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IPASA ANG PAG-ASA

Each day is an adventure working at ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation. The fast paced environment we live in has brought realizations worth sharing to friends. One that I always say, even to myself, is be grateful. This year should not be different. With the many aspects of life from our day to day errands, we must never forget to take a break and re-assess ourselves, priorities and focus. Be grateful for every adventure that leads you to wonderful destinations. It is essential to always go back to your drawing board and analyze, add or subtract things to do and accomplish. Never forget to be grateful that you've reached this far.

The Foundation has recently streamlined its programs into its basic core advocacies on Child Care, Environmental Protection and Humanitarian Assistance. With that in mind, we see more holistic and collaborative efforts in creating models of hope and change, one community at a time.

We invite you to take a look at any of our 11 Eco Tourism Sites from all over the Philippines; and enjoy taking a break while, at the same time, helping the communities sustain livelihood. We firmly believe that by taking care of our environment, enriching and promoting it through tourism, will help the community create a sustainable source of living; thus, alleviating poverty.

This issue of One Kapamilya Newsline is all about "Hope" - we pass on the hope for change, inspiration and advancement. We encourage you to make the spirit of giving viral by sharing your time to be an ambassador to any or all of our causes. By simply posting any of our call in Social Media, you've made a well appreciated donation of your time. And for that, we are forever thankful, Kapamilya.

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It has been four months since I was appointed as the Managing Director of ALKFI, succeeding two of the most dedicated and hard working women I know, Clarissa Ocampo and Gina Lopez. Taking over the mantle of leadership, I have learned to accept and embrace this new role, realizing that the noble mission of uplifting the lives of disadvantaged communities, protecting the environment and caring for children is a worthy challenge to take.



This issue of One Kapamilya Newslines tells us stories of victory and change that were made possible by partners, donors and supporters through ALKFI. These are testaments of how working together can affect lives, and how partnerships can significantly transform communities.

ALKFI has always been a very busy foundation, with several projects being simultaneously implemented. Amidst all of these, we keep to heart our commitment to transparency and fiduciary discipline. One Kapamilya Newslines assures our donors that we have spent donations wisely and prudently. We owe this to every Kapamilya who have made us the most trusted media-based non-profit organization in the country.

For 2016, our rallying call is "Ipasa ang Pag-asa". Our goal is to create a network of communities helping other communities as we promote the concept of passing the goodness forward. Read on and be inspired. Like myself, you might unexpectedly find yourself in the midst of a worthy cause and take on the challenge of bringing hope to others...others who may be willing to pass the kindness many times over, forward.

Tita Susan
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5 Year Old Girl Awarded at Run & Raise 2016

RUN & RAISE 2016 AWARDS BRONZE MEDAL TO A 5-YEAR OLD GIRL.



An unfazed Shaira received a bronze medal during the recent Run & Raise 2016 organized by New World Hotels in partnership with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. (ALKFI)

"Shaira had no preparation prior to this run. She is just lucky to have great endurance. She has been running five kilometers in other runs. She doesn't get tired easily," said Carlito Fantilaga, Shaira's proud father.

Shaira Mae Fantilaga was one of more than one thousand runners who joined New World Hotels' Run & Raise 2016. Five-year old Shaira was accompanied by her father, Carlito Fantilaga, 31, also one of the winners in the adult category.

Held at the Rajah Sulayman Park, Roxas Boulevard, Run & Raise 2016 is the second running event organized by New World Hotels Manila Bay and

Makati. The first run, organized by New World Makati alone, unfolded in December 2014 and was participated by 600 runners.

"Last year was more of a fun run. This year, the two New World Hotels teamed up to organize a run for a cause, and we found the right partner, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. The name of our event says it well; we run for wellness and raise money for charity," New World Hotel Makati General Manager Farid Schoucair articulated.

New World Hotel Manila General Manager Mark Heywood recognized that Run & Raise 2016 signals the long-term partnership of ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya and New World Hotels.

"Working with ABS-CBN is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for a good cause. This collaboration would not only serve our guests but also the communities of this country," Heywood enthused.

(Clockwise) Runners sprint away from the starting line after the gun start. General Managers of New World Hotels award a bronze medal and a cash prize to Shaira Mae Fantilaga, the youngest winner of the Run & Raise 2016. New World Hotel Makati General Manager Farid Schoucair, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. Chief Marketing Officer Paul Mercado and New World Hotel Manila General Manager Mark Heywood during the actual turnover of donation.

Giving Back the Love

2015 was another milestone year for ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation. After celebrating its 25th anniversary the year prior; bigger, better, and bolder projects, as well as commitments, were made – and the hardworking men and women of the Foundation delivered.

by: Piriko Alcantara

All year-round, every individual dedicated each working day in the service of the Filipino people. In their constant pursuit of better lives for millions of our impoverished Filipino brothers and sisters, as well

as the protection of dwindling natural resources of our country – they have selflessly devoted their time and effort for the betterment of all.

Recognizing the hard work of all industrious employees then, December 17, 2015, was dedicated as a day of Thanksgiving – the Foundation, together with 27 generous partner companies, gave back to the employees. In true Christmas spirit, gifts were given, friends were made, relationships strengthened, and a time of merriment ensued. Before 2015 ended, the hundreds of hardworking men and women finally had a day for themselves.



Thank You for the Love, Kapamilya!

Thanks to our partner companies who gave the Love back:
Mc Donald's, Krispy Kreme, Ping Ping's Lechon, Fernando's Bakeshop, Infinita, Accel, Century Pacific Food, Inc. Foodservice, Colgate-Palmolive, Ever Bilena, Sophie Paris, Nutribar, Scotch Brite, Pocari Sweat, Rebisco Crackers, Sante Barley, SL Agritech Corporation, Barrio Fiesta, Gardenia, Made in Candy, Jennie's Special Chicharon, Zalora, Paez Shoes and Plantex

Saving Money @ a Young Age

ST. SCHOLASTICANS ON SAVING MONEY FOR YESPH CAMPAIGN

YES Ph, a campaign by ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. and the Philippine National Bank aims to promote the importance of saving money in the bank. It encourages young Filipinos the value of being financially responsible even at a young age. The target participants of the campaign are the students from different schools. Last 13 January 2016, St. Scholastica Marikina was chosen as the first school to be visited for the tour.

Participating students from Grade 7 to Grade 10 were taught different steps on how to invest their money. It was a fun and enlightening talk. Alminda Libao, Public Relations Officer of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas discussed the importance and features of banknotes in a timely manner. She also talked about the innovative security features of the new released banknotes.

On the other hand, Janette Abad Santos, PNB Vice President for Centennial Projects, talked about the importance of saving money. She shared to the students the simple and proper ways of investing. It begins with saving money, no matter how small you have. One can start a small business, buy things of their interest and even resell them to gain profit out of it. She reminded the students that banking should not be depriving; rather, it should be fun and exciting. Saving money at a very young age could help them buy and provide whatever they desire from their own pockets. She said that YES Ph campaign is not about selling what banking is; but encouraging everybody to save in a bank considering its perks: saving money and easy monitoring through online banking.

