

PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.

NEWSLETTER

The Story
of our
Christmas



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Matthew 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy

9th Puso sa Puso Charity Christmas Party

(December 3, 2016)



Christmas spirit is just around the corner and numerous celebration are seen all over the country. One of the biggest charity event is again sets to spread joy to children – The 9th Puso sa Puso Charity Christmas Party. Held at Apolinario Mabini Elementary School at Tala, Caloocan City, the Puso sa Puso staff and administrator, volunteers, generous sponsors, and friends joined forces to pull out one of the memorable events in the children's eye.

With almost 1000 kids coming from public school and poor community, the goal is to simply provide an unforgettable Christmas party. This annual event started since 2008 and touched almost 8000 kids all over Quezon City that targeted underprivileged communities.

The program commenced with a prayer headed by International Teacher, Alexander Meisinger. It was followed by an opening remarks by Sr. Mila Singap, FLP, Program Supervisor of ALSA-BUHAY Parola Center. From then, exciting and amusing presentations entertained the kids which include dance number, magic tricks, acrobatic stunts, and a flash mob collaborated by SDS brothers and ALSA-BUHAY learners.

In between presentations, raffle draws taken place. Lucky kids won prizes such as Noche Buena package, appliances, and mattresses. Kids also enjoyed their meals which comprised of Italian spaghetti, huge burger steak, and juice drink. They also had the chance to write their message to Jesus in a designated area.

Towards the end of the activity, the tradition of gift giving taken place. In addition to the loot bag that they expected to receive, they received another gift pack, burger patty cupcakes, and crinkles donated by private group.

The most celebrated time of the year deserves to be shared and experienced by children. It is the season of great joy and love inspired by good people working together to produce an endearing and heartfelt results.

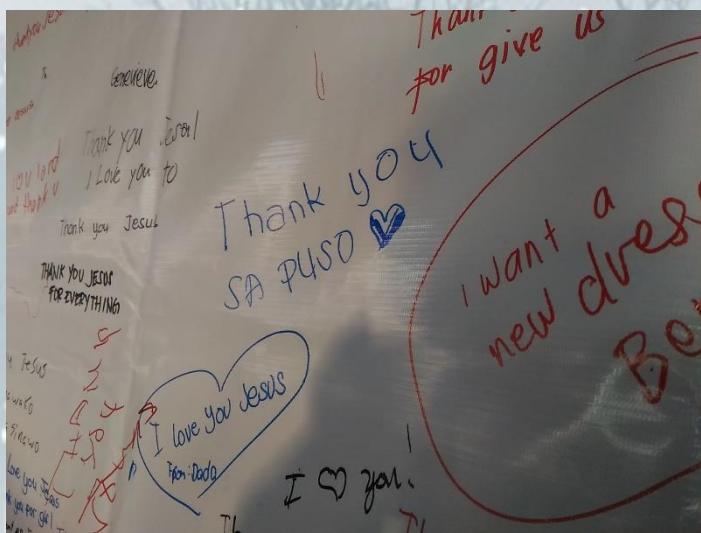
Photos:



Ms. Andy and Mr. Byron giving orientation to the volunteers



Spectators of the 2016 Puso Charity Event



Some of the innocent yet touching messages of the kids



Everyone loves Jollibee!





Sr. Mila opening the program and welcoming everyone



In the middle – Teacher Reena, Program Coordinator of this event



The entertainers



Raffle draw winners





Zumba/Flash mob number of SDS students and ALSA BUHAY Learners and staff



Kids lined up for the gift giving portion



Parola Children Christmas Party 2016
“Diwa ng Pasko, Diwa ng Pagkakaisa“
(December 10, 2016)



Last Saturday, December 10, 2016 was the children Christmas Party from Parola. It was organized by two international teachers Raphael and Alex and the ALSA-BUHAY staff.

It was attended by 90 children coming from Gate 17, Gate 54 and Gate 1 with the Kenyan brothers, 70 parents and Sister Mila Singap, FLP, two International Teachers from Payatas and the Parola staff.





The program starts at 10 am with a one hour mass with a priest from Kenya. After the mass, the games started.

The first game was rope pull. Gate against Gate. The second game was Stop dance. The third game was sack hopping with the parents too. The winner in this game got some candies from Santa Claus. Played by the german Volunteer Alexander Meisinger.



After two hours playing, the presentation ceremony started.

The winner child got a watch and the winner parent got a necklace.

Now it was time for food. The kids were hungry. They got chicken and rice.



