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Kalipay kids claiming their prizes from Heart's store.

KALIPAY HEARTS FOR JOY

As a form of positive reinforcement for the good deeds of the KALIPAY children at the Home and in school, Executive Director Meliton E. Sillador Jr. has devised a reward system called Hearts for Joy. The system works by rewarding acts of kindness with a Heart sticker. The stickers come in five colors, each with a corresponding value – pink for Honesty, orange for Gratitude, blue for Kindness, red for Respect and Courtesy, and yellow for Excellence.

As each child is the recipient of a certain act of goodness, he or she has the option to reward it with a Heart sticker of the appropriate color. These stickers are then stored in a card that they use to redeem prizes at the “Hearts Store”. The prizes are items from donations. Prizes can be redeemed for as little as one heart and bigger items can go for as many as 40 hearts.

Hearts for Joy is not only for the KALIPAY children, but the staff, teachers, and social workers are included as well. The benefits of this reward system go beyond redeeming items at the Hearts Store. The program is a great teaching tool for the value of saving and the merit of hard work.



Kalipay Executive Director Meliton E. Sillador.

ED hailed as ABSNET Chair

KALIPAY’s Executive Director has been re-elected as ABSNET (Area Based Network) Regional Chairperson for the entire Western Visayas. ABSNET is a network institutionalizing collaboration of Social Welfare Development Agencies that are registered, licensed and ⇒ ABSNET CHAIR, Page 3

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Kalipay 2021 Christmas Party family photo.

CHRISTMAS SURPRISE FOR KALIPAY

On December 22, 2021, the entire KALIPAY family – children and staff – were given a big surprise. What they expected to be a holy mass celebration turned out to be a Christmas party. Unbeknownst to the staff, KALIPAY Founder and President, Anna C. Balcels, along with the Board of Trustees and Executive Director Meliton E. Sillador, Jr., had planned a surprise Christmas party, as they had missed a celebration last year due to the pandemic.

The Board wanted to make the party extra special by creating a country fair, complete with food carts of hotdogs and French fries, a mini spa station to pamper the hard working staff, amusement rides lent by World of Fun and Quantum of SM Bacolod- the logistics made possible by Ceres buses, Noche Buena packages given by COTW-Teleperformance (Citizen of the World), cakes donated by Ann Co, Felicia's, Bob's and Calea. Three members of JCI Roxas Macawiwili also volunteered their time to help with the preparations. 🌿

LEARNING OUT-OF-DOORS



Kalipay Learning Center YS 4 class enjoying classes outdoors.

KALIPAY's school, The Kalipay Learning Center, located inside the Recovered Treasures Compound, is surrounded by swathes of green as rice fields and gardens abound. The teachers make use of the scenery to enrich the lessons since plans for field trips have been halted due to the pandemic. Outdoor activities also provide the children a respite from sitting in the classroom for long periods of time.

Teacher Jed Ambong, adviser for YS 4 (Year in School), has taken the children outside for a lesson on Anyong Tubig (Bodies of Water), and Teacher Shobie Ty, handling the Special Education (SPED) and Preschool class, has toured kids in the Home for a lesson on "Parts of a House". Meanwhile, Teacher Josephine Aquino, adviser for Nursery, has led her pupils on trips exploring plants and insects in the forest garden for the children's Science class. 🌿

ACTIVE PLAY FOR KALIPAY KIDS

Since 2018, The Kalipay Learning Center has adopted the REAP (Re-entry Agenda for the Poor) Program under UST-Angelicum (University of Sto. Tomas). The curriculum is modular in nature, the teachers have to come up with additional activities to engage the children in active play to develop their gross and fine motor skills, especially for the smaller children. Active play also helps keep them energized and refreshed in-between long periods of sitting in class. Among the children's favorites are Hands and Feet Hopscotch, Standing Pencil Challenge, and the Coin Stack Game. These seemingly straightforward games are actually quite challenging, requiring plenty of concentration, dexterity, and precision – all essential skills for growing children. 🌿





TYPHOON RAI HITS KALIPAY

In the early hours of December 16, 2021, the strongest typhoon of 2021, Typhoon Odette, internationally known as Rai, hit the Philippines, traversing Northern Mindanao and Central Visayas.

KALIPAY's shelter, Recovered Treasures, located in Bago City, Negros Occidental, sustained considerable damage as fierce winds and rain uprooted several trees near the dormitory and ripped parts of the roof of the covered court. The power outage that followed the typhoon lasted several days.

Top Photo: Kalipay staff assessing the aftermath of the typhoon.

Bottom photo: Uprooted tress in RT's forest area.

On a positive note, none of the children and staff got hurt during the storm. Cleaning up the aftermath took over a week, with the children clearing away debris and the teen boys assisting the grounds staff in removing fallen trees. The home was able to finish the clean-up operations before Christmas. 🌿

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accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development. The Regional Chairperson was elected among more than a hundred government agencies and facilities and non-government organizations working within the purview of Social Welfare.

Guided by DSWD Memorandum Circular 04 Series of 2018, ABSNET aims to ensure quality implementation of Social Welfare and Development programs and services for the disadvantaged and marginalized sectors of society.

Meliton E. Sillador shall represent Region VI in the National DSWD ABSNET Board where he sits as the incumbent National Vice President for the Visayas. 🌿



Kalipay team with Kabankalan City Officers during turnover of goods.

TYPHOON RELIEF OPS

The felled trees at KALIPAY's Recovered Treasures in Bago City, while lamented, cannot compare to the havoc wrought by Typhoon Odette (Rai) in the southern part of the province. In Kabankalan City, an hour-and-a-half from Recovered Treasures, many houses were totally destroyed, major roads remained flooded for days after the typhoon, restricting people's access to food and clean water. The urgency of the situation prompted KALIPAY to help through their Community Outreach Program. On December 26, 2021, seven KALIPAY teens, accompanied by Executive Director Meliton E. Sillador, delivered drinking water and basic goods to several affected fishing and farming villages in Kabankalan. It is KALIPAY's goal to instill in the children a sense of empathy and civic duty, that despite being affected themselves, help can still be extended to those in need. 🌿

KALIPAY MUG COLLECTION LAUNCH

This project is KALIPAY's simple way of fundraising during this difficult time. Whereas in the past years we were able to have concerts and other events, this year is different with the pandemic.

All the designs in the project feature the colorful murals painted by the various artists who had volunteered their time and artistic talents to liven up the walls of Haven Home and Recovered Treasures, two of KALIPAY's shelters. These murals inspire wonder and hope to the scarred yet beautiful children under our care.

We hope that this simple mug will not only warm your drink, but warm your hearts as well.

Orders can be placed through KALIPAY's official facebook page at www.facebook.com/kalipaynegrensefoundationpage. 

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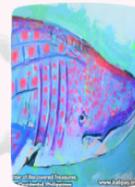
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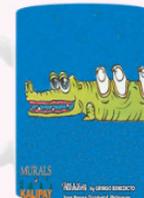
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Wish List

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



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