, they went to the Shell Flower Terraces and had a tidying activity separating the weeds from the growing flowers.

The volunteers surely enjoyed the whole experience despite it being very tiring. *“We’ve been very active in CSR; but today, it’s different. Very good experience siya. The step-by-step planting is great for everyone although mainit. You really exert physical effort. Nagtanim ka, nagweed ka, naglakad ka so parang ‘You’ve given more of yourself to do the activity.’* Ria Cejero, the HR Director of NetSuite Philippines and Thailand shared.

Indeed, though tiresome, it is still a fun, exciting, and educational activity in maintaining our nature’s beauty. Just as their T-shirt says: Netsuite Impact Team: Make a difference together!



In photo: (L-R) Gie Garcia (FPD Asia Senior Operations Manager), Engr. Edgar A. Satorre (FPD Asia Corporate Pollution Control Officer), Elizabeth G. Rabuy (FPD Asia Director/General Manager), Gina de Guzman (ALKFI-Marketing Operations Head), Norie Garcia (ALKFI-BK Program Director) and Engr. Lito Adia (FPD Asia Director, Engineer Services Division)



Elizabeth Rabuy, the Director/General Manager of FPD Asia says, “Ang tagal ng search namin for a partner. We have talked to so many and everybody promised us they will do something pero walang bumalik sa amin.” (It took us so long to find a partner. We have talked to so many and everybody promised us they will do something but no one did.)

This tie up is under the Bantay Baterya/Bantay Langis project of Bantay Kalikasan. FPD Asia has 80 buildings nationwide practicing proper waste segregation. “This is part of our initiatives to make our buildings green. We will try to cascade every initiative to all the properties we have,” Rabuy adds.

If not disposed according to proper environmental standards, lead acid batteries and used industrial oils pose risks to human health and environment. It can impair human hearing, vision, and muscle coordination. Industrial oils can contaminate the water, land and air.

Once the hazardous wastes of the company are properly disposed or recycled through Bantay Kalikasan’s partner recyclers (Oriental & Motolite Marketing Corporation and Genetron International Marketing), the monetary value will be turned over to ALKFI. The funds are used for BK’s operations and initiatives in eco-tourism.

FPD Asia Joins Bantay Kalikasan Initiatives

FPD Asia Property Services, Inc. a pioneer in real estate property management services industry sealed the partnership with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation - Bantay Kalikasan. It aims to help sustain the environment through proper disposal of lead acid batteries and used industrial oils.

By: Althea Calayag



By: Althea Catapang

PLANTING AN IMPACT

Two employees of JP Morgan Chase & Co., planting trees – a simple thing to do but has a great impact to save the environment. 100 employees of JPMCC recently planted 1,200 trees of three endemic species inside the forest namely Ipil, Narra, and Calumpit. The 2,000 hectares forest of La Mesa Watershed has 102 species of combined endemic and exotic trees. These trees have been planted to help in conserving the 700 hectares of the watershed, which is the source of water in Metro Manila. Through different partners, tree-planting activities were done just like that of JPMCC's who has been continuously supporting the environmental initiatives of ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. - Bantay Kalikasan.

BANTAY KALIKASAN FOUNDATION AND PARTNERS LAUNCH PUNO NG BUHAY

In photo (L-R): Dir. Jennifer Remoquillo (Department of Agriculture), Dir. Ricardo Calderon (Department of Environment and Natural Resources), Gen. Gregorio Catapang (Former AFP Chief of Staff), Gina Lopez (ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Chairman), Hon. Alfonso Umali, Jr. (Governor, Oriental Mindoro), Cory Vidanes (Free TV Head, ABS-CBN Corporation), Allan Barcena (Energy Development Corporation), and Mary Elizabeth Delgado (Executive Director, Bantay Kalikasan Foundation)



by: Ana Junio

July 9, 2015 While Metro Manila and other areas of Luzon suffer from the trio of typhoons Egay, Falcon and Goring, a promising partnership blossomed to address climate change and to uplift the lives of the communities.

Bantay Kalikasan Foundation, along with Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Energy Development Corporation, ABS-CBN and the local governments of Antipolo, Leyte and Oriental Mindoro, launched PUNO NG BUHAY – a campaign to reforest the areas of Marikina Watershed, Mindoro, Lobo in Batangas, specified areas in Samar and Leyte and North Cotabato.

Puno ng Buhay is more than a campaign. It is a commitment of the different sectors: government, military, businesses, media and most especially, communities in fighting against the looming climate change at the same time to encourage the communities to take care of the environment.