And then... HoHoHo. The children got a gift from the Santa Claus. Every kid got a green bag with school supplies and candies and one pair slippers.

The kids were very happy about the gift, and that Santa Claus gave it to them.



Payatas Basic Home-based Tutorial Program Christmas Party 2016

(December 14, 2016)



Last Wednesday, December 14, 2016 was the children Christmas Party at the place of the Sagrada Family Chapel in Payatas Dos. The Christmas Party was mainly organized by two international teachers Simone and Meike and with the help from the Payatas staff. The event was attended by 90 kids, 10 volunteer ALSA BUHAY learners, Sister Frances Mangabat, SDS, International Teachers from Parola and the Payatas staff.

The event started at 2 pm with the prayer from the Teacher Simone followed from the opening remarks of teacher Rika and Sir Jeremie.

Sir Jeremie, Teacher Rika and Sir Edwin were the leader from the program, and they explained the games to the children. International teacher Simone and Meike showed the games with an example, so that the kids know what to do.

90 children were divided into 4 different color groups – blue, yellow, green, and red.

Various games were enjoyed by the kids such as The Egg Run, Jumping Game, Partner Game, and Balloon Relay.





After two hours of playing games, which were kindly prepared by teacher Simone and teacher Meike, it gave spaghetti and burger from Jollibee for everyone.

And as a surprise for the kids, Santa Claus, played by Alex another German Volunteer from Parola visited us.

He gave the kids the gifts stocked with school supplies and candies and one pair slippers. This is confirmed automatically by the children's happy laughter.



In the green bags were the gifts.



Santa Claus giving gifts to the kids



Teacher Simone showed how to jump on one foot

Parola Christmas Party 2016

(December 15, 2016)



Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God and family and to create memories that will last forever. Jesus is God's perfect, indescribable gift. The amazing thing is that not only are we able to receive this gift, but we are able to share it with others on Christmas and every other day of the year. -Joel Osteen -

Every year ALSA-BUHAY learners of Parola center celebrate their Christmas Party. The learners from Elementary, BLP, and Secondary levels participated the party last December 15, 2016. This is the time were everyone bond to each other preparing parlor games, presentation and exchange gifts. We conducted different games like Rubber Band Relay, Egg-Catching, and Paper Dance. The learners from elementary, BLP and secondary level received also gifts from a raffle draw. Learner's group themselves for food potluck. All are excited to eat their prepared sumptuous foods that day.

At the end of the day, the learners were so happy. They feel so blessed to have the support system and the best family of ALSABUHAY to really just support each other no matter what we're going through. They went home with a big smile.



Photos:



Food, gifts, and presentations of the learners



The parlor games - Egg catching and Paper dance



ALSA BUHAY Payatas Christmas Party 2016!

(December 15, 2016)



The month of December is the most awaited month for all of us. We all know it's Christmas time! Children are excited to receive gifts from Santa Claus. Students are also eager for their Christmas party and to receive gifts from their classmates. They also anticipate wearing their new clothes, new shoes, and even new accessories.

ALSA BUHAY learners Christmas party was an awesome event ! The learners showed their admirable and applauded talents: they danced, sang an inspirational songs, and were singing while playing instruments like guitar. These are some awesome talents of our learners.

In every Christmas party there are always games. The learners enjoyed the different games they joined especially those winners. There was a raffle draw also with various prizes:

Consolation prizes	:	shirts, coloring materials, biscuits, and cupcakes in one bag
2nd prizes	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 11 learners received those prizes3 kilos of rice in one bag
1st prize	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 11 learners also received the 2nd prizesNoche Buena package- 3 learners received the 1st prize

The learners went home with a smile on their faces with a million reasons; they had a time to bond with their co-learners, to their Instructional Managers, social worker, and International teachers. Too many exciting and enticing things happened, still the virtue and value of Christmas are evident. And last, one cannot measure the happiness that they felt when they were able to help those needy people despite of their status in life.

Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas !

Photos from the Christmas Party



Some of the admirable and applauded talents of ALSA BUHAY learners



Different games: Sack race, finding one peso coin in flour, and rubberband relay



Raffle draw prizes



Consolation prizes winners together with the International teachers Meike and Simone



2nd prizes winners together with the former teacher Ms. Rodelyn



2nd and 1st prizes winners together with the Program Coordinator Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS

Pamaskong Handog!
Gift Giving for the Homeless Families
(December 15, 2016)



Christmas is a time of giving and receiving, a time to remember others especially the less fortunate, a peace in our world, and a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We know all these things, and we know that this also is the true spirit of Christmas.

