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## MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER: 'PASKONG KALINGA'

Dear Partners-in-Mission, Volunteers, & Friends,



We are inspired knowing that our dear homeless despite their nothingness, still seek and believe in Christmas. That is, God becoming Man, choosing to be born homeless and embracing humanity with Love. Your loving support and constant presence have allowed us to share in their precious remembrance of our Lord Jesus' coming.

Many of you have personally visited the Center to volunteer to serve our dear street dwellers; others have donated in cash and in kind to keep our operations running smoothly during our "Kain-Ligo" days four times a week; while others have whispered prayers on our behalf to our Lord. For all of these, we are beyond grateful.

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## THE AJ KALINGA CENTER TEAM GOES TO CANVA!

by Ludy Duran



THE AJKC STAFF & RESIDENTS LEARNED ABOUT THE BASICS OF KITCHEN MANAGEMENT FROM CANVA PH'S RESIDENT CHEFS, CHU & RUSELLE AT THEIR MAKATI OFFICE ON SEPT. 17, 2024. *Ludy Duran*

"An insightful experience."

This is how I could describe the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center (AJKC) team's field trip to the Canva office on Sept. 17, 2024 with our dedicated team of 10 resident volunteers. It was full of learning opportunities and warm welcome from the Canva culinary team. After mid-morning snacks of cereal and coffee, Chef Chu, a key member of the Canva team, introduced us to Canva's vibrant culture and the initiatives behind their in-house culinary operations. Chef Ruselle, one of the four main chefs at Canva, also joined to guide us through the day's schedule.

The tour began in Canva's state-of-the-art kitchen, where Chef Ruselle explained their unique approach to meal preparation, quality control, and ingredient sourcing.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER: 'PASKONG KALINGA'

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We remember you with affection, praying that this time may allow you to recharge and get inspired to continue serving. Thank you from all of us in the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center family. Maligayang 'Paskong Kalinga'! ■

In Christ,  
Fr. Flavie L. Villanueva, SVD  
AJKFI Founder/President

## THE AJ KALINGA CENTER TEAM GOES TO CANVA!

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*"Sana magawa natin ang ganitong kalinis at organized na kusina sa atin"* (I hope we can make our kitchen as clean and as organized as this), one of our resident volunteers shared.

### Vertical herb garden, Bokashi method

Our group was particularly impressed by the seamless coordination in the kitchen—a testament to the team's dedication and the systematic management Canva has adopted.

We also explored their storage areas, which gave us an idea of how crucial efficient organization and food safety measures are.

Next, we visited the dining area and alfresco space, complete with a vertical herb garden. This green, refreshing set-up not only provides fresh herbs for daily meal prep but also supports Canva's eco-friendly approach to culinary operations.

Following the dining area tour, we learned about Canva's waste management practices, which mainly revolve around the Bokashi method, a composting method of fermentation. Canva's commitment to minimizing waste and promoting sustainable practices was clearly evident, and our volunteers appreciated the dedication and foresight for effective waste management.



**CANVA'S KITCHEN SERVES HUNDREDS OF EMPLOYEES MULTIPLE MEALS AND SNACKS A DAY AT THEIR MAIN OFFICE IN MAKATI CITY.**

### One more chance

Definitely hungry, we were treated to a sumptuous lunch, which allowed us to enjoy Canva's diverse menu firsthand. It was a perfect blend of taste and nutrition, showcasing the team's expertise in providing wholesome meals.

Over-all, the experience was full of hope and promise. One of our resident volunteers shared his thoughts about the field trip, *"May mga naalala ako sa aking nakaraan na sinayang ko, sana mabigyan ulit ako ng chance"* (I remembered things that I wasted in the past, I hope I can still get another chance). ■



**FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT, THE CANVA KITCHEN TEAM USES THE BOKASHI METHOD, A COMPOSTING FERMENTATION PROCESS WHICH IS IDEAL FOR URBAN SETTINGS AND LIMITED SPACE.**



# 'TUBIG KALINGA' LAUNCHED AT 'GABI NG PASASALAMAT'

by Nirva Delacruz

A forward-looking campaign to bring premium quality water to the public, and at the same time, to support the homeless under the care of the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center (AJKC) was launched on Sept. 26, 2024 in Makati City.