DENR committed to give out 10 million trees to be planted in the mentioned areas while DA will provide cash crops for the livelihood of the communities. ABS-CBN is in-charge of media presence to make the public aware of this advocacy. Bantay Kalikasan Foundation will act as the secretariat and convener to ensure the implementation of

this project. EDC is the first representative of the business sector to support Puno ng Buhay and they are in-charge of all the activities in North Cotabato.

Former AFP Chief of Staff General Gregorio Catapang, Jr. emphasized that everyone can take part in fighting Climate Change.

“Hindi kailangang maging sundalo to fight climate change. We can actually take part by planting trees around our houses to protect it from strong winds and typhoons.” Gen. Catapang said.

“Everything good starts with the dream. And it can only be done if we work together. We can't do anything if we don't work together. So the fact the AFP, DENR, DA, the governors, the media, the farmers, the fishermen are going to work together. I feel this is a great promise,” ALKFI Chairman Gina Lopez expressed.



COALITION STOPS MINING IN VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE

by: Ana Junio

With 300 species of corals and other sea creatures, Verde Island Passage became one of the few favorite spots of divers and photographers.

But this paradise dubbed as the “center of the center” of the world’s marine biodiversity by the American Smithsonian Institute is currently in grave danger due to proposed mining operations and establishment of coal plant in Lobo, Batangas where Verde Island is located. The passage stretches through the coasts of Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Batangas.

A confluence of Church, Local Government Units, Businesses, Academe, Judiciary, Media, Non-Government Organizations and Communities formed the formidable Coalition for the Preservation of the Verde Island Passage. The coalition particularly calls for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Tourism and ultimately the Office of the President to fulfill the following duties:

Department of Tourism for the Declaration of Verde Island Passage and the coastal areas of Lobo, Batangas as tourism zones;

Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the Revocation and Cancellation of ALL approved MPSAs granted in Lobo for open-pit and other forms of mining and destructive practices and eventually to NOT grant an Environmental Compliance Certificate;

President Noynoy Aquino for the Issuance of an Executive Order declaring Verde Island Passage and the coastal lines of Lobo as tourism zones and protected areas in the earliest possible opportunity and to secure the safety of this paradise.

The Coalition is supported by more than 10,000 signatures of people who are also against Mining and Coal operations and online petition on Change.org signed by nearly 10,000 people as of the moment.

Bantay Kalikasan Foundation is currently one of the members of this coalition and at the forefront of declaring Verde Island Passage as one the protected areas in the country.





BEAUTY FOR THE RIVER

The Search for Munting Mutya ng Estero 2015 of Kapit Bisig Para sa Ilog Pasig was more than just a beauty pageant. It aimed to educate the children and the community on how to care for the environment by teaching them proper waste management that starts from their homes.

Held in Paco Market's activity area, 10 young girls from the different barangays near Estero de Paco, competed for the crown.

According to Jonald Balgos, the Area Manager of Estero de Paco, instead of selling tickets, the candidates collected recyclable materials as their entry to the competition. The monetary value of the recyclables will be used to fund the Material Recovery Facility of KBPIP in Paco, Manila. Aside from helping fund the MRF, the collected recyclables is also 50% of their final score. *"Based on our final assessment and meeting with the parents, we found out that the community complied with this rule. They segregated their wastes and those recyclables they were able to collect were given to the candidate of their barangay to show their support."* During the contest, the questions given to the contestants were about on how they can take care of the environment in their own little ways.

It has been the mission of KBPIP to rehabilitate Metro Manila's waterways by focusing on the esteros connected to the Pasig River. In order to do the daunting task to rehabilitate 48 esteros, KBPIP works together with different sectors; and of course, with the community. Teaching the people on ground how to segregate and the proper waste management has been one of their ways in sustaining the rehabilitated esteros. To date, there are already 17 rehabilitated esteros including Estero de Paco.



L-R: The three grand winners of the Munting Mutya, Princess Moncera – grand winner, the Munting Mutya ng Estero de Paco 2015, Penelope Delen - 1st runner up, Munting Mutya ng Malinis na Kapaligiran; and Alyza Rivero - 2nd runner up, Munting Mutya ng Malinis na Tubig. Each of them received a scholarship from STI for any 4-year course.

Princess Moncera, 7 years old, the grand winner, shared how she takes care of the environment, *"Hindi po ako magtatapon ng basura kung saan-saan po at saka po sasabihin ko po sa mga bata 'wag po sila magtatapon kung saan-saan. Doon po sa tamang basurahan."*

Erick Listana, the Communications Division Officer of STI muses, *"As an academic institution, STI believes that giving opportunity by the use of scholarship programs is part of our social responsibility. It is also to support ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation and the people that they are helping. It is a challenge to sustain the projects or programs being implemented. We hope these kids will continue what has been started by Kapit Bisig Para sa Ilog Pasig in this contest and may they be the role models for us to have a cleaner environment."*

Colgate-Palmolive, Unilever, and McDonald's also supported the Munting Mutya 2015 by providing gift packs and meals to the contestants.