This spirit of Christmas had felt by Parola ALSA BUHAY learners and staff when the most awaited moment arrived – the gift giving for the selected homeless families. This happened last Dec. 15, 2016 at 3:00pm in Delpan Covered Court, Barangay 272, Binondo, Manila. There were 25 selected homeless individual gathered in this place to celebrate Christmas party together with the ALSA BUHAY learners, staff and scholars.

Before the most awaited moment of the learners, there was a Raffle for a Cause and it was organized and initiated by Parola learners with the support and guidance of the staff. The event was a fruit of the combined effort of learners, staff and other people who always care for the poor. It was held in the afternoon of December 10 at 3:00 o'clock and ends at 5pm.

The raffle was attended by the parents from the different gates/area of Parola, Tondo and Binondo Manila, by the learners of Alsa-Buhay and some guests that sponsored and bought the tickets to make the event successful.

There were 3 special prizes, 10 consolation prizes and 3 major prizes. We also gave special gifts to the 3 learners who have highest sales of tickets. They were Joyce Llorca, Jumalyn Galviz and Janet Celino all of them are in secondary level. The 3rd major prize was a cellular phone and it was get by one of the parent from gate 1. The 2nd prize was stand fan and was get by one of the parent from gate 54. And the 1st prize won by one of the parent from gate 54 as well.

Moving forward to the Charity event, Sr Mila Singap, FLP Parola Supervisor warmly welcomed the participants. Then, the different presentations from the learners were given to entertain the participants. Different games were prepared and enjoyed by the participants.

The highlight of this activity transpired in the end where the ALSA BUHAY learners, staff and scholars serenade the participants with different Christmas songs. Gift giving was also done and exchanges of messages from the learners and homeless with full of gratitude and love. Learners

felt so thankful and blessed that despite of their situation in life; they were able help and touch the lives of the needy.

Ms. Mylene Ballaran, Instructional Manager, closed the event by motivating and challenging everyone to continue sharing the spirit of love and giving. For Christmas is celebrating the great love of God for He gave His only Begotten Son for us.



The registration were participants presented their stubs.



Albert Argawanon, Elementary learner led the opening prayer.



Sr. Mila Singap, FLP, in her opening remarks discussed about the fund raising done by ALSA BUHAY learners.



Different presentations given by the learners, together with the scholars and staff to entertain the homeless individual.



Homeless Individual enjoyed the games given by the staff and the learners.



The gift giving portion.



The homeless individual giving their messages.



The ALSA BUHAY learners, staff, scholars and homeless individual picture taking after this fulfilling event.



Raffle draw winners

Payatas Charity Event 2016

(December 15, 2016)



The beauty about giving is like putting a smile in someone's soul. Christmas season is indeed a special day of sharing and loving. It reminds us that we, people, are social being that have capacities to bring joy and have responsibilities at some point to lighten and brighten other's lives.

Over a month, ALSA-BUHAY Payatas learners in all levels work together to actualize their charity event for the needy and underprivileged. Through various livelihood activities, each group formulated and executed their plans to raise funds that they will use to buy stuff and other Christmas gifts for their chosen beneficiaries. These activities include producing and selling rugs, dishwashing liquids, banana muffins, candies, rice cakes, packed meals, etc.

We are pleased to share to all of you that 15 families around Payatas and nearby areas became the beneficiaries of this first-ever ALSA BUHAY Payatas Charity Event. They were given Christmas grocery package, used clothes, and school supplies that personally shopped, prepared, and wrapped by our learners.

To make it more memorable and experiential, last December 15, 2016, we let each group to visit their beneficiaries in their home or places, surprised them with our presence, serenaded them with a Christmas song, oriented them about the activity and finally, let them feel the essence of this holiday through our gifts and genuine concerns.

The objective of this activity is to make learners realized how blessed they are with all the opportunities that they continuously gaining and let them experience how to give-back especially to the most in need. Though they belong to the poor families and most of them are indigent, this only testified that we can bring joy to others regardless of our social status and financial capabilities.

We would like to express also how grateful we are for the people who supported and patronized our products and other livelihood activities. Together, we can make things possible and meaningful. May we all have a fruitful and blessed Christmas and New Year!



Elementary and BLP learners buying goods for Christmas package



Time to wrap our gifts!



And we're ready to be like Santa Claus! Hohoho!