“Through our collaboration with the AJ Kalinga Foundation, we want to ensure that every drop of water we provide carries more than just hydration—it carries a message of love, compassion, and support,” said Maris Pure Corporation president Mike Chanco in his message at the event. Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation (AJKFI) founder and president Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD shared about the beginnings of the foundation and introduced Niño Constantino, a formerly homeless volunteer of the Center who shared about his personal transformation. The night’s keynote speaker multi-awarded actress and lecturer Ms. Boots Anson Roa – Rodrigo also graced the event. With every bottle of ‘Tubig Kalinga’ sold, a part of the proceeds will go directly to AJKFI’s programs for the homeless. ■



(LEFT TO RIGHT) FR. FLAVIE VILLANUEVA SVD; MS. BOOTS ANSON ROA-RODRIGO; AND MARIS PURE CORPORATION PRESIDENT MIKE CHANCO POSE WITH BOTTLES OF ‘TUBIG KALINGA’ AT GABI NG PASASALAMAT’ ON SEPT. 26, 2024. [Nirva Delacruz](#)



(LEFT TO RIGHT) VETERAN ACTRESS BOOTS ANSON ROA-RODRIGO; GERMAN AMBASSADOR DR. ANDREAS MICHAEL PFAFFERNOSCHKE; AND HIS WIFE MARINA GRACED “GABI NG PASASALAMAT” IN MAKATI CITY. [Nirva Delacruz](#)

**Be a partner-in-mission!**

The 5Ps of how to help: Pesos, Products, Presence, Promotions, & Prayers help the most vulnerable sectors of society, the homeless & the wounded re-create themselves.

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## AJ KALINGA CENTER JOINS NSTP FAIR

by Nirva Delacruz

Joining the University of the Philippines Diliman’s NSTP anniversary celebration, AJKFI participated in *Sikhay Lingkod*’s Volunteer and Job Fair on Oct. 18, 2024 near Melchor Hall.

Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center (AJKC) Formation Head Gee-gee Catral, Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation (AJKFI) Communications Officer Nirva



AJKC FORMATION HEAD GEE-GEE CATRAL EXPLAINS AJKFI’S MISSION AND VISION TO SEVERAL STUDENTS.

Delacruz, together with two volunteer residents, promoted the foundation’s mission and vision to UP students looking for potential NGOs to serve in. Jeff Sario and Alex shared about their personal experiences at AJKC. The team gave away newsletters, flyers, and free biscuits and chocolate at the booth. What a sweet treat! ■



# TEAM KALINGA WOWS AT 1<sup>ST</sup> EVER ALS SPORTSFEST

by Nirva Delacruz

They sweated it out & had fun!

The Alternative Learning System (ALS) students of the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center joined another milestone: the first ever ALS Learning Centers' Sportsfest on Oct. 20, 2024 at the Christ the King Mission Seminary Gym in Quezon City where they bested other ALS teams of Metro Manila in two minor games.

The blue-clad Team Kalinga bagged 1st place in the sack race and in parlor game *Pinoy Henyo*. They also participated in the other major sports categories like basketball and volleyball. Congratulations to Team Kalinga, which emerged as the over-all 2nd runner up! ■



AJ KALINGA CENTER'S ALS LEARNERS TOOK A BREAK FROM STUDYING TO JOIN THE FIRST EVER ALS LEARNING CENTERS' SPORTSFEST ON OCT. 20, 2024.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO BATCH 9, HELLO TO BATCH 10!

by Nirva Delacruz

One of the rare privileges we get at the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center (AJKC) is the chance to be part of the journey of formerly homeless people who finally decide to leave the streets. In April 2024, we welcomed 12 street dwellers who committed to undergo the 6-month KALINGA formation at the Center. The in-house course included skills training like kitchen management; catechism; the KALINGA values formation; and human development classes--all with the goal of preparing the residents for reconciliation with their families and reintegration back into society.

On Oct. 25, 2024, a new cohort of incoming 12 resident volunteers was formally accepted as batch 10. During their acceptance rites, which were integrated into the offering of the Holy Mass, the residents took time to share a bit about themselves and why they committed to the formation program. There were all stories of neglect, survival, hopelessness, and even abuse. To represent their commitment to their transformation, each one surrendered personal items like eyeglasses or an umbrella, symbolizing what they are willing to give up as they begin formation.

Meanwhile, on Oct. 29, 2024, seven (7) resident volunteers of batch 9 graduated from the program. In a moving ceremony that included the Holy Mass, the resident volunteers shared about their plans moving forward and wore costumes or uniforms signifying their dreams for the future. ■



7 RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS WEAR UNIFORMS THAT REPRESENT THEIR DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE DURING THEIR GRADUATION ON OCT. 29, 2024, CTM CHAPEL. [Nirva Delacruz](#)



FULL OF HOPE, 12 MEMBERS OF BATCH 10 ARE FORMALLY ACCEPTED FOR FORMATION ON OCT. 25, 2024. [Nirva Delacruz](#)