FEEDING THE SOUL

by Brian Earl G. Munsayac



July 18, 2015 - It's smiles and sunshine once again for the kids of Brgy. 828 Zone. 89 Estrero de Concordia. Thanks to ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc.'s (ALKFI's) collaboration with JP Morgan Chase & Co. volunteers.

The program was conducted for over 30 children of the said barangay. Brgy. Chairman Strauss V. Tugnao helped set and initiate the event "...mga bata stay put lang kayo, hindi lang kayo mag-eeenjoy mamaya kundi mabusog at may dagdag kaalaman pa kayong makukuha". Starting from fun and thrilling games like the Cheering competition to Trip to Jerusalem, the JPMCC

volunteers under the guidance of their leader Marj Baptista, formed three teams with the kids. The winning group of every activity was given prizes. At the end, everyone was still able to go home with both their head and bellies filled because of the feeding program. Each of the kids was again given a toy of their choice along with school supplies.

"ALKFI has been in partnership with JPMCC for more than a year, doing community outreach and creating social welfare. Our relationship with JPMCC has grown even better and resilient on every program." stated Ms. Wilma de Lara, Senior Marketing officer of the ALKFI.





4TH BAYANIHAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 13, 2015 ABS-CBN Foundation International recently held the *4th Bayanihan Golf Tournament* at the Yocha Dehe Golf Course. With almost 200 attendees, 155 players competed for the tournament. The event was graced by special guests, Con. Gel Henry Bensurto; Deputy Con. Gen. Jaime Ramon Ascalon. The winner takes home 15,000.00 USD and a round trip ticket to the Philippines plus gift cards from Trader Joes, Target, and other Golf Items.

Thanks to our wonderful sponsors (Mango Tours, Kadoks, Flan-Flan Tatas) it has, once again, been a great success. The event is presented by Cache Creek Casino.



KAPAMILYA FUND DAY- GREAT AMERICA

June 20, 2015 It has truly been a fun day for our Kapamilyas in the US to experience a special screening of the movie, *Just the Way You Are* of Enrique Gil and Liza Soberano. More than 1,000 Filipino-Americans from all over America attended the screening. Aside from the movie experience, our Kapamilyas also won raffle prizes of actual memorabilia items used by LizQuen in the movie and the teleserye, *Forevermore*.



MUSIC TOUCHES SOULS: BB VOICES

Music truly heals souls. The successful launch of *Bantay Bata Voices* was held last June 20, 2015. The special event was attended by 200 guests; and was organized and headed by Musicians and ABS-CBN Foundation International Community Ambassador, Noriel Adricula.

The 3 events held last June raised almost \$15,000.00 which will be given to selected Bantay Bata medical patients and scholars.





By: Athlea Calayag and Mike Alino



LIGHT AFTER GLENDA

Elita Cabaal and her family were among the Southville 7 residents who eagerly received keys to their reconstructed houses on July 2. Elita's house and 19 others were the first batch of 'Panibahay' houses in Southville 7 Site 3 that were repaired following Typhoon Glenda (Rammason) last year.

Typhoon Glenda, carried sustained winds of up to 150 kph, hit parts of the province of Laguna, including Southville 7 resettlement site in Calauan, Laguna. The National Housing Authority (NHA) resettlement site is home to 5,683 families. It includes relocatees from the tributaries of Pasig River and those who were displaced by Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana) in 2009.

Families whose houses were damaged by Typhoon Glenda were temporarily transferred to unoccupied units in Site 1 and Site 2 of Southville 7. The transfer was facilitated by NHA and ALKFI.

Elita is happy with the repairs in their house. *"Maganda na, matibay at maayos na," she said. "Marami nang pinagbago yung bahay namin. Mas maganda na ang view kasi jalousie na yung*

mga bintana. (It's better now. It's sturdier and there were a lot of changes. The jalousie windows give us a better view)."

Improved materials were used in the reconstruction while maintaining the 'Panibahay' design by Architect Edgar Reformado. Repairs on the remaining 94 houses will be completed by the 3rd quarter of 2015.



Elita and Gobencio Cabaal with their son Jarrel, standing in front of their reconstructed house in Legacy of Life Village in BayaNiJuan sa Southville 7.