On our way to our beneficiaries



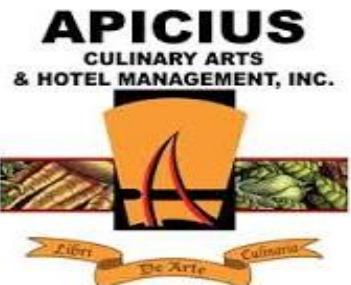
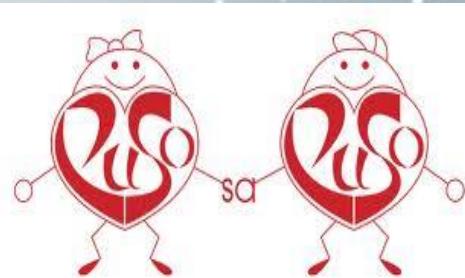


One of our beneficiaries, Ate Lorna, who lived just below that tree (photo on the left) together with her two kids. She only earn a living through scavenging garbage.

Our humble encounter with other beneficiaries:







A Light and Way to Their Dreams...

Having finished their secondary studies in Alternative Learning System under Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. and getting their high school diploma is not the assurance of attaining a better future. In fact it's just one among the stepping stones towards their dreams.

Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. continues to support some among the Secondary ALSA-BUHAY passers by offering scholarship to the most deserving learners. Helping those commendable learners made realistic by working with other existing partner agencies such as *Salvatorian Office for International Aid (SOFIA)*, *Enfants Du Mekong (EDM)* and other private individuals who have same vision in helping the young minds by way of education.

Apparently, Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc have twenty six (26) scholars from ALSA-BUHAY Program. One (1) scholar named Renalyn Amplayo is currently enrolled in Pedro Guevarra Elementary School as Grade 6 student. She was supported by the previous International volunteer.

Two (2) among those are supported by **SOFIA**; Janelle Carla Arevallo is currently enrolled as 3rd year college student in Universidad De Manila taking up Bachelor of Science in Business and Administration major in Human Resource and Development Management (HRDM).



(On the right side Janelle Carla Arevallo-SOFIA Scholar)



(Photo below is John Paul Bartolay-SOFIA Scholar)



The other one is John Paul Bartolay. He is currently enrolled as 2nd year college student in Universidad De Manila taking up Bachelor of Science in Engineering Major in Electrical Engineering.



Fifteen (15) scholars were enrolled in Public Universities this year as freshmen students with the support of **Enfants Du Mekong (EDM)**.

Eight (8) scholars from Payatas Center are currently studying in Bestlink College of the Philippines. They are the following: John Mark Acuin (BEED), Lera Gamba (BEED), Jick Espino (BEED), Marione Micaela Muedan (BSE major in English), Glenda Layos (BSBA), Ma. Leonora Theresa Rocha, Joan Dealca, and Rina Renzalis who took BSHRM.

(Photo above is the scholars from Payatas on the left Joan, Rina, Ma. Leonora, MarioneMicaela, John Mark, Lera and Jick-EDM Scholars)

The other seven (7) scholars from Parola Center are enrolled in Universidad De Manila (UDM). Here are their names: Veronica Laudes (BSSW), Sergio Grana, Errol Rodel, Romnick Melendez, Michael Navarrosa, and Zenaida Mallari who are taking up Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education.

(Photo on the left side is the scholars from Parola. On the right side is Zenaida, Michael, Romnick, Errol, Sergio and Victoria-EDM scholars)



Eight (8) among those fortunate and deserving learners were given the opportunity to study in one among the renowned culinary school in the Philippines which is the APICIUS School of Culinary Arts. Four (4) among them are from Payatas Center whose names are Ma. Margarita Clores (2nd Batch passer), Jocelyn Gabon, John Cris Sapnu and Christian Terana from 3rd batch. The remaining number of scholars are from Parola Center. They were the following: Ana Lona Sandagan, Mark Christian Casauay, Joan Cainta and Angel Sosobrado. They were enrolled in Cookery NC II (short course) last August and fortunately last December 8, they were able to pass the TESDA Assessment Test.



(Photo above is the APICIUS scholars. On the right side Ma. Margarita, Ana Lona, Joanne, Jocelyn, John Cris, Angel and Mark Christian)

Being the lost, the least and the last in the long run can somehow cause person to despair. But as God used as to become the light in their lives, they were able to hope for a better future. Not just sticking on the lifestyle that they already have but for the betterment of themselves.

As a children of God, we need to recognize that each among our learners have different intellectual abilities and for them to discover it we must help and encourage them in bringing the best of themselves.

