



KALIPAY TODAY

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(L-R): Former Kalipay Trustee Belinda Tanpinco, Former Executive Director Beth Cabugas, Longtime Supporter Jose Mari Chan, Former Trustee Elaine Eleazar, Founder & President Anna C. Balcells, Alfonso Balcells, Former Trustee Weng Jison, Trustee John Gayoso, Honorary Board Member Gigi Campos, Trustee Chole Chua, and Trustee Jannette Y. Gonzaga.

Top Photo: Kalipay Kids performing You Are The Reason, Kalipay's Official Song, during the anniversary. Bottom Photo: Kalipay Supporters Begonia Gemperle, Nena Wuthrich, and Mikel Arriet playing musical chairs with the children.

KALIPAY'S SWEET SIXTEEN

Kalipay Negrense Foundation marked its 16th anniversary on June 28, 2023. The event was attended by friends, partners, and longtime supporters. This milestone serves as a testament to the foundation's enduring commitment to making a difference in the lives of countless disadvantaged children, who have benefited from its support and resources over the years. From educational initiatives to healthcare programs and social services, Kalipay has remained a steadfast source of hope and assistance, ensuring that no child is left behind.

The occasion was blessed with the surprise attendance of Jose Mari Chan, the legendary Filipino singer-songwriter and avowed Father of Philippine Christmas Music. Upon the request of Founder and President Anna Balcells, Jose Mari Chan gladly sang his classic hit song "Christmas in Our Hearts". That immediately injected the essence of Christmas – love, peace, and hope – even if the "ber" months were still a ways off.

The 16th anniversary of the Kalipay not only celebrated its achievements in advancing the rights and opportunities of children but also underscored the ongoing need for such dedicated organizations in our society. As the foundation looks ahead, its mission remains clear: to continue improving the lives of children, nurturing their dreams, and providing them with the love and support they deserve.



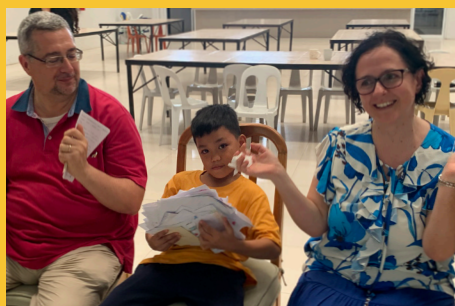
Kalipay Founder & President Anna Balcells with Malacañang boxes.

Kalipay Welcomes Aid from Malacañang

As a touching gesture of goodwill and support, the Malacañang Palace has extended a hand of generosity by sending boxed goods to Kalipay containing

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UST ANGELICUM COLLEGE - KALIPAY CIAO BELLO, TRISTAN! PARTNERSHIP RENEWED



UST Angelicum College - Kalipay Partnership Renewed

Reaffirming commitment to bringing joy to disadvantaged children, Kalipay renewed its partnership with UST Angelicum College on April 19, 2023, solidifying their alliance for another fruitful year. The partnership, which has been in place since 2018, aims to provide underprivileged children with quality education and holistic support, helping them break the cycle of poverty and gain access to opportunities they might not otherwise have. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed by Kalipay Founder and President Anna C. Balcells, Kalipay Vice President Ginnette Y. Dumancas, and UST Angelicum College Re-entry to Education Agenda for the Poor (REAP) Program Head Fr. Simon Peter Ramos. Kalipay Negrense Foundation remains the only partner of UST Angelicum in Negros.



Annual Moving-Up Ceremony Held

The entire Kalipay family gathered for the annual moving-up ceremony on May 17, 2023. The moving-up ceremony celebrates the academic achievements of Kalipay students, as well as their character development, resilience, and teamwork. This cherished tradition highlights the collective effort of educators, families, and the students to nurture leaders and change-makers of tomorrow.

Teachers and home parents shared words of encouragement and wisdom, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and the support system that surrounds these young scholars. The event was also attended by Kalipay's Educational Partner since 2020, LBC Hari ng Padala Foundation, Inc., headed by LBC Foundation's Project Officer, Helien Sartorio, and LBC Express Delivery Manager John Louie Claudio.

Malacañang Donation

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educational supplies, hygiene kits, and essential goods. The thoughtful initiative titled Tulong Ng Palasyo aims to provide essential resources and gifts to Kalipay children's needs, underscoring the administration's commitment to improving the lives of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Malacañang's contribution serves as a reminder of the importance of unity and compassion in our nation, as it sets an inspiring example of leadership in the spirit of coming together. The boxed goods sent to Kalipay monthly will not only bring smiles to the faces of countless young beneficiaries but also reinforce the notion that collective efforts and generosity can lead to positive change. 🌱



Top (L-R): Kalipay Spain President Montse Dosta, Social Worker Jane Britanico, Executive Director Mhel E. Sillador, Home Manager Gelime Fia Lumawag.

Bottom (L-R): Tristan's Parents, Tristan, Kalipay Founder & President Anna C. Balcells, Adoption Agency Representative Sr. Resmay Memorial during Tristan's Entrustment Ceremony.

Ciao Bello, Tristan!

True to Kalipay's goal of providing wholistic services for our children and through the transformative power of love, support and dedication of our Case Management Team, a Kalipay child has been given the opportunity to complete a family through adoption.

This joyous event last May 25, 2023 marked the beginning of a new chapter in Tristan's* life, as he embraced the warmth and security of a loving home in Italy. Kalipay's tireless efforts to connect vulnerable children with caring families have once again borne fruit, offering hope to countless other children still awaiting their turn for a brighter future.

In bringing joy children's lives, Kalipay's top priority is to reunite a child with his family. Unfortunately, that is not always possible, especially where threat of abuse continues to exist. In this case, pursuing legal adoption is the closest alternative to giving a child a happy home life. The adoption process is a testament to the enduring commitment of individuals and organizations to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive in a nurturing family environment. The child's adoption not only provides them with the love and care they deserve but also serves as a powerful reminder of the transformative impact that the act of adoption can have on the lives of both the child and their new family.



Tristan* adding his name to Kalipay's Adoption Board.

*name has been changed to protect the child's identity. 🌱



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Wish List

1. Formula Milk and Adult Milk
2. Meat, Fruits, and Vegetables
3. Rice
4. Medicines and Multivitamins
5. Toiletries
6. Slippers
7. Underwear
8. T-Shirts Of All Sizes
9. Towels & Bed Sheets
10. Electric Fans
11. Amplifier Sound System with Microphone
12. Computer Tables
13. Emergency Lights
14. Fire Extinguishers
15. Sports Equipment (Volleyball, Badminton, Ping Pong, Basketball etc.)



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