Santos commended Soleil Sotin, a grade 9 student of St. Scholastica and the official participant of the school in the recently held financial literacy program of YES Ph last December 2015. She is very active in participating and promoting

Article by Hyle Lomez



Janette Abad Santos, PNB Vice President for Centennial Projects



the campaign and even created a Facebook page where she shared different "tipid tips" she learned from the program. Santos invited the students to visit the Facebook account entitled "YESPH SSAM" and encouraged everyone to share the knowledge that they have learned from the talk, as what Sotin did. Santos believes that through this, it can make a difference and change the world for the better.

YESPh is also a competition amongst the participating schools to further encourage students to save money. The winning school is the one that has the biggest

number of students who has opened a bank account. The student who has the largest amount of savings will be the grand winner.

At the end of the talk, students flocked immediately to open new accounts at the PNB bank on wheels located at their school grounds. Bernie Tocmo, PNB's Executive Vice President and Head of Retail Banking Group, was also there to encourage everyone to join the campaign and learn proper handling of money.



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Students from Burot Elementary School benefits from ETV package

Burot Elementary School Received ETV Package

SAMSUNG ELECTRO-MECHANICS MANUFACTURING PHILIPPINES DONATED AN E-TV PACKAGE



Article by Jamaica June B. Palencia

Samsung Electro - Mechanics Manufacturing Philippines, through Programa Genio of ALKFI, recently donated an E-TV (Educational Television) package and fire extinguishers to Burot Elementary School in Laguna last February 15, 2016.

241 students from first to sixth grade will benefit from the donated E-TV package. These materials aim to aid the students in understanding their lectures further; and, at the same time, help the teachers make the students understand a subject matter better.

Bianca Marie Samson, a student from Burot Elementary School gratefully said, "Madali po kaming matututo dahil sa mga dinonate niyong mga TV at DVD na maaari pong panuorin sa mga bawat subject po."

On the other hand, Mary Grace M. Legaspi, OIC Principal of Burot Elementary School also said that "Malaking tulong po sa amin ito kasi ang bata po hindi na sila yung old style ng pagtuturo, lalo silang makakadiscovers ng bagong learnings."

Floridablanca Elementary School ETV Turn Over

With the help of ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc. and Programa Genio, Elna M. Mallari of Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Texas was able to help Floridablanca Elementary School, one of the schools in Pampanga located in a remote area. Last February 12, 2016, the school received an educational television set with DVD episodes of Epol Apple, Sineskwela, Math Tinik, Hiraya Manawari, at Bayani. Through Mallari's magnanimity and her love to her Alma matter, 2,168 students from grade 1 to grade 6 will benefit from the ETV package. These will aid the students in learning their lessons better.

Teachers and students of Floridablanca Elementary School were fortunate to have been chosen again as a beneficiary of the ETV Package.

Mallari was delighted that she was able to come back and help her alma matter. On the other hand, Katrina Constantino of ALKFI-Programa Genio was thankful to be given another opportunity to be an instrument to reach out and help students and teachers alike.



Article by Mharize Myra

(L-R) Elna M. Mallari (Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Texas), Emelita Bundalian (FES Principal), Katrina Constantino (ALKFI Programa Genio Admin Assitant), Gwen Althea Manio (FES SPG President), Caridad V. Garcia (FES Teacher's Club President) during the turn over of ETV set to Floridablanca Elementary School, Pampanga



Upcycling with Uniqlo

COMMUNITY SEWERS: PARTNERS IN UNIQLO UPCYCLING PROJECT



Article by Miko Alifio

Nanay Salve Estrella (right) with her fellow sewer Nanay Rebecca Paunalan (left), proudly showing the bags they made out of scrap fabrics.

Salve Estrella, resident of Southville 7, was standing behind a crowd of people at Uniqlo's Rockwell branch, watching Uniqlo and ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya executives present their new upcycling project. Nanay Salve, together with her fellow Southville 7 resident Rebecca Paunalan witnessed the launching of Uniqlo's upcycled bags made from denim scraps.

Shy at first, they were later called to the stage to proudly showcase the upcycled bags made from Southville 7 in Calauan, Laguna.

Nanay Salve used to work in a sewing factory when she and her family was still living in Pasig. Nanay Salve and her neighbors, however, were displaced by Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana) in 2009, leaving them with no choice but to resettle somewhere else. They ended up relocating to Southville 7, a government resettlement project about 2.5 hours from Metro Manila.

With the likes of Nanay Salve in mind, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation worked with Uniqlo to develop products made out of discarded fabric from the latter's alteration services. The idea was then presented to Nanay Salve and 17 other sewers.

Katsumi Kubota, Uniqlo chief operating officer, explained the concept behind the upcycling project.

"In the beginning, we simply donated used clothes for the community but now, we are offering an opportunity for them to work, make a living, so that they can have their own dignity," Kubota said. *"We also donated sewing machines and we offered sewing trainings, together with our Takumi (artisan) who designs so that they can make nice bags."*

Uniqlo has made an initial order of 1,000 bags, buying them for 250 pesos each. The initial batch will be used in Uniqlo's corporate events.

According to Nanay Salve, the Uniqlo upcycling project helped augment their household income. *"Nung dumating yung Uniqlo, nakabili kami ng sarili naming pedicab at yun na lang yung ginagawang kabuhayan ng asawa ko,"* Nanay Salve said. *"Yun na ang permanente nyang trabaho, nagpapasada na sya araw-araw."* (When Uniqlo came to the picture, we were able to buy our own pedicab (three-wheeled public conveyance operated by pedals) and that has been my husband's source of income. He drives the pedicab everyday as his regular source of income.)

Building Back After the Storm



Written by Althea Cahayag

Fishermen trying out one of their new motorized fiber glass boats. 17 fishermen from four barangays in Baler, Aurora namely Sabang, Zabali, Pingit, and Buhangin, received motorized fiber glass boats each through Sagip Kapamilya. This was done to assist fishermen and their families who were affected by Typhoon Lando.

GDEA Winner Donates to ALKFI



Written by Althea Cahayag

In photo (L-R): Leona Sala (2015 Global Dealer of the Year), Susan Bautista-Afan (ALKFI Managing Director), and Ariel Angeles (TFC Territory Head, US Southwest Region) giving thumbs up during the turn-over.

