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KEEPING HOPE ALIVE

As we continue to face the challenges of a mutating virus, a food crisis, a struggling economy, supertyphoons, and changes in leadership, HOPE continues to inspire the mission and bring out the best in us.





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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the next pages, you will not see photos of colorful houses.

It is not that we stopped building infrastructures. But beyond the mortars and bricks that shelter hope --

We need to cross bridges to reach those who are hungry and share hope by means of warm meals.

We need to go out to plant, grow, and harvest hope from the soil.

We need to restore dignity and productivity to our poor farmers and fisherfolk who have been hoping against hope to feed the nation.

We need to amplify hope stories and make them louder than fake news.

We need to stand beside those ordinary but hopeful individuals who are doing their best to serve the common good.

We need to build up more young leaders who are anchored on faith, patriotism, hope... and truth.

We need to start building what we hope our country should become by 2030.

The effects of the pandemic, the looming food crisis, the gaining prominence of fake news are given, but we must not give in.

Let us continue to make hope more viral.

Let us continue to feed starting with one hungry child.

Let us continue to build bricks from truth.

Let us continue to paint with colors of hope not with muds of hate.

Together, we will end poverty.



Walang iwanan!





Harnessing_ THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

GK recognizes that its main role is to provide platforms of solidarity where various groups can collaborate on solutions to the identified needs of poor communities. These groups include local government leaders and units, civic society organizations, business and academic institutions, together with the communities themselves.



Chairman Felix C. Impal of Barangay Bagong Bayan, Dinagat Islands with GK Community Development Coordinator, Laurence Lee



University of Neuva Caceres' mushroom business for a community in San Fernando, Camarines Sur

PARTNERSHIP WITH BARANGAY OFFICIALS

The Barangay Captain is the gateway to key development projects within the barangay so GK closely coordinates with them to implement programs such as feeding, livelihood, and disaster response.

In the recent wake of the Typhoon Odette/Rai disaster, GK was able to expand its footprint to areas previously unexplored such as Dinagat Islands in the CARAGA region. In partnership with the local officials and through the support of a catholic foundation and a corporate partner, we were able to bring the necessary help in the form of relief goods, roofing materials, and fishing equipment to the community despite its remoteness.

PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOLS

Local schools show support to their communities through various forms- from community education programs and workshops to project conceptualization and implementation. In Bicol, the University of Neuva Caceres through their Institutionalized Community Extension Services, guided a community in San Fernando with a mushroom business plan while the Engineering department built the mushroom house. In Sulu, Notre Dame of Jolo College is a partner for Maleta Library and other child/youth development programs.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PRIVATE GROUPS

Private volunteer groups are a big source of funds for community projects. They are the starting platform for collaboration between private individuals with the same intent to help a community. Such an example is PICE-UAE (Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers- UAE Chapter) where a group of engineers based in Dubai came together to raise funds for a water well system in Bato, Camarines Sur. They discovered this project through the feature of a youth group, the Batoeno Youth Advocates, on the Bayani Challenge FB page after which they moved on to build a daycare center for an indigenous community in Bukidnon. Inspired by the youth who were rallying for the poor communities in their areas, PICE-UAE responded with the funds, which allowed GK and the communities to implement the project. This 3-way partnership saw these 2 projects to completion in less than 3 months' time.



Notre Dame of Jolo College for Maleta Library project in Sulu



SIBOL Learning Daycare Center in Bukidnon through the efforts of PICE-UAE

Engaging more than eight thousand barangays nationwide to date, our community development coordinators continue to forge partnerships with local groups to implement solutions that are more relevant to the local landscape and available resources.

For Bayani Challenge 2022, which is our nationwide annual volunteerism event, there were 28,459 volunteers activated across 62 communities nationwide, carrying more stories of impactful collaborations. These partnerships continue to inspire the work and the possibility of ending poverty for the poorest of the poor.















Raising YOUNG LEADERS

The leadership of GK has stood on the shoulders of elders, those who began the work as far as 2 decades ago. However, we have witnessed the confidence and capability of young leaders who have journeyed and learned from GK's elders. Now, they are taking the reins of community building on the ground, and are forging the path for programs and partnerships that will propel GK's mission in this coming decade.

