



KALIPAY TODAY

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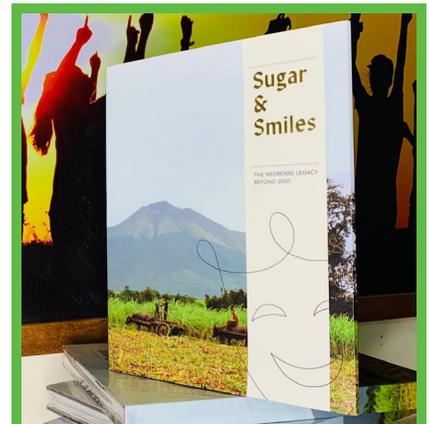
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Kalipay Founder & President Anna C. Balcells with Executive Director Mhel E. Sillador and Agriculturist Khort Sabroso during Kalipay Farm Concept Meeting.

KALIPAY FARM

What was once a dream for KALIPAY, to have a productive farm to help the shelter grow and raise its own produce, is slowly becoming a reality, thanks to a group of generous donors who shared KALIPAY's vision of becoming more sustainable in the future. The land has always been available as the shelter, Recovered Treasures, sits right in the middle of lush farmland. KALIPAY's many attempts to grow different crops like rice and monggo (mung beans) have been mildly successful at best, but never enough to sustain the consumption of the children living in the shelter, which number to a hundred. Now with the help of Mr. Khort Sabroso, an Agriculturist joining the KALIPAY team, the dream of making the shelter more sustainable is finally materializing. Improving the yield of the fruit and vegetable garden, and setting up a modest poultry and piggery farm will be a priority to help parry the costs of having to purchase most basic food necessities such as eggs, meat, and vegetables. The KALIPAY children are excited at the prospect of helping out the Agriculturist in what is now officially referred to as the KALIPAY Farm. Most of the children will be given age-appropriate responsibilities to help tend to the farm. Beyond the practicality of this new program, KALIPAY hopes to impart values and life lessons through agriculture – such as honest labor, the importance of responsible and sustainable farming, the impact of mindful consumption, and an appreciation for the land.



Sugar and Smiles, the first coffee table book produced by the Province of Negros.

KALIPAY FEATURED IN BOOK ON NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

The story of KALIPAY Negrense Foundation is featured in Sugar and Smiles: The Negrense Legacy Beyond 2020, the first-ever coffee table book that features

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Kalipay family striking a pose for the family photo during the baptism.

The newlyweds with Fr. Julius Habana.

RECOVERED TREASURES SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

The Spiritual Life Formation Program of KALIPAY was set up in the last quarter of 2021 to address the growing spiritual needs of the children. One of the primary objectives of this program is to have the children experience and learn the significance of the sacraments of the Catholic faith.

Since its establishment, the children have experienced first hand the Holy Baptism in October of 2021, and more recently, the First Holy Communion of 65 children in January 28, 2022, and witnessed the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony between the Agriculturist of the KALIPAY Farm and his long-time partner on March 16, 2022. On both occasions Rev. Fr. Julius Habana officiated the ceremony inside the Recovered Treasures compound. The activities are a group effort of the Home Parents and the Teachers, pooling their efforts to prepare the children for their participation in the activities. 🌱

BIKING4MORE UPDATE

Lukas Schmid and Lea Fritsch, two former KALIPAY volunteers from Germany, organized a biking tour called Biking4More, last year in August, to raise funds for the children of KALIPAY. Now on the second and last leg of their trip, traversing Austria, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, and Greece, they have travelled over 6,500 kilometers. In each place they visit, they spread word on the advocacy of KALIPAY to help rescue and care for children who are victims of abuse in the province of Negros Occidental, Philippines. Their plan is to create a playroom for the small children. They have been working with a group of preschool teachers in Germany to design a safe space that will be fun, and will encourage children to learn beyond the confines of a classroom. Their journey can be followed through their website <https://biking4more.com/> and on Facebook page and Instagram account Biking4more. 🌱



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events and milestones that have shaped the province. KALIPAY's feature on the book includes the history of how our President and founder, Anna C. Balcells, started KALIPAY from scratch, and how it has evolved to be a children's foundation that cares for an average of 100 children victims of abuse every year. The book is an effort of an all-Negrense team, from the publishers, Impress Quality Printing Phils., to the contributing writers, and the production team. A portion of the sales of the book will be donated to KALIPAY to support its programs for its beneficiaries. Limited copies are available for sale at the KALIPAY office in Marc Bldg., Ylac Ave., Brgy. Villamonte, Bacolod City. 🌱



Kalipay family and relief beneficiaries in Talisay City, Negros during the outreach.