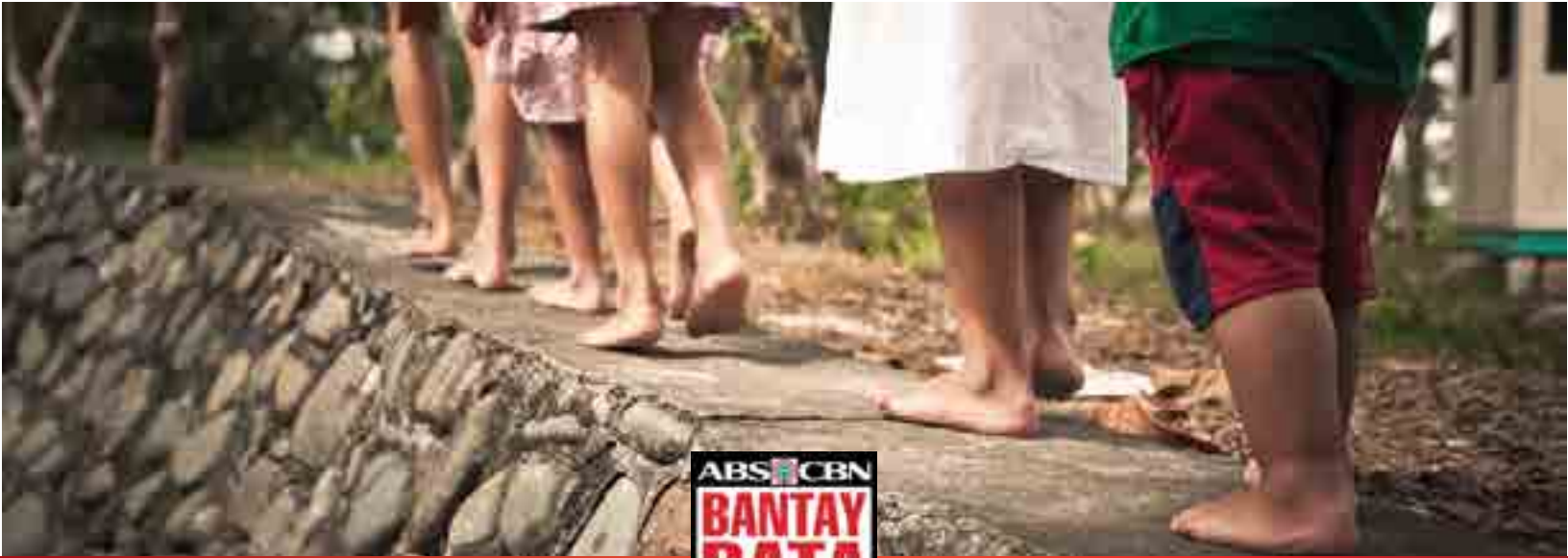
Leona Sala, the Global Dealer of the Year for 2015 visited ALKFI office to personally turn-over her donation to Sagip Kapamilya. It was part of her cash prize from the recently concluded TFC's Global Dealer Excellence Awards.

Water Source in Quezon Province Reconstructed



Written by Althea Cahayag

Brgy. Ditumabo of San Luis, Aurora was one of the affected areas when Typhoon Lando hit the province of Quezon. The pipes of its primary source for potable water for 900 families were flushed away by the typhoon. This was also the source of water for their backyard gardens. Sagip Kapamilya provided 25 rolls of 75 mm x 60 mm pipes to replace the flushed ones. With the spirit of bayanihan, the residents worked together to fix the water source. This ensures that the water will flow and reach everyone in the community.



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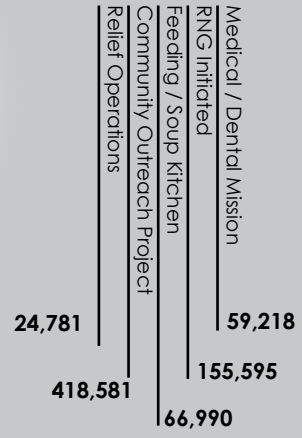
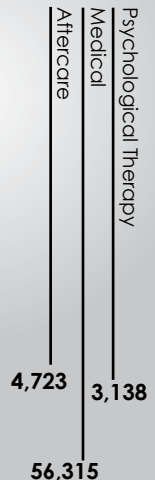
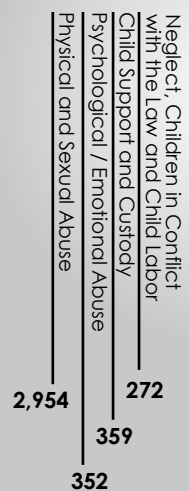
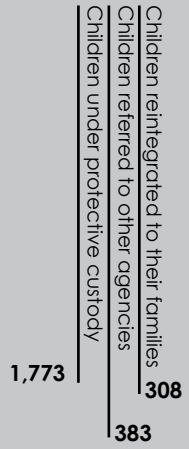
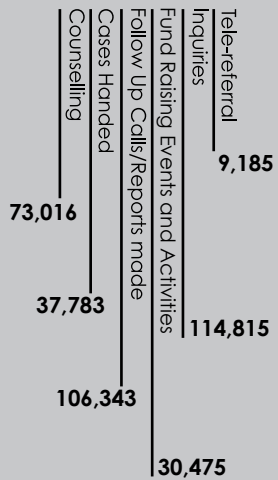
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Sending Cheer to BEduk Scholars

PHILIPPINE SOONG CHING LING AND MCDONALD'S SEND CHEER TO BANTAY EDUKASYON SCHOLARS



Bantay Edukasyon Scholars of Bantay Bata 163 had a pre-Christmas gathering at the La Mesa Ecopark last December of 2015. It was a team building activity centered on honing their leadership skills and teamwork.

Bantay Edukasyon partners Philippine Soong Ching Ling Foundation, Inc. (PSCLF) and Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Philippines, Inc. were also present at the gathering to give smiles to the children. PSCLF gave out packs of rice to each family as part of their President Henry Lim Bon Liang's project called Rice Bucket Challenge. On the other hand, McDonald's gave cheer to everyone by providing lunch.

Article by Althea Cahayag



ABS-CBN Global CSSCM Gave a Christmas Treat

30 kids from Brgy. South Triangle of Quezon City were treated by Customer Support and Supply Chain Management of ABS-CBN Global for a little merienda last December 16, 2015. Employees and participating children enjoyed a day of bonding and activities.

Article by Althea Cahayag



Fire Brigade for BB163 Kids

100 children of Brgy. South Triangle Quezon City enjoyed a joyful lunch care of the Fire Brigade & Communications Group, Inc., in partnership with Bantay Bata 163. The kids also had fun with the different games that helped them learn the value of teamwork. Each also brought home gift packs that included a pack of rice, canned goods, and first aid kits.

Article by Althea Cahayag

Achieving Dreams Little by Little



Bantay Edukasyon scholar Erika Zamora shakes hand with Everliving Co. Inc. President Jan Ming Kuei during the company's turn-over of donation to Bantay Bata 163.

Erika Zamora said she wants to be a Flight Attendant someday, but she knows it will be difficult for her if she wouldn't be able to finish her studies. But gladly, someone got her back.

She has been a scholar of Bantay Bata 163 since she was in second grade under the sponsorship of Singapore Airlines. Her Bantay Edukasyon story started when her mother sent a letter to BB 163's former Program Director, Tina Monzon-Palma. Her mother was also a volunteer in one of the child care program's feeding activity back then. Nanay Maylyn Zamora has been a committed volunteer of the program and expressed that it's her way of giving back to Bantay Bata 163 and to the sponsors who are helping her daughter.

Now, Erika is on her 10th grade under the K-12 curriculum. Four years ago, she was welcomed with a new sponsor for her scholarship, the Everliving Co. Inc. more known as Sanctuarium. Everliving Co. Inc. has been a partner of Bantay Bata 163 in giving the gift of education to children for six years now. They raise funds for their scholars each year during their anniversary and kick off Christmas Program.