One of the houses in Legacy of Life Vill, days after the onslaught of Typhoon Glenda



HOME FOR THE HOMELESS

by Julie Ann Sadsad

Residents of the Southville 7 community gathered at the Chapel of Two Hearts on the 16th day of July 2015 to mark one year after Typhoon Glenda (Rammason) hit the resettlement site and other parts of Southern Luzon.

Father Rey Ranjo joined the community in the Thanksgiving Mass to express gratitude for keeping everyone safe during the typhoon. *“Marapat lamang na tayo ay magpasalamat sa dakilang lumikha sapagkat hindi niya tayo pinababayaan. Kahit anumang unos ang dumaan sa ating buhay, bagyuhin man tayo, ulanin, narito pa rin tayo at ligtas dahil sa kanya. (It is just right to thank God because he did not forsake us. No matter what challenge we may face in our lives, we feel safe because of Him)”*.

Juvelyn Hurboda, a former resident of Barangay Sta. Lucia in Pasig City and a Typhoon Ondoy survivor, shared her typhoon experience after the Mass. *“Nung bumagyo po ng Glenda, biglang naalala ko na naman po yung paghihirap namin nung Ondoy, inisip ko po sana wag naman mangyari ulit samin yon. (When Typhoon Glenda came, I remembered our experience during Typhoon Ondoy. I was hoping that time that it will not happen again).”*

“Kasi po nung bumagyo po sa amin sa Pasig, sobrang lakas ng hangin at ulan kaya nasira at nilipad po yung bubong namin, sobrang kinabahan at natakot ako para sa pamilya namin kasi nagsisimula na rin pong bumaha sa aming lugar (When Typhoon (Ondoy) hit our place in Pasig, strong winds and rain blew our roof; I also felt worried for my family because the floods started rushing into our place)”.

“At ayon nga po, gaya ng kinatatakutan namin, nawalan kami ng bahay. Pero sa kabilang banda, nagpasalamat pa rin po kami kasi naligtas naman po kaming buong pamilya. (We later found ourselves homeless. But on the other hand, we were thankful that everyone in our family was safe).

“Atsaka buti nalang din po may pangalan kami sa NHA at tinulungan kami ng ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation kaya po ngayon nandito na kami sa mas ligtas na lugar, sa BayanNiJuan, Calauan Laguna. (And another good thing is that we had our names registered in NHA’s (National Housing Authority) resettlement program. ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation also extended help in our relocation to a safer place, here in BayanNiJuan, Calauan, Laguna)”.

Juvelyn admitted that she and her family initially had a hard time adapting to their new environment in Calauan. Eventually, she was able to adjust with the help of her fellow homeowners. She also availed an interest-free loan under the Community Innovation Fund of ADB-JFPR, which she used for her frozen products store. Juvelyn also sits in the Livelihood Assistance Committee (LAC), which screens CIF loan applications submitted by fellow Southville 7 residents.

And currently, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya and Habitat for Humanity are working together to repair and strengthen typhoon-damaged houses in Southville 7. Repair works will be completed in October this year.



KWENTO NG PAGBANGON

By: Miko Aliño & Althea Cahayag

Southville 7 was one of many communities hard hit by Typhoon Glenda in July 2014. Several houses and community facilities were damaged but thankfully everyone was safe from harm.

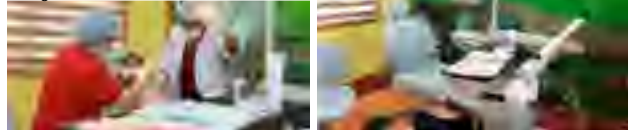
Stories about residents helping their neighbors were shared, reflecting a hopeful sense of community amidst strong winds and rain. Our organization is grateful to our community members, project partners, donors, volunteers and staff for helping Southville 7 build back better.



Through their help, we were able to rebuild not only houses and community facilities but also families that were affected by the typhoon.



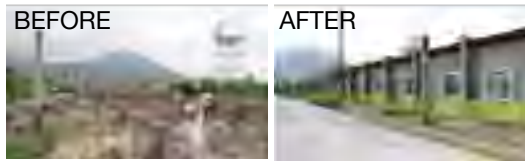
Dr. Ava of Ivoclar Vivadent checking a patient's set of teeth during the inauguration of Dental Clinic.



SM Multi Center - The SM Health and Wellness Center has been instrumental in providing basic healthcare to residents of Southville 7. Despite the damaged ceiling, our team of healthcare professionals, including twenty (20) Community Health Workers, resumed operations a few days after Typhoon Glenda. Healthcare services were later extended to dental care when ALKFI and Ivoclar Vivadent inaugurated the dental clinic and equipment in December 2014. Our dentist, Dr. Amorfinanda, provides free dental services such as basic cleaning, tooth extraction and preventive dental care.