6 out of the 10 Area Team Leads (ATLs) nationwide are below 35 years old. They started as volunteers / project managers in their key areas, and have grown into their current roles as managers of Community Development Coordinators (CDCs). As Area Team leads, they also take charge of forming relationships with local government and private partners.





MARK GOMEZ

ATL of North Luzon. is truly homegrown. He started as a 9-vear-old beneficiary of the SAGIP and SIGA program in Bagong Silang Caloocan where GK's work began. When he graduated, he volunteered as a SIBOL teacher before he signed up as a GK full-time worker in 2013. Now, he is in charge of 7 CDCs and the official water access program of GK called Daloy ng Pag-Asa.



CHRISTIAN SERVANDE

ATL of Eastern Visavas is a contemporary of Mark in the early stages of GK communitybuilding projects. Christian helped set up the very first Kusina ng Kalinga kitchen in Leyte amidst the destruction left by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda). Now, he is also leading the Goodbye Gutom (Family Food Sufficiency) program of GK nationwide.



JERESE SANTOS

ATL of Northeastern Mindanao, started with a finance and partnership support role as early as 2005 in the local office in Agusan del Norte. Now she is managing 5 CDCs in her expanded assignment and is leading the Yamang Kalusugan and GKBI programs in her area.



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ATL for Davao Region, Sarangani, South Cotobato and Sulu. was first introduced to GK work through his parents, but then actively volunteered on his own during college. He started his full-time mission work on the same project with Mark and Christian in 2011. Fast forward to a decade after. he manages 7 CDCs and implements the various programs of GK including GK Youth. He proactively brings his two-year-old daughter on his mission trips to expose her to community service as early as possible.

Although these young ATLs have direct reports that are older than them, they have gained the respect of their teams because of their experience and dedication to the mission. With young leaders like them in place, the work of GK will carry on in the hearts of generations to come.



Building BEYOND LIMITS

Shelter and Land Security as one of the key platforms of GK, was the toughest to implement during the pandemic given the limitations in mobilizing people and materials.

However, there were two projects that showcased the dedication of our ground team in overcoming these challenges.

In Barangay Lingunan, Valuenzuela, there stands 22 buildings, rising up to 3 floors in height, each containing 36 units. These midrise living structures are now home to 792 urban poor families that have been relocated out of a power distribution site. The project plan started right before the 2019 pandemic hit. But with the resolve of the Valenzuela LGU under the leadership of Mayor Rex Gatchalian, in partnership with NGCP and GK, the relocation site was completed within the two-year plan. GK managed the construction from end to end, using the working designs of the Valenzuela Disiplina villages. The 24 sqm units, with built-in kitchen and bath, are able to fit a family of 4-5pax.

Despite the extra challenges of sourcing materials and labor, GK was able to employ 160 laborers from other poor communities to provide much-needed income at the height of the pandemic. Even if the project management team and the laborers had to contend with extended site secondment, they carried on with the work to ensure it could be turned over within the agreed project timeline. Now, this relocated community enjoys added facilities such as a multi-purpose hall and a daycare center. Customized urban relocation structures allow these families to continue with their existing jobs and way of life within the city area.

Another project that demonstrated perseverance through the pandemic was the Makilala Villages in South Cotabato province. After they were devastated by the 2019 earthquake, GK was able to rebuild two villages in two separate barangays. The first village in Barangay Saguing accommodated 47 displaced IP (indigenous peoples) families from the Tagabawa-Bagobo tribe. The second village in Barangay Buenavida now houses 50 families whose homes were totally destroyed by the earthquake. The residents themselves built their homes under the supervision of the GK project team, and with the support of the local government coordinated by Congressman Rudy Caoagdan.

Despite the recurring lockdowns, these shelter projects were completed with the help of local partners and the local government units, which proves that our goals can be achieved through a shared vision and a collaborative framework.







GK would like to honor the continued support of Philippine Gaming Management Corporation, Ateneo de Manila - German Embassy, International College of Dentists, Innerwheel Club of the Philippines (District #382), Coca-Cola Foundation, Synchrony, GK USA, and NGCP. SEED (School of Experiential and Entrepreneurial Development) Philippines started in a humble classroom in GK Enchanted Farm in Bulacan in 2014. After producing 6 batches from the social entrepreneurship program with 205 graduates, it has refocused its curriculum on agri-entrepreneurship to address the growing issue of food security and the shrinking agricultural workforce in the country. Apart from technical training on growing organic vegetables and livestock, their education is supplemented by other skills necessary for running their own social enterprises such as accounting, business communication and leadership skills.