Let us all pray that one day, their dreams will little by little achieved through their full efforts, through the continuous support of those generous people and partner organizations whose aiming in nurturing better life by way of education, and also with the guidance and good will of our God.



Puso Team Building 2016

(December 17-19, 2016)



Another fruitful and meaningful year is about to end especially to our institution. As we look back, many things brought different results and changes. Yet we still strive to produce results that rooted from one humble mission.

As we conclude this year and welcome the New Year, a truly timely and relevant activity took place for the staff of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. A 3-day team building activity was set that started last December 17 up to December 19 at Bougainvillea Resort in Silang, Cavite. It was attended as well by our president, Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS.

The team building activity focuses on wellness of staff as something that needs not to be taken for granted. In order to bring out excellent outcomes, staff needs to be on their excellent conditions as well. On the first day, Fr. Artur facilitated a recollection and reflection that targeted the spiritual and psychological aspects of the staff. Thereafter, a Holy Mass was observed.

On the next day, the health and physical aspects of the staff were given concerns. With the help of two facilitators namely Ms. Chiara Siy who facilitated a health assessment and health discussion and Mr. Paul Elson Umali who guided us in better understanding of a team through short lecture and various dynamics.

To conclude the activity, the staff together with Ms. Jopy Villanueva (Zumba instructor) moved their bodies and danced their way to good health.

On the night before departing the serene resort, the staff gathered again for a Holy Mass followed by a Christmas party in which everyone actually enjoyed.



Photos



Our Holy mass presided by Fr. Artur



Ms. Chiara giving a health talk to the staff



Expectation check before we start our team building



Goal: move as one



Staff enjoy dancing Zumba



SDS Teachers during their performance number in our Christmas party



Staff enjoying the snake game



International Teachers in their song number



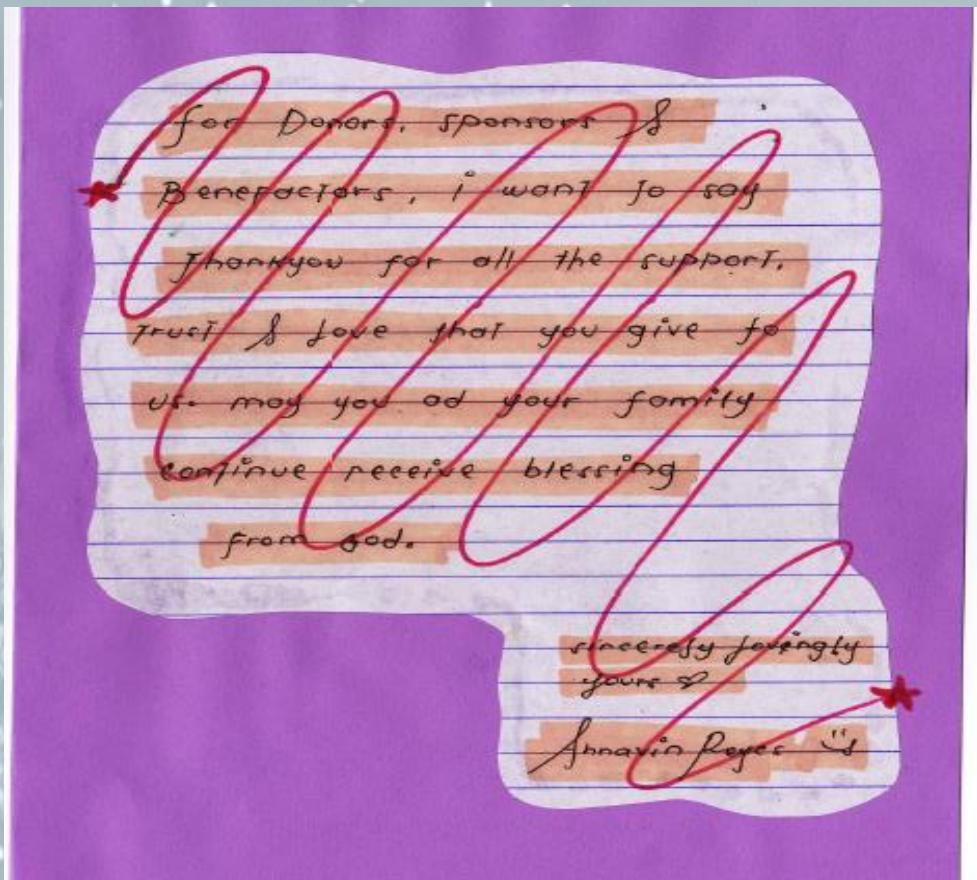
Time for exchange gift!