KALIPAY AIDS TYPHOON VICTIMS

Typhoon Odette (International Name Rai) ravaged the southern parts of the Philippines last December 16 and 17, 2021. One of the badly hit areas was in the outskirts of Talisay City in Negros Occidental. Through one of KALIPAY's long-time grant partners, KALIPAY was able to prepare 1,000 relief packs which contained rice, powdered milk, canned goods, noodles, and face masks.

With assistance from Ms. Dionela Madrona and Ms. Mary Jean Burgos of the Department of Social Welfare (DSWD) of Talisay City, several groups of KALIPAY teens distributed the relief packs to over 15 barangays in Talisay City from January 6 to 13, 2022. The children were accompanied by their teachers in the Kalipay Learning Center. This project is under the Community Program of KALIPAY. 🌱



Kalipay teen and faculty with trainers during LTO Theoretical course.

TEENS LEARN TO DRIVE

One of KALIPAY's goals is to help its beneficiaries learn life skills that will help them become more independent and capable, especially when they leave the shelter. One such skill is driving. In partnership with Land Transportation Office (LTO) Region VI, headed by Regional Director Engr. Eric Lenard Tabaldo, KALIPAY was able to have a Theoretical Driving Course for their of-age beneficiaries from March 31 to April 1, 2022.

Two trainers, Mr. Ariel Mendoza and Mr. Paul Garcia from LTO Bacolod, along with Ms. Riza Otayde from LTO Region VI, came to Recovered Treasures in Bago City to conduct the two-day workshop. Also joining the workshop were 12 Home Parents, Teachers, and Social Workers. The teens and staff thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and look forward to the next level of the course – Practical Driving. 🌱



Kalipay family welcoming Special Envoy to UNICEF Monica Louise "Nikki" Prieto Teodoro in Recovered Treasures.

SPECIAL ENVOY TO UNICEF VISITS KALIPAY

On March 7, 2022, Monica Louise "Nikki" Prieto Teodoro, Philippine Special Envoy to UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) visited Recovered Treasures, KALIPAY's shelter for abused children in Negros Occidental. KALIPAY President and Founder Anna C. Balcells gave her a personal tour of the compound, showing her what interventions and programs KALIPAY offers the children living in the shelter. She was also able to speak to several children, listening to their life stories and chatting with the Home Parents. Before leaving Recovered Treasures, Ms. Teodoro treated all the children to fresh fruits ordered from the local market. This is her second visit to KALIPAY; the first time was in June 2017.

Ms. Teodoro's work in children's welfare stems well beyond her assignment as Special Envoy to UNICEF. During her time as a former member of the House of Representatives for the First District of Tarlac she headed the House Committee on the Welfare of Children. 🌱

KIDS ATTEND FIRE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

On March 18, 2022, the Bago Fire Station invited the children of KALIPAY to their Open House Orientation as part of their activities for the Fire Prevention Month. The theme for 2022 is "Sa pag iwas sa sunog, hindi ka nag-iisa!" (In preventing fires, you are not alone!) The 13 children and seven staff who attended were introduced to basic first aid, tools and equipment used in fire fighting rescue operations, and uniforms and gear. The objective of this program is to raise awareness among the participants and the general public, the basics of fire safety, as well as the functions of the Bureau of Fire Protection agency. The attendees thoroughly enjoyed the workshop, especially the part where they got to see the fire trucks up close. 🌱



The children eagerly listening to the firefighters explain first aid and what to do in case of a fire breakout.



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Wish List

1. 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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