Planting
SEEDS
NATIONWIDE

The curriculum also includes numerous subjects and activities geared towards nurturing the vision and values inspired by Gawad Kalinga. Since its partnership with TESDA on Organic Agriculture Production in 2019, SEED has produced 237 graduates nationwide in its 3 campuses -Bulacan, Leyte, and Bukidnon. All of these graduates have fully passed the TESDA assessment for OAP NC2. More importantly, 90% are currently employed in community farm projects, running their own community enterprises, or have become SEED teachers and mentors. The remaining 10% of graduates have pursued further education. The measure of an academic institution is not just the number and quality of its graduates, but also the impact they make in their communities. To date, there are 36 community farms operating in 14 provinces across the country. Another important milestone is the local operations of the school campuses where previous SEED graduates are running the show. There is Renn Inopia of Batch 4 assigned to the the Bulacan campus and Jaypee Jose of Batch 3 for the Davao del Sur Campus.

















Renn started as a SIBOL beneficiary, grew to be a SEED graduate then eventually a mentor. Now, he is in charge of ensuring that the classes in the Bulacan campus run as scheduled while he also leads the main urban farm projects such as the Backyard Bukid farm within the San Miguel office in Ortigas Business District. Renn trained the support staff of San Miguel over a 6-month period which resulted in an output of around 450kg of produce to date. He also oversees the training of the other community farms in the metro.

Jaypee also worked his way up from being a mentor to a partnerships manager to now the campus director of SEED Davao del Sur. He is currently preparing campus facilities such as the Synchrony Training Hall and finalizing the TESDA accreditation in time for the first batch of students this coming August.

Most of the key agriculture-centric projects within GK are also being led by SEED graduates. Christina Calvadores from Batch 5 is now the GK Enchanted Farm Manager while her batchmates Kenn Pedral and Robert Castro are now managers of BayanAnihan Luzon.



As it plans to open more campuses in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao before the year ends, it will continue to plant its own graduates to grow the SEED of agrientrepreneurship in the different regions where local food production is needed.

SEED would like to thank its major partners like GK USA, GK Canada, Alex Chui Charity, San Miguel Foundation, Synchrony, PayMaya, PSG Global, The Filipino School, Zendesk, and TESDA.







Feeding

AS A FIRST
RESPONSE

Kusina ng Kalinga (KnK) has been a source of hope for the rising incidence of hunger in our country. Through the collective efforts of kitchen volunteers, partners and sponsors, and the local government, the community kitchens were able to operate even through the limitations of the pandemic. For the past years, we were able to serve 6.7 million meals for 150,486 children daily across 926 communities nationwide. KnK always goes where the kids are and has consistently been a first responder to disaster situations that arise from conflict, typhoons, floods, and earthquakes. For Typhoon Odette alone, we were able to serve 75,000 plus meals across 9 affected areas in the Visayas and Northern Mindanao region.



The efforts of the KnK Mindanao team have been awarded the "William F. Masterson, S.J. Award" given by Xavier University for its constant presence and impact on addressing hunger in the region. KnK Mindanao started during the 2016 El Nino crisis and carried on responding to other major disasters like the 2017 Marawi Siege, the 2019 Makilala Earthquake, and 2022 Typhoon Odette.

Kusina ng Kalinga is addressing hunger in various stages, the first being to gather all hunger warriors together. To put an end to hunger and malnutrition, KnK addresses the root causes as well such as food security and nutrition education. It launched a campaign last October 2021 called "Tuldukan Ang Gutom/End Hunger" through feeding, health education workshops, and training on community vegetable gardens ("Magpakain, Magpakalusog, at Magtanim"). For the coming year, KnK is advancing its strategy to cover the "5M Approach to Zero Hunger" (Magtulungan, Magpakain, Magpakalusog, Magtanim, at Mag-connect). Kusina ng Kalinga Plus (KnK+) will represent a broader and more sustainable approach to achieving Zero Hunger.