MML Grandstand - The BNJ community cares for the sports development of the residents especially of the children. The Manolo M. Lopez Grandstand is one of the community facilities that have been affected by the typhoon where the annual BNJ football festival is held.



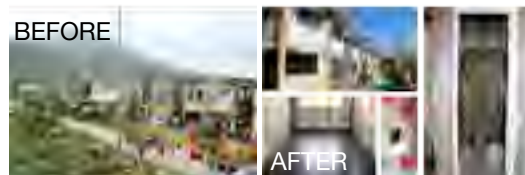
Zontaville Houses - Among the damaged housing units were located in a block of steel-frame units in Site 1 of Southville 7. After the typhoon, National Housing Authority temporarily transferred the 42 affected families to unoccupied houses just across the block. Habitat for Humanity, meanwhile, rebuilt the Zonta Club-funded units using concrete-interlocking blocks.

Libibeth Bando's family and 41 others returned to reconstructed houses in January 2015. Habitat for Humanity plans to finish repairs on 70 more units within the year.



Dayap Elementary School Annex - ALKFI received commitments from Lopez Group Foundation, pledging to repair damaged school buildings of Dayap Elementary School Annex. The repair works will be completed in August 2015.

The Energy Development Corporation (EDC) has also announced plans to plant indigenous trees and build a plant nursery in the school grounds. The Parents-Teachers Association, meanwhile, will set up an eco shed to complement waste management practices inside Southville 7.



Legacy of Light Village Houses in the Legacy of Light Village were not spared from Typhoon Glenda. Several assessments and house-to-house inspections were conducted to determine the extent of the damage and recover undamaged materials that can still be used in the repair. The house designer, Architect Edgardo Reformado was consulted to make sure that the "Panibahay" design was retained in the reconstruction. To date, 24 houses have been turned over to the community. The repair on the other houses will be finished in October 2015.



In addition to the physical repairs, residents continued participating in various community activities, from the DZMM medical mission four days after the typhoon; to the hosting of the 4th Bayanijuan Football Festival, where players and parents alike were welcomed to a day of fun and friendly competition. The story of pagbangon also reflected in the engagement of project partners in water facilities (Solewind Builders, Lorentz, Sunelec Photovoltaic, ADB-JFPR), teambuilding activities for young residents (Ateneo Human Rights Center, Consuelo Foundation, AFI International) and skills training and financial management (Bayan EDGE, Entrepinoy). Again, many thanks to everyone who have been part of Bayanijuan's kwento ng pagbangon.



A Thanksgiving Mass - With all the help they received to rehabilitate the community, in a span of one year, residents gathered at the Chapel of Two Hearts last July 16, the same day Typhoon Glenda happened, to utter prayers of gratitude to everyone who joined the spirit of bayanihan that helped them bring back and build a better Bayanijuan sa Southville 7 Calauan, Laguna.





By: Athina Cahaya

NEW BEGINNINGS

19 months after Super Typhoon Yolanda, rehabilitation in affected areas is still on-going. Since the start of the operation, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc.'s Sagip Kapamilya has completed the construction of 110 public school classrooms in different Yolanda sites.

ALKFI was assigned to four Yolanda areas by Office of the Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (OPARR) Marabut, Sta. Rita, Basey (in Samar) and Dulag (in Leyte). Originally, Sagip has planned to construct a total of 130 classrooms and the repair of 10. But super typhoon Yolanda caused an extensive damage in various provinces; thus, extending help for schools in other cities and municipalities that were also affected. 150 classrooms are expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

Currently, Sagip is constructing 16 classrooms in Basey (Samar), Carles (Iloilo) and Tacloban while 24 are soon to be built in Iloilo, Aklan, Cebu, Masbate and Samar. These classrooms are built based on the design by Energy Development Corporation and Department of Education. Classrooms are made to withstand typhoons. Each comes with toilet facilities and built with high ceilings with solid steel frames. The design also allows schools to maximize the use of classrooms during calamities as evacuation centers.

School building is the main aim of Sagip Kapamilya in the rehabilitation of the Yolanda-stricken areas. Two other programs of ALKFI (Bantay Kalikasan and Programa Genio) are assigned to give livelihood and conduct soft programs such as feeding, teacher's training, and parenting seminars, respectively.