Samuel Dy, the Assistant to the President of Everliving Co. Inc. shares that they invite their sponsors, business partners and agents to participate in their

project, "For every client that we have in Sanctuarium, we donate on their behalf. Many of our agents really enjoy giving every year."

Being a Bantay Edukasyon scholar, Erika believes that the support she gets brings her a step closer towards achieving her dream. "Mahirap tumulong na hindi mo naman kilala ang tao. Parang bakit mo sya tutulongan? Pero po busilak nga po ang loob nila, ang puso nila. Nagpapasalamat po ako kasi, tumutulong sila sa'kin, at unti-unti nilang natutupad ang pangarap ko sa pagbibigay nila ng suporta kahit di nila ako ganun kakilala." (It's hard to help someone especially if you do not know the person. It's like, Why would you help them? But these people are kind and generous enough. I can only be grateful for all their support even if they do not know me. With them, I know, little by little, I will be able to achieve my dreams.)



Continuing the Love for Children



By: Enyl Geradizo

BANTAY BATA 163 CONDUCTS COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT AT PARAÑAQUE CITY

On its 19th Year of giving love to the Filipino Children, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc. - Bantay Bata 163 conducted a Community Outreach Project (COP) at Parañaque Elementary School Central, Brgy. San Dionisio, Parañaque City last February 13.

The Bantay Bata 163's COP was successfully accomplished through the sponsorship of SC Johnson and Rhodesian Sales Corp., and the cooperation of volunteers from Parañaque City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Health Office, Barangay San Dionisio, Paranaque Elementary School Central, and Public Information Office. The event was also graced by Mr. Philippines previous winners, Mike Gerard Mendoza, Glenn del Rosario, and Gio Cabanlit.

Having been identified by the Department of Health - National Capital Region as one of the cities which has high dengue cases, Parañaque City, specifically the residents of Brgy. San Dionisio had become the beneficiaries of the Bantay Bata 163's COP.

260 families or 780 individuals benefitted the free medical and dental check-ups during the COP. Free vitamins and medicines were given to the participants of the event. Bantay Bata 163 also initiated a discussion about parenting; where attendees were taught about the rights of a child and the proper way of dealing with their children's behavior. Children activities centered on the rights of a child were also conducted with the kids of Brgy. San Dionisio. After the program, the beneficiaries received their grocery package.

This endeavor of reaching out to the communities in need through the community outreach project of Bantay Bata 163 has served 418,581 individuals since the childcare program was launched in 1997.

"Una sa lahat po ay kami po ay nagpapasalamat sa Bantay Bata 163 at napili po itong aming lugar, ang lungsod ng Parañaque sa ating outreach program. Alam po ninyo napakalaking bagay po sa amin nito dahil po sa children's protection at yung children's right at ito pa ang Bantay Bata na ito ay malaking suporta," said Parañaque Mayor Edwin Olivarez in an interview.

On the other hand, Dr. Maria Loreleigh Obed, OIC of Parañaque City Health Office, also expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Bantay Bata 163 for choosing the indigent community of Brgy. San Dionisio, Parañaque as a venue for the COP. "Tuwang-tuwa po kami dahil ito po ay ngayon lamang nangyari sa Parañaque at sana po sa mga susunod na ganitong okasyon ng Bantay Bata ay mapili po muli ang Parañaque," she said.

Isusumbong Kita sa Bantay Bata



Article by Althea Cahayag

February 14, 1997 - Bantay Bata 163 was launched as a gift of love to the Filipino child. 19 years after, the line "Isusumbong kita sa Bantay Bata" has created its mark in all of us. An old trending phrase that created a smudge on the hearts of the Filipino people in the hopes to save each and every abused child. Today, Bantay Bata 163 has evolved into more than just a famous hotline. It has grown from receiving calls, rescuing and giving shelter to a child. It also offers counseling and legal services to families, and conducts outreach programs in different communities nationwide. Aside from its central office in Manila, it also has regional offices in Bicol, Laguna, Cebu, Iloilo, Negros, Davao, and Zamboanga.

As Bantay Bata enters the young adulthood of 19, its number of beneficiaries has grown. To date, 371,617 hotline cases were received and acted upon; 1,782 children were rescued from the silence of abuse; 3,937 individuals were given free legal services; 4,723 became Bantay Edukasyon scholars; 56,315 children were given medical care; and 418,611 individuals benefitted from the community outreach projects. These numbers will not be possible without the help of Bantay Bata 163's donors and partners whether known or anonymous for the past 19 colorful years.

They say it takes a village to raise a child; and Bantay Bata 163's dream is to provide a better world to the next generation. A future where the line "Isusumbong kita sa Bantay Bata" will just be history. And the fight to respect and practice the rights of a child be a way of life in all of us.

Bantay Bata 163 recently celebrated its 19th year with an intimate gathering of their employees who's been a force and silent heroes. The celebration started with a Holy Mass followed by a lunch gathering at the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation office. Bantay Bata 163 would like to thank the following sponsors for making the celebration possible: Lydia's Lechon, Amber Golden Plate Restaurant, Selecta, RISER, Inc., Prime SkinCare Asia, Ace Water Spa, Antojos Manila, PAK (Pagong Ako Kuyang) Pilipinas, Chef Tony's, Rice in A Box, Master Siomai, Tapa King, JDC Advertising, Raffles & Fairmont Hotel Makati, SYSU International, Conti's, Quaker Good Start Oat Dairy, Skinline, Sharon Horsman, Vietura Aesthetics Lifestyle, You Nailed It Salon & Spa, and SM Mart, Inc.



Thank you for the Love, Kapamilya!





Doing Big Things @ KidZania



You could see how Joshua's eyes lit up when he said, "Wow! Gusto ko pa naman maging Chef!" (Wow! It has been a dream of mine to be a Chef someday!) He uttered those words with excitement as they entered a fast-food restaurant where they will be taught how to make burgers.

Joshua Desierto was very attentive when the crew was telling them what to do. He was one of the 47 children from Southville 7 in Calauan, Laguna who was given a day tour at KidZania. The children definitely had a fun and educational role-play experience at KidZania Manila, done through one of its program dubbed as *KidZania para sa Bantay Bata* during its *Paskong Kai Saya* celebration.

KidZania Manila sold star-shaped capiz ornament for 350.00PhP; where proceeds of the sale was equivalent to the entrance of the children.

Its State Governor, Maricel Pangilinan-Arenas said, "Ibang-iba ang pakiramdamang 'pag nakikita mo ang mga bata na natutuwa, namamangha at talagang masaya, masaya sila dito. Kaya we are very privilege and we are very humble that we can serve the Filipino child and Filipino family in this way." (It's a unique feeling to see the children happy and amazed. That is why we are very privileged and we are very humbled that we can serve the Filipino child and Filipino family in this way.)

In KidZania, kids don't only enjoy playing but also experience how it's like to do a specific career through role-playing. "Thank you po dahil nagenjoy po kami," (We are thankful to KidZania because we enjoyed this day.) Joshua enthused. "Yung mga tinuro po kanina sa paggawa ng burger, simula na po 'yun para mas matuto ako kung paano maging isang Chef!" (I think learning how to create burgers can be the start for me, seeing myself being a Chef someday!) he added.