Kusina ng Kalinga would like to thank its major partners like Century Pacific Group, CVC Philanthropy Limited, Genesis Charitable Trust, RCBC Bankard, GK USA, Synchrony, Seafood City, Shopwise, WOOP, Walang Iwanan Alliance, B1G1, Hope KKK, Archer Daniel Midland Company, Go Shopping Philippines, and Ford Motor Company Fund.











Pulling Science TO THE SPIRIT OF NATIONBUILDING

The GK Builders Institute (GKBI) together with GK Ateneo has successfully rolled out the Capability Building Module 1.1 to its most active volunteers last year. Two hundred seventy-four (274) participants underwent 15 sessions that equipped them with the basics of community development, project management and the value of mentoring. To prepare for this roll-out, GK Ateneo trained the previous batch of Community Development Coordinators (CDCs) with module development and facilitator training to enable them to participate in the training of this year's batch, creating a "train the trainers" mechanism that will expand the learning network at a faster pace.

The vision of GKBI to build a body of knowledge resource is aptly supplemented and supported by the academic discipline and rigor that GK Ateneo provides, thus placing more science into the spirit of nation-building. As the main partner of Gawad Kalinga in GKBI, and as having the lead role in module development and session design, GK Ateneo ensured that the sessions highlighted the on-ground experiences of GK volunteers to allow relevant and immediate applications.

The capstone projects that all participants are required to implement contribute to the knowledge pool which in turn will feed into the training modules. This iterative learning process will help strengthen the methodology and conviction in the mission of poverty eradication which on its own is an ever-evolving problem. The dedication to teaching and learning exhibited by the workers, volunteers, and partners is what gives GKBI hope that the mission will carry until future generations.



GKBI would like to thank GK Ateneo for its dedication to building an army of volunteers to end poverty in the country.





Teaching VALUES THROUGH STORIES

Last November 2021, we launched the first series of Bagong Bayani Books in time for National Reading Month. To supplement the Maleta Library program launched the year before, GK has developed a series of books to highlight untold stories of real-life community heroes.

The first series consists of 4 books, each highlighting different profiles of servants and different ways of serving their communities. Book 1, "Ang Bahay Kong Makulay", is a good way to be introduced to the work of GK because it tells the story of how bayanihan transformed a poor community. While Book 2, entitled "Misyon ni Manding", focuses on the life story of the longest-serving mission worker of GK who grew up poor but dedicated his life to serving the poor even if he had the chance to pursue a comfortable corporate career. Book 3 walks you through the day in the life of a Kusina ng Kalinga kitchen manager, aptly titled "Mga Kamay Ni Super Nanay". Lastly, Book 4 called "Masisipag na Manlalaro" is about the stories of our SIPAG beneficiaries turned coaches who are now passing on the mentorship they received to other children in need.

The books were launched through "Storytelling Saturdays", an online show that invited guest celebrity readers such as Miss Universe PH Charity 2021 Victoria Vincent, IOC Executive Board Member Ms. Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski, and news anchor Ms. Nina Corpuz-Rodriguez.

Through the generosity of individual and corporate sponsors, we were able to distribute 20,000 copies of these books to communities nationwide, teaching children the value of selfless service and the common good.

Bagong Bayani Books would like to thank Synchrony, Benjo and Maricel Villanueva, Josie Disterhoft, Carlos and Myrna Capati, GK Australia, Deutsche Bank, and Yellow X Solutions.













GK SipaG in partnership with US Embassy - Manila collaborated to create the program "Sports LEADS: Climate Change Awareness through Soccer". Around 100 youth from Davao de Oro, Sultan Kudarat, Butuan City, Bukidnon, Palawan, Manila, and Bohol gathered in Siargao and El Nido for two separate sessions, to discuss important topics such as climate change, gender equality, substance abuse, and supporting the community through sustainable community projects. This learning program aims to reach more youth leaders using football as a tool to spread environmental awareness and other relevant social issues for the youth today.



Congratulations to the Aquinas Scholars football varsity graduates of SY 2021-22.