New Ormoc City National High School (Brgy Cogon, Ormoc City)



Buluang Elementary School (Busuanga Palawan)



Dulag National High School (Leyte)

SK SCHOOL BUILDING (COMPLETED AND ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION) IN YOLANDA AREAS AS OF JUNE 2015

Name of School	No. of Classrooms	Name of School	No. of Classrooms
San Joaquin National High School, Palo, Leyte	3	Kalunangan National High School, Merida, Leyte	2
Milagro Elementary School, Milagro, Ormoc	10	Merida Vocational School, Merida, Leyte	2
New Ormoc City National High School, Brgy Cogon	8	Libas National High School, Merida, Leyte	2
Matlang Elementary School, Isabel, Leyte	3	Batuyan Elementary School, Brgy. Gemumua-Agahon, Passi City, Iloilo	2
Genaro B. Lurenana National High School, Ormoc	3	F.J. Santibañez Memorial Elementary School, Brgy. Sto. Tomas, Passi City, Iloilo	3
Ipil National High School, Ormoc City	2	Sta. Rita 1 Central School, Sta. Rita, Samar	4 *
Liloan National High School, Ormoc City	3	UP Visayas Tacloban	4 *
Valencia National High School, Kananga	3	San Isidro Elementary School, San Isidro, Busuanga, Palawan	2
Albuera National High School, Albuera, Leyte	2	Salvacion Elementary School, Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan	2
Pedro Banez National High School, Kananga	2	Salvacion National High School, Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan	2
Dolores National High School, Ormoc City	4	San Rafael Elementary School, San Rafael, Busuanga, Palawan	2
Cabintan National High School, Ormoc City	2	Buluang Elementary School, Buluang, Busuanga, Palawan	2
Kananga National High School, Kananga, Leyte	4	Cheey National High School, Cheey, Busuanga, Palawan	4
Rizal National High School, Kananga	4	Panlaitan National High School, Panlaitan, Busuanga, Palawan	2
Montebello National High School, Kananga	2	Panlaitan Elementary School, Busuanga, Palawan	3
Lim ao National High School, Kananga	4	New Busuanga Elementary School, Busuanga, Palawan	2
Kawayan National High School - ex Montebello ES	2	Dulag National High School, Dulag, Leyte	7
Matlang National High School	3	Tabunan National High School, Borbon, Cebu	2 *
Ex Isabel National High School, Isabel, Leyte		Basiao Elementary School, Basey, Samar	4 *
Puting Bato National High School, Isabel, Leyte	2	Guinbalian Elementary School, Maayon, Capiz	3
San Francisco National High School, Isabel, Leyte	2	Asluman Elementary School, Gigantes North Island, Carles, Iloilo	2 *

* On-going construction



Aid for Leyte & Samar

by: Rio Rola

As the class opened at Dulag National High School in Leyte, the teachers and students were grateful that they were provided with new classrooms. Last school year, the school situation was hampered due to the lack of classrooms. The students had to bear the heat of the sun and pouring rain with their makeshift rooms.

Sagip Kapamilya was made aware of the school's need to have a more conducive space for learning. The Philippine Navy volunteered in constructing 2 units of a 7-classroom building with the help of Dulag community and school staff.

More than the turn-over ceremony last June 26, 2015; The Department of Education (DepEd), Philippine Navy and Sagip Kapamilya also celebrated the success of their partnership. It did not just provided the students a structure for learning but a home for education.

Since super typhoon Yolanda struck Samar and Leyte, cash and in-kind donations outpoured. Up to present, donors were able to extend their support to Yolanda survivors through their donations.

As an act of good stewardship, Sagip Kapamilya has also turned-over more valuable in-kind donations to its rightful beneficiaries.

Last June 2015, different areas in Samar namely: Almagro Island, Tagapulan Island, Sto. Niño Island, Daram Island, Zumarraga Island, San Jose De Buan, Talalora and Matuguinao in Western Samar together with Jipapad, Dolores, San Julian, Hernani and Oras in Eastern Samar have received generator sets and solar lamps for their Rural Health Units, Barangay Health Units and Birthing Stations that will undeniably help them to continue serving people even with unstable electrical supply.

Also, the Provincial Health Office of Western Samar in Catbalogan City and Eastern Samar in Borongan City were also granted with solar lamps, batteries and flashlights to be used during power interruption in their health offices.

In addition, 4,000 special packs and mechanical tools have been given to different schools in San Jorge and Borongan in Samar and Julita, Jaro, Tanauan and Ormoc City in Leyte as part of Sagip Kapamilya's "Ronda Eskwela" (Sagip Kapamilya special project during Class opening).

Moreover, Sagip Kapamilya would like to thank the donors that continually give their trust that fuels Sagip Kapamilya to continuously share themselves with joy, hope and love to our kapamilya.