Rights Keepers with Via Mare President Chef Glenda Barreto, ABS-CBN Chairman Gabby Lopez, and KidZania Manila State Governor Maricel Pangilinan-Arenas, gracing the Paskong Kai Saya celebration. (Kai is how the people of KidZania say Hello.)



The star-shaped capiz ornaments.

A Socially Transformative Experience

Article by Mharize Mina; Photos by Hyle Loneza



(L-R) SNES Principal Emelina Amil, BB 163 OIC Sheila Estabillo, ALKFI Managing Director Susan Afan, Joshua Levin of Harvard Business School, and Harvard Business School's Faculty Director Andy Zelleke during the turn-over of computer set.

As part of ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation's (ALKFI) childcare program's advocacy on helping children, Bantay Bata 163, together with Harvard Business School Field 2, and Sharp Travel Service, visited Sto. Nino Elementary School in San Pedro Laguna. Students of the said school had so much fun playing different Filipino games with the delegates. The volunteers had a story-telling activity with the students and repainted three classrooms. There were 200 kids who were able to bring home gift packs, books, and educational toys.

Students from Sto. Nino Elementary School were very grateful for the visit. Noela Mae Masa, 11 year-old student on her 5th grade, youngest in the family shared that she was unable to sleep well the night before the visit due to her excitement. She extends her gratitude to the visitors, *"Thank you dahil dumating sila at nagbigay ng regalo."* (Thank you because they came and gave gifts)

Aside from giving a fun-filled day to the students, the Harvard Business School Field 2 also turned-over a computer set to the school. Andy Zelleke, Harvard Business School's Faculty Director said, *"We want our students to enhance their global intelligence, their capacity to operate effectively all around the world especially in an unfamiliar country. This is a chance for the students to work on enhancing their creativity and innovativeness. But I think if I had to pick one over arching predominant reason we do this is to expose our students to the fascinating places and people around the world and hope that some of them would choose to work professionally and to do business and help create values in all of the society."* He also reassured Bantay Bata 163 that they will definitely come back to the Philippines to support and help the Filipino children.

The Sharp Travel Service is one of the leading and longest existing Corporate in the Philippines providing global travel services and worldwide premium holidays for over 60 years. They recently launched their new advocacy called Sharp Travel with a Cause; which, is the reason behind the outreach program that took place in Laguna. In line with their advocacy is to bring their clients here in the Philippines to conduct immersions in different communities.

ALKFI Managing Director Susan Bautista-Afan is also grateful for the new partnership, *"I'm so happy to say na napili tayo among so many foundations."* (I am so happy to say that they chose us among so many foundations). She also believes that every immersion comes from small beginnings and follows a great thing that makes them leave a piece of themselves.

She also shared that aside from Bantay Bata 163, ALKFI also has an environmental advocacy under Bantay Kalikasan Program and invited the attendees, *"If you want to see different places of the Philippines, we have 11 ecotourism sites under the project called G Eco Tours. We can also bring you there where you can help, volunteer, and see the beautiful Philippines."*

29,510

Kg. of Used Lead Acid Batteries Collected from Jan-Feb 2016

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Unilever Seals the Deal

Unilever, one of the world's leading suppliers of consumer goods has partnered with Bantay Kalikasan through its Bantay Baterya and Bantay Langis Projects. These hazardous waste recovery projects are in line with Unilever's ambition to double its business while reducing its overall environmental impact. The recovered value of the waste will then be used by Bantay Kalikasan to fund its various environmental undertakings nationwide.

Formalizing the partnership, a MOA signing was held last 12 February 2016 at Unilever's Paco office. Present during the ceremony for Unilever were: Mr. Ronny Krisnanto, National Supply Chain Director; Ms. Joy Dalanon-Ocampo, National Safety, Health & Environment Manager and Mr. Rhodney L. Remata, Paco Safety, Health & Environment Manager. Ms. Susan Bautista-Afan signed on behalf of ALKFI. Representing the partner treaters were Ms. Rita O. Regalado for Oriental & Motolite Marketing Corp. and Ms. Jocelyn Panen for Genetron International Marketing. That day coincided with Unilever's Environment Day, in celebration of Safety, Health, Environment & Quality Week.



Article by: Ish Panganiban

Goldilocks One with ALKFI

Aspired to give back to the environment, Goldilocks, the leading bakeshop in the country recently partnered with Bantay Kalikasan - the environmental arm of ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc.

The said bakeshop pledged to donate their daily excess wastes on used oils, acid batteries, egg shells, and even fluorescent lights. Instead of disposing thousands of their daily production wastes; which, are detrimental to the environment, these will go through recycling process which will be handled by ALKFI's partners Genetron and Motolite. The proceeds will be then used for various advocacy projects of ALKFI.

"We want to help others in whatever way that we can, in recycling or reuse, this effort stands to save Mother Earth," said Lawrence H. Chin, Supply Chain and Technical Director of Goldilocks Bakeshop, Inc.

Environment is one of the four pillar advocacies of Goldilocks. Thus, Bantay Kalikasan is privileged to be considered as its partner to champion a safe and clean environment.

Aside from its commitment with Bantay Baterya and Bantay Langis under the Bantay Kalikasan program,



Article by: Eva Mae Narez

Goldilocks has lined-up another future project, and that is to set up bakeries in various Eco-tourism sites of ALKFI.

Through this, it would help the communities in various Eco-tourism sites to augment their source of revenue. The first bakery will be in Lobo, Batangas and it will be operational on the third quarter of the year. Moreover, Calapan City in Oriental Mindoro, Kiamba in General Santos, Romblon, and Saranggani are four other areas eyed for the said project.

"Goldilocks is one of the partners of Sagip Kapamilya, so we're very honored and privileged that we are working with them hand in hand," uttered ALKFI's Managing Director, Susan B. Afan. She also encouraged other private sectors and foundations to partner with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc. in order to help the communities throughout the country.

BANTAY BATERYA UPDATE (Jan-Feb 2016)

Total Used lead acid batteries collection:
49,510 Kg.

Total Lead recovered/recycled:
37,133 Kg.

Total Sulfuric Acid:
7,427 Liters

BANTAY LANGIS UPDATE (Jan - Feb 2016)

Total Used Oil collected/recycled:
29,505 Liters

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Funds in Pesos generated by a 9 year old boy for the rehabilitation of Pasig River

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Young River Ambassador

by Rino Ramos

Last year, Jose Faber Cabrera donated PhP2,130.00 to Kapit Bisig Para sa Ilog Pasig by selling loom bands (bracelets); which he personally designed and sold to his friends and relatives. He vowed to do more similar projects and continue his advocacy of rehabilitating the Pasig River.

True to his word, he once again generated and donated PhP7,200.00 by selling shoe bags made from katcha (flour sack) which he diligently crafted and sold to his classmates and friends. He enthused that the katcha were provided to him by his grandfather who happens to reside in Pandacan, one of the areas covered by KBPIP.

ALKFI on the First Philippine Environment Summit

The Green Convergence recently held its first Philippine Environment Summit at SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia in Pasay City.

It was a 3-day event participated by various individuals, public and private sectors in the society, politicians, environmental advocates, and other concerned groups.

