

# KALIPAY TODAY

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## WE ARE NINE

It was one dark rainy night sometime 9 years ago when Anna, our founder first embarked on a challenging journey of bringing joy to disadvantaged children. And from there, Kalipay Negrense Foundation has been collecting daily stories of miracles for exactly 3,285 days...

These stories of miracles include rescuing a family of 6 siblings abused and neglected by their parents, re-building a new community devastated by a strong typhoon and building a school for children who have never been introduced to formal education.

As we cherished the 9 years of our foundation we shall also be launching the "Road to a Decade Bringing Joy". This year long project outlines the 10 objectives for the foundation to mark it's 10th year presence:

1. Establish 10 Partner Educational Institutions to Advocate Rights of Children
2. Inaugurate Trauma Healing Clinic for Newly Rescued Children
3. Institute collaboration with 10 Child Caring Agencies
4. Facilitate 10 Training Programs to improve child care delivery among staff and other child welfare agency
5. Organize 10 Local Youth Volunteers club in partner schools
6. Initiate formal cooperation with 10 Local Government Units in the Region
7. Strengthen Social Media Presence with 10,000 likes and shares
8. Form International Network of Kalipay Advocates in 10 Countries
9. Intensify campaign against Child Abuse through education in 10 identified communities
10. Create P10,000,000 seed money for endowment fund to continue programs and services of the foundation.

We are so thankful to all the friends and supporters for stopping us every time we felt we're about to give up. Our gratitude goes to those who believed in the mission and trusted us unconditionally. Each year, hundreds of children are left on the streets, unwanted, abandoned with no place to go. No one really knows how many they are. As days go by, their numbers increase. But one thing is for sure Kalipay Negrense Foundation will always be there to try to provide them a home away from abuse.



## WISHLIST

1. Infant Formula
2. Eggs and Milk
3. Meat, Fruits, and Vegetables
4. Rice
5. Medicines and Multivitamins
6. Toiletries
7. Underwear
8. Computers
9. Reference Material  
(Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, etc)
10. Emergency Lights
11. Fire Extinguishers
12. Sports Equipment  
(Volleyball, Badminton, Ping Pong, Basketball etc.)





## INAUGURATION OF THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

(L-R Anna Balcells (Founder/President), Rosario Ortoll, Dr. Marilyn Maranon, and Jorge Ortoll)

In an intimate ceremony last Saturday, May 7, 2016, Kalipay Negrense Foundation, Inc. invited its supporters and friends as they dedicated the new school building at Recovered Treasures, one of the homes Kalipay manages.

In her welcome speech, Anna Balcells, Founder/President, recounted her fears when Recovered Treasures Home was entrusted to her care. Partners of Hope, a Christian organization from the U.S., used to run Recovered Treasures until a shortage of funds forced them to put a halt on their operations. It was then that Partners of Hope decided to entrust the home to Kalipay. The home had approximately 50 children then, and Anna, not wanting the children to lose the home they had considered their own for several years, decided to take on the challenge.

"I didn't even think we would last a year," she narrated, "yet here we are, years later, inaugurating a new school building."

Anna took the opportunity to thank those who donated and contributed funds for the construction of the school.

Anna ended her speech by addressing the children, "Know that you are blessed. This school is a gift to you because you deserve the best, and all I ask is that you take good care of it."





The ceremony also included the unveiling of a marker stating that the school was built through the generous donation of Jorge and Rosario Ortoll, in memory of their mother Concepcion Z. De Ortoll.

Jorge Ortoll walked among the children and addressed them with a simple message: to study hard, never cheat, to do their best, and enjoy school.

The children got their chance to thank the donors with heartwarming performances.

Kalipay Treasures Learning Center is already fully operational this school year.





# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 13 was the first day of school for the sixty-five Kalipay children. Kalipay Treasures Learning Center is situated at the Recovered Treasures, Bago City. It was recently renovated through the generous donation of Jorge and Nena Ortol in loving memory of their mother. The building was inaugurated last May 7, 2016.

This school year 2016-2017, we have:

- 11 children in Kindergarten 2
- 4 children in Grade 1
- 8 children in Grade 2
- 15 children in Grades 3 and 4
- 9 children in Grades 5 and 6
- 11 children in Grades 7 and 8
- 7 children in Grades 9 and 10

Kalipay continues to partner with Bethany Life Center Academy for the educational services. The school is accredited by the Department of Education.