THE SPIRIT LIVES ON

Sagip Kapamilya, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation's disaster risk reduction and management arm, will never be fully operational without the help of different volunteers who generously give their time and effort to whether repack or distribute relief goods during calamities.

To make their vacation worthwhile, the family of Eric and Sandralli Raymond who are now based in Fresno, California, signed up to be Sagip Kapamilya volunteers. For two days, the family repacked relief goods for Sagip's emergency relief operations.

Sandralli says, "We are TFC (The Filipino Channel) subscribers so each time there is a calamity here in the Philippines, we see it on the television. During the Yolanda typhoon, we saw the victims and we actually campaigned where we were to all the catholic schools to donate and send whatever they can, money or clothes to the Philippines. We feel very satisfied and honored to be able to help in our own little way."

Indeed, the spirit of volunteerism among Filipinos inside or outside the Philippines is alive.



The family of Eric and Sandralli Lindain-Raymond repacks relief goods in Sagip Kapamilya Warehouse.

By: Althea Calayag



By: Althea Cahayag



ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc.'s Managing Director Clarissa Ocampo thanks runners for participating in the Energizer Night Race Manila 2015 for the benefit of Bantay Bata 163's medical patients.

SHARING THE POSITIVE ENERGY

With its on-going commitment of sharing the positive energy, Energizer reached its goal of raising one million pesos for the medical patients of Bantay Bata 163 by lighting up the streets of Filinvest City in Alabang with the Energizer Night Race Manila 2015.

The Energizer Night Race Manila 2015 is a 2-hour open loop run that challenged the participants to finish as many 3km loop as they can. Around 3,000 runners participated in the open loop event where for every 3km loop completed by each runner, is equivalent to a hundred peso donation to Bantay Bata 163.

This has been the 7th Energizer Night Race for the past four years. Since the beginning, it has gathered thousands of runners to create that positive energy to help families and children, giving them the ability to work, study, and play a little longer each day.

Energizer's Brand Activation Manager MJ Tiquia said, "For the medical patients of Bantay Bata 163, we are very happy that we would be a part of positive recovery towards a healthy life. So for this Energizer Night Race for 2015, we would be keeping you in our minds while we run."

During her speech, ALKFI Managing Director Clarissa Ocampo encouraged everyone to always think of the children, "ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation was so elated because Bantay Bata is one of the most stable programs of the foundation, because we need to be around for the children who are our future. We've been monitoring how many would run. It's not because of the cash but because we want the awareness of the advocacy. Thank you to Energizer and to everyone who participated. This is really going to help the children and please, always think of the children even in your small ways. Always take care of the children."



LAZADA SHARES

To kick-off their support to Bantay Bata 163, Lazada Philippines, the Philippines' largest online shopping mall, visited the community of BayaniJuan sa Southville 7 in Calauan, Laguna. 25 employees shared their time to make 100 children of the community happy by playing with them; and giving them gift bags and food packs.

For 3-months, online shoppers can buy different items from "toys, kids, and babies" category at www.lazada.com.ph and part of the proceeds will be given to Bantay Bata 163.

Lazada Philippines CEO Inanc Balci says, "We believe that children are our future and when you engage with children, you invest to your future."



PSCLF RENEWS

The Philippine Soong Ching Ling Foundation, one of the long time donors of Bantay Bata 163, never stopped in giving hope to the Filipino Children. Recently, they personally visited the office of Bantay Bata to renew their support in the Bantay Edukasyon Scholarship program. They are sponsoring a total of 10 scholars studying in high school.

Bantay Edukasyon is a multi-year assistance to Bantay Bata clients through a scholarship program for elementary, high school and college. The scholarship provides daily food and transport allowance, school uniforms, books, school supplies and school project allowance.



THINK PINK SUPPORTS

Think Pink Production has been generously supporting the cause of Bantay Bata 163. For the past months, they have been conducting bazaars where in part of the proceeds is given to the program, to help children in need.

Think Pink Production already had three bazaars for the benefit of Bantay Bata 163. The "Super Sale" last February 27-March 1 at The World Trade Center, "Superb Fashion Fair" last May 15-17 at Rockwell Tent, and another "Super Sale" last July 3-5 at The World Trade Center.



SKECHERS USA GIVES BACK

Skechers USA is one of the long time donors of Bantay Bata 163. For more than a decade now, they have been regularly donating to the child welfare program of ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation.

Mark Bravo, the SVP Controller of Skechers USA shares, "The company Skechers formed a foundation Skechers for Kids and I'm on the board so I decided to pitch in for Bantay Bata. And the company has decided to do donation every year I come back (to the Philippines). The kids are our future."