Green Convergence is a coalition of networks, organizations and individuals, working for a development paradigm that addresses the need for social and economic upliftment while preserving the environment for the future generations.

Environmental issues were discussed by various individuals from different walks of life regarding: Organic Agriculture, Safe-food manufacturing, Health and food, Urban gardening & solid waste management, Healthy land, Healthy water, Air, Climate change adaptation, Eco-friendly industries, Sustainable tourism, Renewable Energy, and Environmental governance.

ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc Chairman Gina Lopez also took her part on the third day of the Summit. She discussed community-based approaches on private-community partnerships. Wherein she cheerfully introduced the Eco-tourism sites of Bantay Kalikasan-the environmental arm of ALKFI.

"We can get the country out of poverty if we take care of the environment," said Lopez.

Since Philippines is rich in natural resources, Lopez told the audience that if the country will do tourism instead of doing mining and deforestation, the Philippines can get out from the poverty line.

Aside from discussions and lectures, there were also booths for each environmental organizations like the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), G-Eco Tours of ALKFI, Albay tourism to name a few. Each had its own exhibits showcasing the acquired alluring beauty of the pearl of the Orient.

The aim of the said summit is to build a green movement for a healthy environment, a safe food through organic farming, and an equitable development for the economy and country.



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Empowering the Bangsamoro Region

BANTAY KALIKASAN EXTENDS LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES EXTENDED TO ARMM



by Ana Lirio

Pagsulong para sa Kaunlaran ng ARMM! (L-R) Bantay Kalikasan Program Director Jen Santos; Municipality of Radjah Buayan, Maguindanao Mayor Zamzamin L. Ampatuan; ARMM Governor Mujiv Hataman; ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. Chairman Gina Lopez; AFP MGen Edmundo Pangilinan CG, 6ID and; AFP Lt.Col. Joel Q. Mamon CO, 40IB commit to work together to provide livelihood opportunities for the communities in Radjah Buayan.

The ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. (ALKFI) joins the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) in providing livelihood and sustainable agriculture to the Municipality of Rajah Buayan in Maguindanao.

Dubbed as **Empowering the Bangsamoro Region through Active Community Engagements in the ARMM** (EMBRACE-ARMM), this collaboration intends to set-up an organic farm and a vegetable market, and to train the community for its supervision and maintenance. This endeavor is just one among the series of activities laid out for the protection and for the preservation of ARMM's natural resources for the next generation.

As an expression of support, ARMM Regional Governor Mujiv Hataman and the Municipality of Rajah Buayan Mayor Zamzamin Ampatuan and MGen Edmundo Pangilinan CG 6ID of AFP were present in the event.

Bantay Kalikasan, the environment arm of ALKFI, will be closely working with the community and in ensuring Rajah Buayan's sustainable and inclusive growth. This municipality is one among the 33 municipalities from the 13 provinces where Bantay Kalikasan's Green Initiative takes effect.

Bantay Kalikasan's Green Initiative aims to build community-based sustainable tourism (CBST) sites all over the country. The provinces with CBST sites include Palawan, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, Batangas, Iloilo, Guimaras, Sorsogon, Zambales, Sarangani, South Cotabato, Samar, Leyte and Maguindanao.

ALKFI Chairman and staunch environmentalist Gina Lopez explained the contribution of the involved sectors

to make this endeavor successful.

"So the municipality of Radjah Buayan gave one hectare of land. But it's not going to work if there is no road. So the ARMM governor committed to build the road, the marketplace and the water system. ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc., on the other hand, will donate a truck with refrigerator to the people's organization to transport the produce of the organic farm. We can make this happen because we have good partners," Lopez explained.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines expressed all-out support for this campaign. "This venture aims not only to uphold peace and order, but also to provide jobs for the community of Radjah Buayan and eventually, for the entire Central Mindanao," said AFP MGen Edmundo Pangilinan, CG, 6ID.

"It's about time to recognize the potential of Radjah Buayan. In partnership with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya, we will put up a hectare-sized model farm to grow vegetables and a market to sell these. These opportunities open a window of opportunity for our municipality - a window of peace," articulated by Municipality of Radjah Buayan Mayor Zamzamin Ampatuan.

"Because of this project, ARMM will have a different reputation. People's perception will change. And this will mark our history," ARMM Governor Mujiv Hataman declared.

"We have such a beautiful country. I truly believe that the way up for our country is to develop our islands in such a way that the community there benefits," Lopez expressed.



QUEZON CITY, 5 February 2016— A coalition made up of over 40 national and local organizations launched the Green Thumb Coalition and challenged 2016 presidential candidates to put socio-environmental issues at the heart of their electoral platforms.

The coalition, made up primarily of environmental groups and frontline communities (1) and with the combined support of 10 million, came together to raise awareness on naturally interrelated environmental issues that are connected to social matters like poverty and corruption. The coalition aims to get the commitment of national and local candidates to embrace a green agenda, and hold newly elected public officials accountable on their positions and commitments to their environmental mandates.

With the 2016 elections coming up, the Green Thumb Coalition will engage with political aspirants and the voting public by raising the debate on nine (9) key environmental issues at the national level.

These include:

1. biodiversity and ecosystem integrity;
2. natural resource and land use management and governance;
3. human rights and integrity of creation;
4. climate justice;
5. mining, extractives and mineral resource management;
6. energy transformation and democracy;
7. sustainable food sovereignty;
8. people-centered sustainable development; and
9. waste.

ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. Chairman Gina Lopez, Greenpeace Southeast Asia Executive Director Naderev "Yeb" Saño, Alyansa Tigil Mina Head Jaybee Garganera, Convenor for the Center for Energy, Ecology and Development (CEED) Gerry Arances, SANLAKAS Representative Atty. Aaron Pedrosa, SANLAKAS presented the coalition's plan of action which was inspired by the member coalition's previous campaigns on issues such as climate change, waste management, working for indigenous people's rights.

Also present during the Green Thumb Coalition launch was popular actor and environment advocate Enchong Dee who will be enjoining the youth and the "millennials" to actively participate in the discussion of issues posed by the Coalition.

"I am part of the 10 million. And I hope these 10 million environmental votes will be a political vote. Nasa kamay natin ang pagbabago. Ang alam ko lang, mahal ko ang bansa ko. Sana ngayong eleksyon na ito, mas mabigyan natin ng mas magandang meaning ang eleksyon," Dee articulated.

The Green Thumb Coalition will soon hold a series of forums nationwide leading up to the May elections to raise awareness among the voting public to choose the right leaders who will champion the environment and share plans for a greener economy. The Coalition is scheduled to be in the provinces of Batangas, Palawan, Zambales, Sorsogon, Mindoro, Tuguegarao, Antique, Iloilo, Guimaras, Samar, Leyte, Cebu, SOCSARGEN, Davao, Zamboanga and CARAGA to formally introduce the group's green electoral campaign to the local communities.