The school still needs books, computer and laboratory materials. If you wish to share, please contact Kalipay Negrense Foundation, Inc. at **435-2496** or email at [kalipay@kalipaynegrensefoundation.com](mailto:kalipay@kalipaynegrensefoundation.com).





# KALIPAY TREASURES LEARNING CENTER



## Kalipay Treasures Learning Center still needs:

- 24 Wall Fans
- 2 LCD Projector
- 2 DVD and Speakers
- 2 Speakers with Microphone
- 8 Teacher tables
- 6 Teacher chairs
- 30 Children's tables and chairs
- 8 Built in Cabinets
- 1 Conference table
- 8 Chairs for Conference table
- 4 Filing Cabinets
- 10 Trash Cans



# VOLUNTEERS CORNER

## Cleo



Christoph Cleophas or Cleo is a World Horizon volunteer from Cologne, Germany. He is a Social Worker whose dream was to help children in third world countries after finishing his studies.

Cleo arrived in the Philippines with a mixture of feelings – excitement, fear, sadness, curiosity and nervousness – one day in July. He stayed eight weeks in Haven Home where he felt at home with the smiles and joyful singing of the children. He became a “Manong” or “Tito Cleo” at Haven where he played with the children and helped the staff by implementing unique learning programs.

He moved to Recovered Treasures Home after 3 months of stay in Haven. He organized a German language class, football games, movie nights and an email exchange program.

One of his most memorable and biggest project was organizing a seven-week long summer program which included Kids-town. The purpose of this program was to teach the children different skills such as driving classes, computer lessons, culinary arts, social awareness, how to make crafts and sewing lessons.

Kids-town creates a make-believe town with its own Mayor and Council, with a police station, with shops, cinema and many more. For one week, the children are given the chance to make decisions, to participate and have fun in the process. They are assigned roles – as the Mayor, managers, workers – and have to work to get money in order to buy candies or movie tickets. The children really enjoyed the activity.

Tito Cleo says, “I really enjoyed my time with the kids – the babies, small ones, middle ones, big ones. Each of them took part in making my volunteer life an unforgettable experience. I am very thankful to the staff of both homes and also to the kids that welcomed me and supported me wholeheartedly. I learned a lot about myself, I learned things about people around me, I learned how to use my profession specially in dealing with kids. I do not regret deciding to go to the Philippines. Not at all!!”

Tito Cleo went back to Germany in August this year. Thank you so much Tito Cleo for everything.





## The Kalipay Family had a last hurrah before the opening of classes at Campuestohan Resort in Talisay





# KALIPAY STAFF



Just call her LIGAYA. To be a part of the Kalipay must be her destiny. Her name happens to be a Filipino word which means "Happiness". Just imagine her answering the phone, "Hi Good Morning, I'm Ligaya (Happiness) of Kalipay (Joy)."

Li as we fondly call her, started with Kalipay in October of 2010 as an Admin and Finance Manager that implements policies, systems and procedures for the efficient and effective management of the foundation's resources. As one of the Kalipay's employee with the longest tenure, Li has experienced moments of joy when Kalipay rescues a new child and the challenging times when Kalipay is faced financial struggles to make ends meet.

When asked why she has stayed with Kalipay all these 6 years, she said: "I enjoy working with people who can laugh even in the most difficult of circumstances, like-minded individuals who look at challenges as an opportunity for learning and growth. In Kalipay you have to be a little crazy to achieve the almost impossible goal of surviving in the most challenging of circumstances." She further added, that she looks forward to more years with Kalipay.

For all of us here in Kalipay, she is always the lady that finds "happiness" in serving the less fortunate.

## WELCOME NEW ANGELS



**ROY PAUL**, 1 year and 4 months old was surrendered by his mother to our Social Workers because she could not afford to feed him and bring him to the doctor.



**LOU ANN**, 5 years old, allegedly sexually abused by the neighbor.



**ISAIAH**, a two week old baby that was found just outside of one of the churches in Bacolod.

*\*Names have been changed to protect their identity\**





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