Group photo before departing the resort that became our home for 3 days



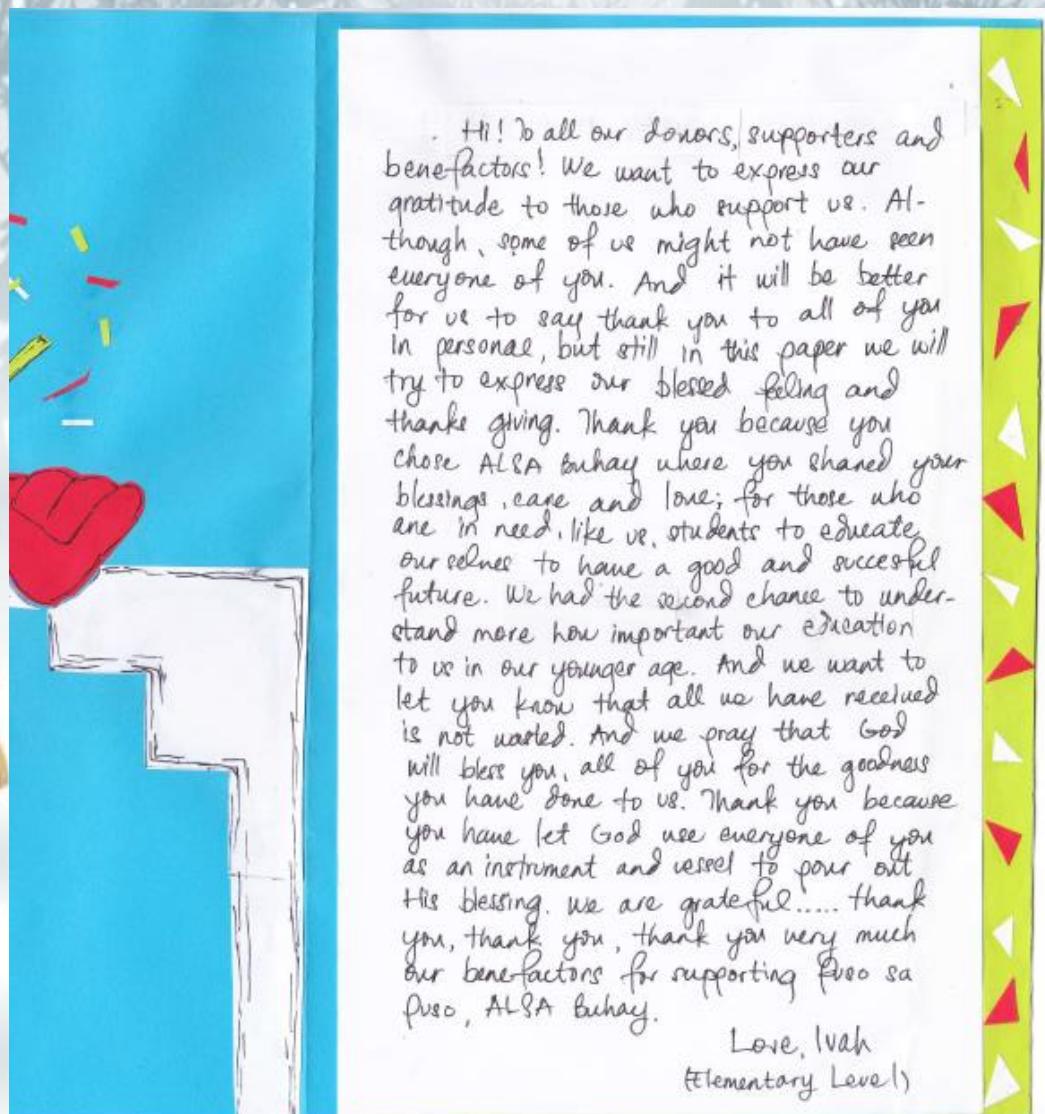
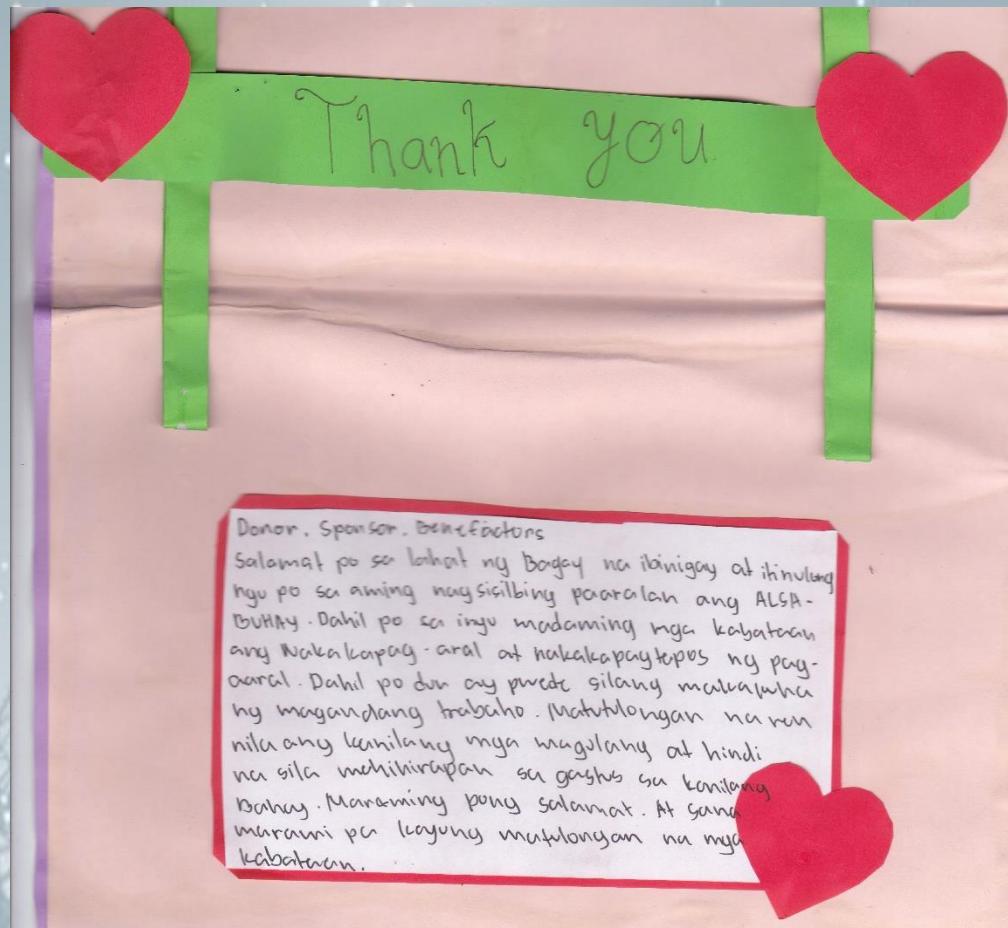
Letters from the Heart