Green Thumb Coalition

DARES CANDIDATES TO BARE THEIR PLATFORMS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

THUMBS UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: Rolly Silang of AMEN; Kristine Balmes, Candidate for Mayor in Batangas City; Marco Zaplan of Bantay Kita; Actor Enchong Dee; ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. (ALKFI) Chairman Gina Lopez; Atty. Aaron Pedrosa of SANLAKAS; Bro. Angel Cortez of Ecological Justice Interfaith Movement and; Jaybee Garganera of Alyansa Tigil Mina launch the Green Thumb Coalition at the Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman on February 5, 2016.



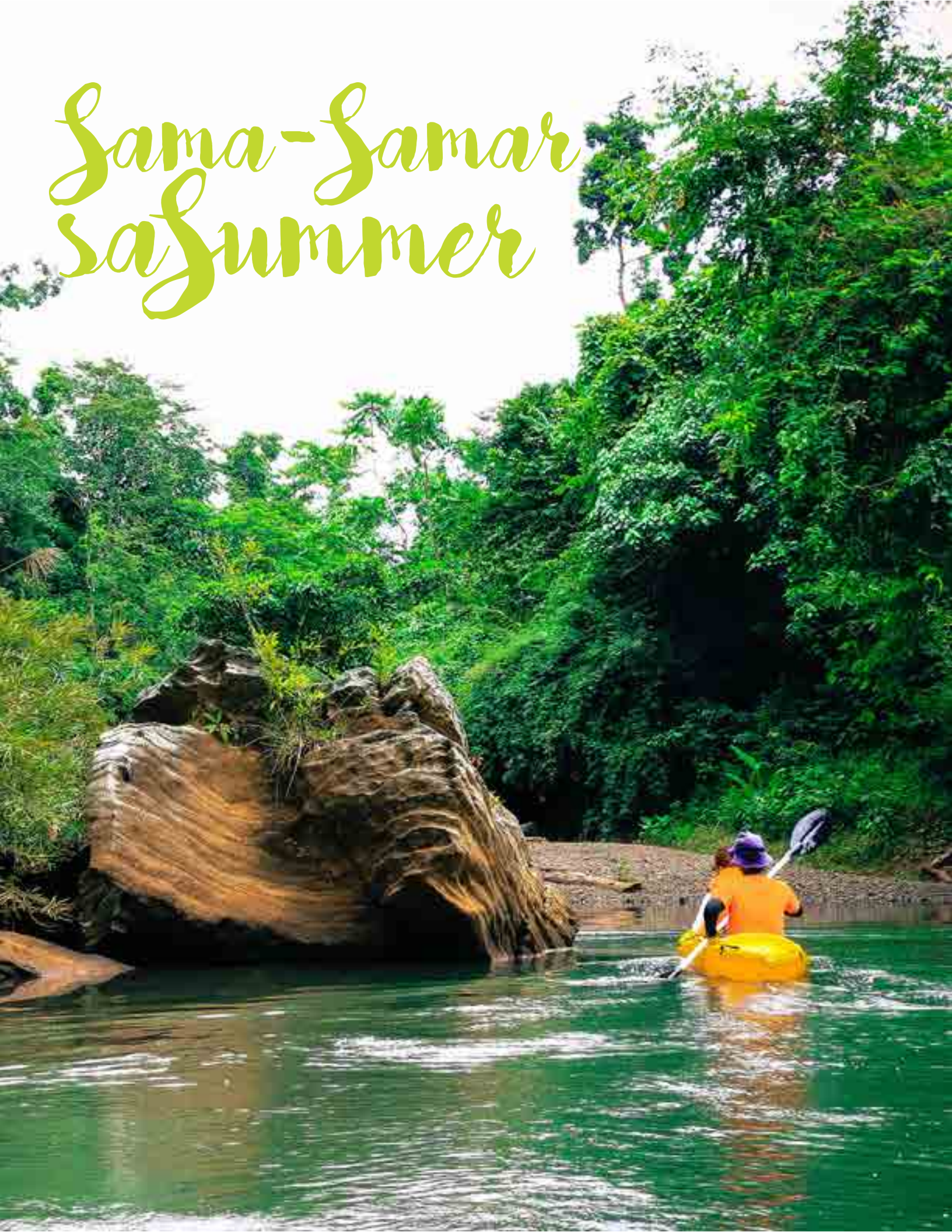
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Athlete and celebrity Enchong Dee shows support for the Green Thumb Coalition at the Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman on February 5, 2016.



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THEY WERE CONNECTED BY SAN JUANICO BRIDGE, BRAVED THE ODDS TOGETHER, AND SURVIVED THE STRONGEST STORM SURGE THAT HAS EVER DOCUMENTED. SAMAR AND LEYTE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO

After more than two years, memories of tragedy and chaos are slowly fading. ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. (ALKFI), through its environmental arm Bantay Kalikasan, the generous donors of Sagip Kapamilya and the local governments of Basey, Sta. Rita and Marabut in Samar and Dulag, Leyte continuously bring the communities away from poverty, and closer to prosperity through providing livelihood and infrastructure for their benefit. The trip became extra special with the presence of ABS-CBN stars, Pinoy Big Brother 737 Grand Winner Miho Nishida, PBB First Big Placer Tommy Esguerra and singer, dancer and a certified heartthrob Young JV.

On February 17, the team visited the sites in Samar and was welcomed by hospitable people's organizations.

From an hour travel from Tacloban, Leyte to Basey, Samar, a passenger boat was donated to the community of Brgy. Palaypay in Basey to provide 20-minute transportation from Tacloban to Basey - making the latter more accessible to more tourists.

Written by: Ana Terrese Junio
Photos by: Butz Eguia of Department of Tourism - Eastern Visayas



The boat that will bring passengers from Tacloban, Leyte to Basey, Samar.



(L-R) The welcoming sight of Basey Pre-Departure area; TOMIHO enjoys delicious and healthy breakfast prepared by Brgy. Palaypay Fisherfolks Association (right picture).

The boat landed in **Basey Pre-Departure Area** where passengers can enjoy great food and even a massage treat after the tiring travel -while enjoying the sight of sea.

A few hours before the sun sets, the team went to **Sohoton Cave** - the fifth stopover. Its beauty is beyond words. To encourage tourists to visit the cave, Architect Bong Recio designed the Wespal Visitor Center and Eco-Lodge free-of-charge. Here tourists can stay for a night and even enjoy meals prepared by the community.



(Clockwise) Arch. Bong Recio designed the Nipa hut-inspired Eco-Lodge and Visitor Center in Wespal. Tommy Esguerra waves his hand while on his way to Sohoton Cave. One of the rock formations in Sohoton; Dyan Castillejo delivers speech to inspire the communities. The Mabini National High School Marching Band plays great sound and moves in unison. Miss Earth beauties pose in one of Sohoton's rock formations



(L-R) ALKFI Managing Director Susan Afan, ABS-CBN Sports Unlimited Host Dyan Castillejo, Marabut Mayor Percival Ortillo, Jr. and ALKFI Chairman Gina Lopez officially opens the Marabut Multi-Purpose Processing Plant during the ribbon cutting.

(L-R) ALKFI Chief Finance Officer Noemi Samson, ABS-CBN Ecovillage in Iba Zambales Project Manager Cristina and ALKFI Managing Director Susan Afan enjoy grilled "bangus" prepared by the Marabut fisher folks.