- Basti Alviar Sebastian Alex Alviar With Honors (adopted SipaG player from Mandaluyong City)
- Jose Andrew Nobela With Honors GK Concepcion Buayang Bato, Mandaluyong City
- Charles Andrei Afable GK Welfareville, Mandaluyong City
- Harold Teodosio GK Concepcion Buayang Bato, Mandaluyong City
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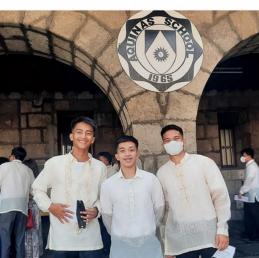














Redefining_ THE CULTURE OF PRODUCTIVITY





The pandemic did not spare the GK Enchanted Farm which once relied on a stream of visitors and exchange students. The lockdown however gave GK a chance to rethink its operations and involve the community more deeply such that it will rely less on outside help and more on the existing resources and manpower of the community. This brought about the concept of "Family Partners" where resident families take care of running the different areas of the farm such as the fishing pond, kubo rentals, and the pick and pay garden. The family partners are co-owners of these components where they are in charge of maintenance and managing the customers, in exchange for a share of the revenue. This redefines productivity which results in deeper involvement and higher accountability over the farm and its output.

Since its soft launch in October of 2021, it has hosted numerous events, both big and small. From team building sessions to corporate planning workshops and voluntourism activities, the farm opened its doors to over a thousand visitors to date while adhering to the necessary safety protocols.

Now, GK Enchanted Farm is ready to host once again with overnight accommodations, a running kitchen, and various family-friendly activities to offer. In the works is also a health and wellness center which is set to open soon.

GKEF would like to thank its partners - Berjaya, Synchrony, GK USA, Coca-Cola Foundation, The Marketplace, Ford Motor Company Fund, Nearsol, Merck Business Solutions Asia, Marsh McLennan Philippines, Cargill Corporation, and BDO Unibank.









Answering
THE CALL
OF DUTY

Typhoon Odette was a super typhoon that hit the Visayas region, Palawan and certain parts of Northern Mindanao last December 2021. From an initial category 1 typhoon rating, it immediately moved up to category 5 within hours after landfall, catching most of the affected residents off guard. With sustained winds of 195kph, pushing up to 270kph gusts, this strongest typhoon of 2021 has caused damages to infrastructure and agriculture amounting to billions of pesos. It has been reported that over half a million families were affected with two million-plus houses damaged (needing repair and/or completely destroyed).









The different on-ground teams of GK immediately sprang into action and worked through the Christmas holiday to bring much-needed relief to affected communities. Through the help of generous donors, 17K relief packs were distributed, 75K hot meals were served, and more than 2K homes were repaired as of April 2022.

One specific story of heroism stands out, which is the story of Eutiquio Flores Jr. of Barangay Lobogon, Del Carmen in Siargao. Known as "Kuya Titing" to the community, he bravely transferred almost a hundred of his neighbors who were stuck in their homes to a nearby school classroom to keep them safe from the strong winds that were destroying their houses. In the process, he got hit in the head by flying debris which ultimately caused his death. His passing is mourned by his family and the entire Berjaya GK village where he is known to be a leader and a true servant. Together with his community, GK honors the selfless sacrifice of Kuya Titing.

We would like to honor as well the generous donations of Gokongwei Brothers
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Expanding THE POVERTY DISCUSSION

GK has partnered with two French NGOs, ACTED and Convergences, to expand the discussion of poverty into interrelated areas such as exclusion and climate change, forming the 3Zeros - Zero Poverty, Zero Exclusion, and Zero Climate Change. Zero Exclusion pertains to the need for equal opportunities for all members of society on access to financial, digital, academic, and economic enablers. Zero Climate Change covers the community's role in creating a responsible production and consumption cycle, sustainable waste management and reduction initiatives, adaptable designs for climate resiliency, and alternative sources of energy. These two zeros complement and supplement GK's programs toward Zero Poverty, hopefully expanding social impact on a scale necessary to meet the goals for 2030.

To signify its commitment to the 3Zeros, GK is forming an alliance as a platform for partners to further conversations and innovations. It held its first strategic planning session attended by a core group of social actors from various industries such as health, urban city dwellings, retail, education, and livelihood. Also, it has opened the 3Zero House Manila in Mandaluyong as a hub for training and networking, and as an official space for social entrepreneurs to hold office.

























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