



# SMALL MIRACLES

The Monthly Newsletter of Chosen Children Village Foundation, Inc.

## 🎄 A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! 🎄

To say that December was a very busy month in the village is an understatement. We welcomed Advent by decorating the different buildings and cottages with Christmas ornaments. Everyone also attended *Simbang Gabi*, a nine-day devotional mass leading to Christmas. Meanwhile, our social calendar was fully booked with outreach activities, Christmas parties, CSR events, and visits from friends, old and new. Let's go and take a look at some of the highlights in the following pages..





## *A Love Story*

Once there was a boy from Southridge who spent his alternative prom in the Chosen Children Village. Instead of partying at a posh hotel, he and his classmates decided to spend a day with special children. It couldn't have been an easy decision; their parents were against it. But they stood ground and travelled to Silang for that immersive experience.

Fast forward to 2011, Mommy Lita received a surprising phone call. The boy, let's call him Martin, asked if he can propose to his girlfriend in the village with the help of the children. A romantic at heart, Mommy agreed and rejoiced with Martin when his girlfriend said "Yes!"

Now, Martin and his wife returns to the village with their three children to reconnect & meet new friends. Theirs is a story of love and friendship as well as a legacy that we hope would endure through generations.



Martin's family with our founders



Martin's son, Jaime, with Yassi

## PAINTING IT PRETTY WITH PATER BENEDICTUS

Pablo Picasso said that *"art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life"* and our little village is now blessed with a new mural that does exactly what the master said. Thanks to our friends from [Pater Benedictus Movement, Inc](#), anyone who ventures near Cottage 7 and/or entering the Farm is now greeted with a whimsical parade of children playing with kites and balloons painted in bright colors.

What makes this mural extra special is the teamwork that happened to bring this vision to life. The guests and staff worked alongside with the older children to finish the mural in just half a day. Thank goodness the weather cooperated and didn't rain on them!

Now, the mural brings immeasurable joy to the children, especially to the wheelchair-bound who see it during their afternoon stroll. Thank you Pater Benedictus!



TRIVIA: Liza Soberana has been celebrating her birthday in CCV for the last five years!

### Actress Liza Soberano holds 22nd birthday in CCV

In the morning of December 22nd, the children walked excitedly towards the dining hall of Javier Nutrition Center after their feeding duties. They were in a tizzy because their idol, [Liza Soberano](#), is coming and celebrating her birthday early with them.

It was apparent that the children were on high spirits as they performed and serenaded Liza, who was all-smiles during the entire party. Despite her busy schedule, she took the time to visit the other children in their cottages and have a chat with our nurses and caregivers.

We wish Liza good health and more success in the coming years!

## PS BANK CHOIR SINGS CAROLS AT ANNUAL TURNOVER

PS Bank is one of our long time donors and supporters. Every year, around Christmas time, they visit the village and turn over their donations to help the village.

For this year, they presented the donation to our Founder Mommy Lita during a short program at the Arantza Rehabilitation Center. Their choir also entertained the staff and children with acapella renditions of popular Christmas carols like Carols of the Bells, Joy to the World, and Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

Thank you, PS Bank! May we have more fruitful years of partnership together!



## ALJON JAY COMES BACK FOR A VISIT

Christmas has always been a time for families to reunite and celebrate the holidays together. That's why it was such a delight when we got the notice that one of our former residents, Aljon Jay, was coming for a visit with his adopted family.

They arrived on the morning of December 31st and Aljon Jay wasted no time visiting his brothers and sisters in the village. He also visited with Mama Kathy as she was the one who cared for him during his stay here.

We are happy to see that Aljon Jay has thrived and grew up to be an energetic, happy boy with his adopted family.



## NEW EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN THE WORKS

Come the new year, our Founder Mommy Lita will be meeting with representatives from St Dominic College of Asia to discuss a partnership opportunity concerning our Immersion program.

As a preliminary action, a group from the college has already taken a tour of the village and dropped donations last December 18th.



# OUTREACH & PARTIES

We are grateful to the following individuals and organizations for taking time out of their busy schedules to spend time with the children in the village and share their blessings through outreach activities & parties for a cause.

- Alice Zhu
- Khaye & Friends
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- Amway Philippines Inc
- SMDC c/o Grace Ledesma
- William Chang with Planters Bank



# VISITS & DONATIONS

Being a non-profit organization that solely relies on the generosity and benevolence of individuals and organizations, we'd like to thank the following for their visits and donations for the month December 2019.

- Tagaytay Medical Center
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- Sam De Matta
- Dang Blackbrick
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- Estelita Aguirre
- Lucia Go Tan
- Sequi Cu Unjieng
- J Mallon Realty
- Adventist University



# UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

## BINGO NIGHT AT TSCC



As part of our celebrations of the [Feast of Sto Nino](#), we will be holding Bingo on January 19th. It will start after the traditional mass and blessing at the chapel around 2PM in the afternoon.

This is open to the public so please invite your family and friends to join us on this fun-filled afternoon. The Bistro will be open as well, selling snacks to participants.

## MR & MS VALENTINES!



In collaboration with My Father's house, another non-profit organization, we are having a Mr & Ms Valentine's competition this coming February as an effort to raise funds for our projects this year.

A teen or young adult from our village will be paired with someone from My Fathers House and guests will be asked to vote for their favorite couple through pledges. The pair that gets the most pledges will win this friendly competition and win a special prize.

## Be kind. Donate in kind!

Share your blessings by donating these grocery items instead of cash.

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