To All Donors, Sponsors, Benefactors and Teachers:

First, I would like to thank our Almighty God for his guidance and blessings this year. Even though there's a lot of trouble and struggles in our life we should thank our God for everything that we have. We should deeply thank our benefactors, donors, sponsors and teachers for supporting us this year. Thank you for the courage, love, knowledge, and hope that you give to us on Alsabay for giving us a second chance to study and prepare for our future in this generation. Thank you for their generosity and blessings that you shared to us and for the everything. We're so lucky because in our society we have a lots of people like you helping us to reach our dreams. Thank you for the inspiration and motivation to strike our goal to help unfortunate people like us. On behalf of students in Puso sa Puso Education Inc., We will deeply thank you for the everything that you've done for Alsabay community. All the teachers, benefactors, sponsors and donors thank you sir/ma'am. We hope that you can continue giving hope to the others. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Alvin de Guzman





Hi to all Sponsors, Donors and Benefactors of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc., I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you for helping us and giving us an opportunity to continue our studies. You are a blessing to us, because of having a big heart to help us, we the out of school youth children, we can able now to reach our goals and dreams in life.

Thank you very much for all your support that you've given to us and to this program. Once again thank you very much and Merry Christmas to all of you.

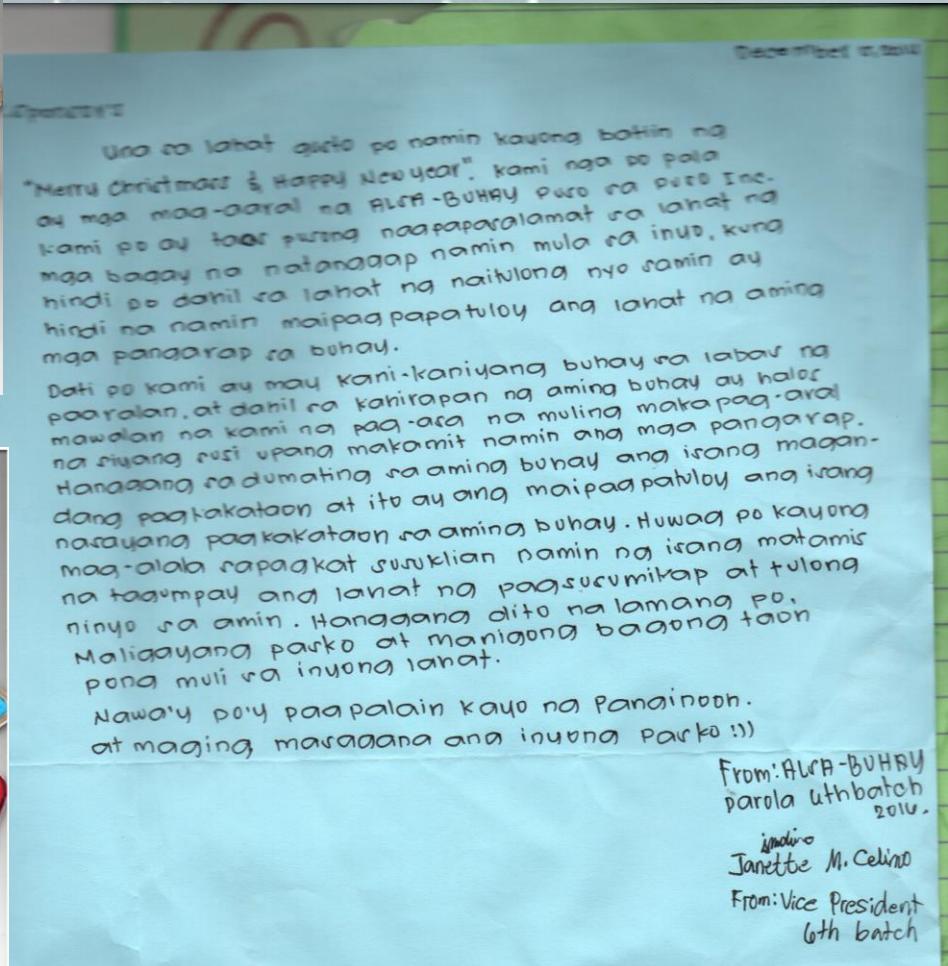
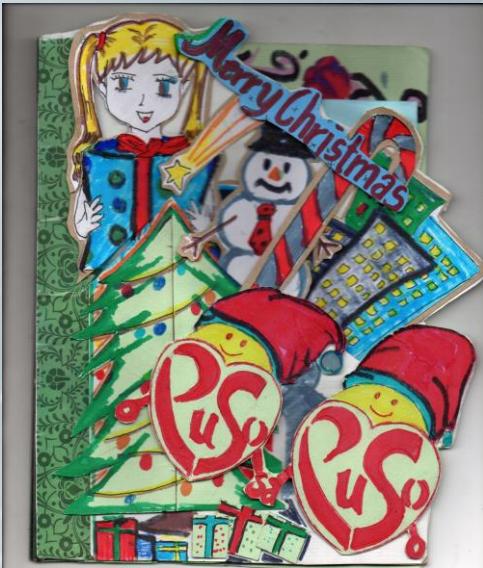
Jerry
De Guzman

Dear! Donors, Sponsors and Benefactors

Maraming-maraming salamat po sa mga binigay nyo po sa amin. Dahil po duon ay nagkaroon kami ng pag-kakataon para makapag-oral ulit kami. Alam ko po na kulang yung sulat na ito para pasalamatang kayo. Kaya po sana tuwag kayong magsawang magbigay sa amin ng donation at maraming salamat po ulit.

From: Elm, Chua
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Translation:

Dear Sponsors:

First of all we would like to greet you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are the ALSA BUHAY Parola learners of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you, for all the help you have been given to us. Without your help and your kindness, we cannot pursue anymore our dreams.

We remember, before, we had our own life outside the school and because of poverty we almost lost our hope that we can continue our education, that we believe a key for us to success. Until an opportunity had opened to us, now, we can continue our study, the happiest journey in our life. We promise you, that we will return all the help you have given to us. We will study hard to achieve a fulfilling and a successful life.

Again, thank you so much, Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

May God continue to bless you, and you may have a prosperous Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

ALSA BUHAY Learners

Janette M. Celino
6th Batch Vice Pres.



"It is not happy people who are thankful. It is thankful people who are happy"

From





We would like to greet you...

*Merry
Christmas &*

**a Blessed
New Year!**