The donation given to Bantay Bata will be used for the operations of its hotline, rescue, home visit and legal services.



Some of Bantay Bata 163's Bantay Edukasyon Scholars with Bantay Bata 163 Child Protection Development Department Manager, Evelyn Valencia and their donors from Gibi Shoes



REBUILDING DREAMS

Yearly, Bantay Bata 163 opens the school year with an opening assembly for their Bantay Edukasyon Scholars. These scholars come from impoverished families who dream to finish their studies and help their own family. Some are children under the care of Bantay Bata who are in the process of healing from their past. The program has helped them through proper intervention.

With the theme, *"Tuas ng Tagumpay; Ikaw ang Kaagapay,"* Bantay Bata 163 together with its donors has been the support of these children and their families for the past 18 years their Kaagapay.

"Faye", one of the Bantay Edukasyon scholars who is now in third year college shares, *"Malaki ang naitulong ng Bantay Bata sa akin especially sa pag-aaral ko po. Napagaan po para kay Mama. Kasi*

nga po nakakakuha kami ng supplies, ng pera po panggastos sa pag-aaral namin. Yung pera po na dapat ibibigay ni Mama sa amin, nabibigay nya po sa iba pa naming kapatid na nag-aaral."

The opening assembly also marked the renewal of the students' scholarship. New sets of scholars are also given the chance to go to school in the said event. They were given new pairs of shoes and new sets of school supplies. During the program, Ronald McDonald House Charity gave extra smile on their faces as they treated the scholars and their families for lunch.

One of Bantay Bata's donor, Jerome Mangubat, a member of Force Savings

Cooperative muses, *"Talagang masayang-masaya kami at bukal sa loob namin na meron talagang maitutulong. Kahit na sumakit ang balsa, sigang lang tulong lang. Kasi nga para sa bata yan."*

It will always be a part of the donors' happiness to see that these children excel and they become one of the reasons why the scholars continue to reach for their dreams. *"Mas naging inspiration ang event na 'to para matulungan pa natin yun mas nangangailangan. At the same time 'yung sama-sama talagang effort para mas maging mabuti ang mga buhay ng bawat isa,"* says Ivy Sy, the Marketing Manager of Gibi Shoes.

Bantay Bata 163 would like to thank Ronald McDonald House Charity; Gibi Shoes, Midel Trading, Hans Paper Corp., Aileen Tan, and GIRPC c/o Marlene Esguerra for sponsoring the Bantay Edukasyon Opening Assembly 2015.



L-R: Susan L. Tan, Chairperson of Solid Group Inc, Dominic Rubio, Datu's mentor, Martie Datu, and Sheila Estabillo, Officer in Charge Bantay Bata 163

THROUGH THEIR EYES

Through Their Eyes is Martie Datu's second exhibition. Each painting depicts a story of childhood. She believes that *"Having a happy childhood is important. I think this is what helps children carry out their purpose here on Earth. They will be the ones making a difference in this world."*

Proceeds of paintings sold in her exhibit will be given to Bantay Bata 163.

"When I was a child, I always look up to my window or just the sunset or look at the clouds. It feels so big to me like there's hope or there's faith. I find courage through the skies and that's what I want to give the children. To give them hope, to give them courage, to help them realize their dreams, to be able to tell themselves that they can be anything that they want to be."



BB163 GOES TO TAAL

A total of 1,000 individuals, composed of 300 families of 3 and 100 walk-ins, from five barangays in Taal Batangas, gathered in a community outreach project of Bantay Bata 163. The outreach was held in Cultiuhan-Bolbok Elementary School, Brgy. Cultiuhan.

Families from Cultiuhan, Bolbok, Gahol, Carsuche and Tulo, was given free medical and dental consultations, free tooth extraction and medicines. Food booths were around the venue. Parenting

seminar was also given to the parents in order to spread the awareness of positive discipline, which is an advocacy of Bantay Bata 163. Children enjoyed different games and everyone brought home grocery bags and gift packs.

Bantay Bata 163 would like to thank the generous donors who helped put up the outreach project Mr. Noel Campos, Ms. Kitten Campos - LGU Taal, Jollibee Lemery-Ilustre, UPH - College of Medicine, UPH - College of Nursing, Western Pinnacle Sales - Citimart Lemery, Valentino Hotel, Bayview Bistro Hotel, Gardenia Bakeries Philippines Inc.

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The program is involved in curriculum enhancement, teacher training and learning resource development.

We aim to discover the strengths of each child, nurture and maximize their full potential.

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