Young JV and Miss Earth beauties present G Stuff's tamban sardines processed at Marabut Multi-Purpose Center.

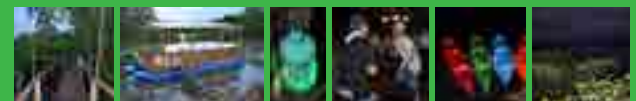
The second stop over was the two-storey **Marabut Multi-Purpose Center**. As the landing area for fishermen after spending long hours at sea. This center will offer inexpensive but healthy meals for fisher folks. At the second floor will be the area for fish processing.

It was almost evening when the team reached **San Juan Floating Restaurant and Boardwalk by the Bay**. This is the most ideal time of the day to visit this place because of the presence of fireflies. The team was divided into two. The first group rode a raft with comfortable sofa while the other group traversed the boardwalk surrounded by mangroves. The destination was truly worth it - a floating restaurant where tasty dinner awaits, while overlooking San Juanico bridge.



TOMIHO harvests fresh eggplant from the organic farm of La Cucina De Marabut. Bamboo bridge amidst the verdant rice paddies en route to La Cucina De Marabut

The third stop was the magnificent 'farm-to-table' experience offered at the **La Cucina De Marabut**.



(L-R) The San Juan Boardwalk; Floating Restaurant; Do-It-Yourself lamp crafted by the community to provide light in the boardwalk; Young JV dances to the delight of the community; Kayaks offered to tourists; Mangrove at night

Samar & Leyte Sites Available for Tourists



Miss Earth beauties, Young JV, Tommy Esguerra and Miho Nishida performed during the Sama Samar sa Summer concert at Basey Gymnasium in Samar.

As if the day has just started, the team went back to Basey Pre-Departure, this time to prepare for the **Sama Samar sa Summer concert**. It was well-received by the Warays. They sang, danced and performed with ABS-CBN stars and Miss Earth beauties. The Kapamilya spirit was felt all throughout the night.

The next day, February 18, was devoted for water sports and beach activities in the three sites of Dulag, Leyte. The first stop was at **San Jose Skimboarding Camp** designed by Architect Efren Aurelio, free-of-charge. Kapamilya stars took this opportunity to try the sport with well-trained skimboarders.



(L-R) Atty. Mildred Sia Que (girl in blue shirt); Dulag Mayor Manuel Sia Que; Dyan Castillejo; Gina Lopez; Noemi Samson and Susan Afan during the formal launching of San Jose Skimboarding Camp

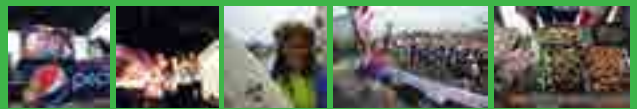
(Clockwise) The Skimboarding Camp in San Jose designed by Architect Efren Aurelio for free. Well-trained skimboarders both posing, in action and before the ribbon cutting; Miho Nishida, Gina Lopez, Tommy Esguerra and Young JV sign a skimboard - a symbol of support for the project.

If San Jose Skimboarding Camp is more for the adventurous hearts, **Dao Balay Kawilan** is for the tourists who want to chill, relax and enjoy the sight and sound of calm river.



(Clockwise) Dyan Castillejo went kayaking at Dao River; The whole team in a "balsa"; Miss Earth beauties; Young JV; Dyan Castillejo and Susan Afan tried foot massage while surrounded with the quiet river; and Tommy and Susan Afan wear organic wreath prepared by the community.

The team then proceeded to **Sabang Daguitan Surf Camp Dulag** for lunch and eventually, for another concert - the **Sinag Dulag**.



(L-R) Young JV makes a girl Waray happy and kilig; TOMIHO sang a romantic song for the community; One trained surfer smiles for the camera; Dyan Castillejo performed prayer dance with the community; Seafood overload for lunch

All of these just happened in two days. With these projects, time will come that Samar and Leyte will not only be known for San Juanico bridge and devastation caused by Yolanda; but by creating model communities worth emulating. They survived the storm surge. And definitely, they have a long way to go.

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The DZMM public service-on-wheels dubbed as "Teaching Learning Caring" hit Indang, Cavite last January 16, 2016 for its first medical mission in 2016.

At the break of dawn, Integrated Public Service volunteers together with DZMM staff initiated the event by feeding lugaw to almost 2,000 Caviteños. After this, a group of doctors and nurses provided medical and dental assistance which served 3,000 people. Lastly, dermatologists from Philippine Dermatological Society offered dermatological service to 123 locals.

150 kids were inspired by the stories read by Ms. May Valle-Ceniza, the head of DZMM Special Projects Department, and 4 volunteers from UST's Lingkod ER Foundation while 300 children enjoyed reading various books in the mobile library.

An estimated 4,773 Kapamilyas joined this event with the help of Gusi Peace Prize Foundation, Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. and the municipal government of Indang, Cavite.



TLC @ Cavite



Singing Idol with a Heart

Once again, a representative of USA took home the title, "DZMM Global Pinoy Singing Idol: Grand Champion" in the recently held contest in Market! Market! Atrium in Taguig City last January 22, 2016.

Shane Ericks, a student at Greenville Technical College, performed "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keys and declared as the champion followed by Australia's representative, Elysa Villareal, who sang "Stand by You" by Rachel Platten.

Celebrating her win, Ericks said in her Instagram account, "I am still speechless.. First of [all], I know who I belong to and know my purpose is. To God be ALL the glory!! He continues to work in me, watch over me, take care, and provide for me.. It is such a huge blessing. Thank you to families and friends who came out to show love and support: My Fb families, my USA friends and families who prayed for me! It all meant SO MUCH to me. My heart is so overwhelmed with joy.. I am the Global Pinoy Singing Idol Grand Champion from USA."

Other finalists who participated in the championship event were: Alodia Alcalá (USA); Brian Lorenz (Australia), Ryan Loquinario (Hong Kong), Theresa Estabillo (Hong Kong), Aristotle Rivera (Taiwan) and Richel Songcog (Taiwan).

Meanwhile, ABS-CBN's artists Matteo Guidicelli, Elha Nympha, Yeng Constantino and Michael Pangilinan graced the contest with their well-known singles from their respective albums.



TLC @ Bulacan

Nothing can stop DZMM in serving our Kapamilyas nationwide as its Teaching Learning Caring activity went to Brgy. Iba O'este, Calumpit, Bulacan last January 31, 2016.

Joined by TLC Volunteer doctors and nurses, DZMM provided medical assistance to almost 400 Bulaceños where 43 of them received free dental extraction. Our volunteers also gave 150 free reading glasses to participants over 40 years of age.

Excitement filled the place as the students welcomed Sir Rogie Panganiban and Miguela Puyat who inspired them by reading the "Ang Batang Ayaw Maligo" and "Tiktaktok at Pipakbum".

An estimated 1,500 Kapamilyas joined the event with the help of the Department of Health, Mario's Kitchen Feeding Metro Manila, Ideal Vision Center, Prime SkinCare Asia @ABS-CBN, Philippine Dermatological Society and barangay officials of Brgy. Iba O'este, Calumpit, Bulacan.





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