

ISANG DEKADA NG PAGKALINGA



Ang pangarap ng Kalinga Center ay magsara ito, hindi dahil sa ayaw ng gobyerno o barangay ngunit dahil wala ng nangangailangan nito

- REV. FR. FLAVIE L. VILLANUEVA, SVD



ARNOLD JANSSEN KALINGA CENTER
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FOUNDERS NOTE: "ABUT-ABOT" - ISANG DEKADA NG PAGKALINGA

One famous song that hit the charts in the 80's was "Reaching Out". A love song sung by Gary Valenciano depicts how a lover is reaching out unconditionally to his / her beloved "abut-abot". The song goes: "What must I do to make you understand, you mean everything to me. And I'll be there, I'll be there if you need me. Reaching out to you, do you feel it too, loving you is all I wanna do".

For the past 10 years, Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center has embraced the vision-mission of recreating and empowering lives of our dear sisters and brothers living in the streets. "Abut-abot" is our desire to stretch our hands and hearts to our dear Homeless. Abut-abot means welcoming them with open arms and smiles, abut-abot is about offering them a temporary yet cozy waiting area, clean and refreshing showers, abut-abot is about jumping into a sumptuous unlimited hot meal and sinangdomeng rice. Abut-abot is receiving blessing after blessing from someone who truly cares even when we are underserving of it.

Similarly, our saintly Founder St. Arnold Janssen had his own experience of "abut-abot"

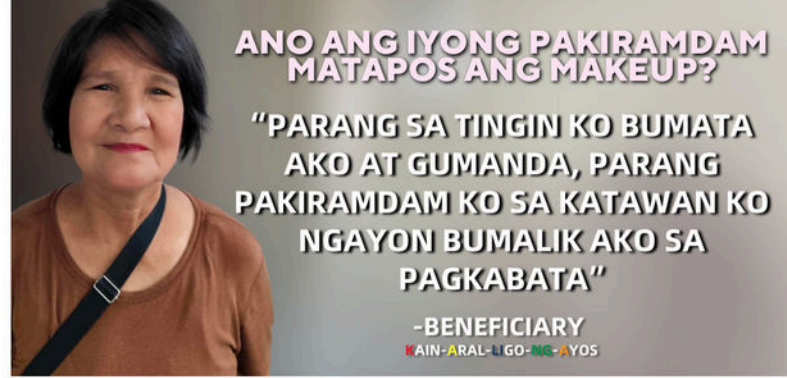
150 years ago. Relying solely from the kindness of others, St. Arnold built the first house of the Society of the Divine Word—through a dowry offered by a candidate to the religious life. This graciousness from heaven continued the seed of mission to the very mission of Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center. As we welcome at least 300 homeless 4 x a week we rely on the benevolence of the young and old, rich and poor alike to provide the dignified and holistic care as part of our unique manner of reaching out to those living in the fringes of our society.

"Abut-abot" aside from meaning "reaching out" also denotes over-flowing. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center, our chosen theme is:

"Mula sa kapuspusan ng kanyang kagandahang-loob, tumanggap tayong lahat ng abut-abot na kagandahang-loob ng pagkalinga at paghilom." (Juan 1:16)

Abut-abot—reaching. God reaches out to us even when we are hard to reach. In the same way, our mission reaches out to the street dwellers, despite the challenges and difficulties. This is the heart of our work: to extend care and healing where it is most needed. - **FR. FLAVIE L. VILLANUEVA, SVD**

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT ARNOLD JANSSEN KALINGA CENTER

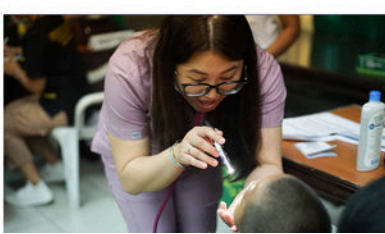
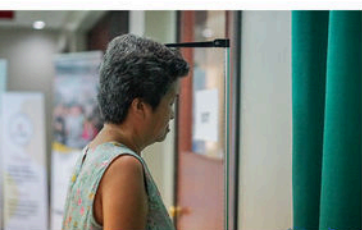


CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S MONTH: On March 8, Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center honored our female beneficiaries with hair and makeup services to empower and celebrate them. Each woman also received a flower as a symbol of appreciation. Mabuhay ang mga kababaihan!

MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION: KALINGA PARA SA MGA MAPAG-KALINGANG INA: As part of the celebration of Mother's Day, our Kalinga Center distributed grocery bags to approximately 50 mothers who are beneficiaries of our Kain-Ligo program. This is our way of recognizing and expressing gratitude to them.



MEDICAL MISSION: Bringing Care to the Streets, Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center partnered with UST Medical Missions Inc. and UST Hospital doctors to conduct a medical mission that provided basic healthcare services to 150 homeless individuals as part of its 10th anniversary program. This compassionate event, made possible by dedicated partners, reflects the spirit of kindness and healing, affirming the value and dignity of those served in the community.





On February 10, resident-volunteers and Kalinga staff participated in a mini-recollection at Santuario de La Salle in Biñan, Laguna, led by Brother Arian Lopez, where they engaged in communal prayer, shared personal stories, and reflected on the inspiring example of St. John Baptist de La Salle. The event concluded with a Eucharistic celebration, personal prayers, and a relaxing lunch at Picnic Grove, Tagaytay, leaving participants feeling blessed and refreshed despite the emotional challenges of revisiting their pasts.



On March 4, Ms. Chelsea Lao of Canva Philippines conducted a hands-on Resumé Writing Workshop for batch 10 resident-volunteers and staff, providing valuable tips on creating effective resumes and understanding recruiter expectations. The session helped participants identify their strengths and skills, marking an important step toward career rebuilding and opening new opportunities for the community.



On April 4, resident-beneficiaries Jonard and Joseph graduated from a two-month Kitchen Management Training organized by Canva Philippines' Empowerx program, which equips former homeless individuals with valuable kitchen skills for new career opportunities. Their success highlights the transformative impact of community support and skill development, and the organization extends heartfelt thanks to Canva Philippines for making this achievement possible.





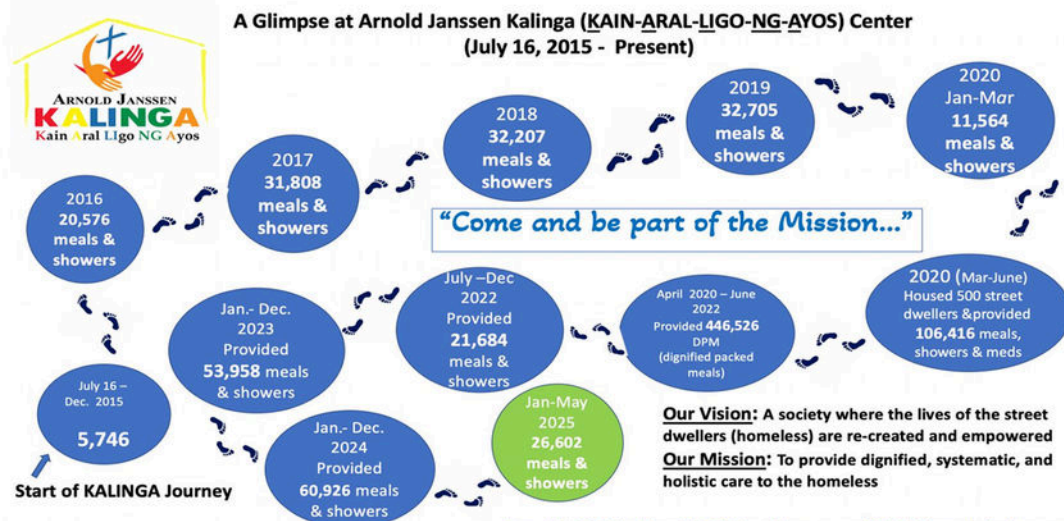
WELCOMING OF BATCH 11 BENEFICIARY VOLUNTEERS: In a powerful ceremony held at the Catholic Trade Building Chapel on May 23, the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center joyfully welcomed its 11th batch of Beneficiary-Volunteers—individuals who once lived on the streets but are now embarking on a transformative six-month journey towards personal growth and renewal. These courageous men and women symbolically giving up items representing their past lives, marking a heartfelt commitment to leave behind hardship and embrace hope for a brighter future.



BATCH 10 BENEFICIARY-VOLUNTEERS GRADUATION: Mula sa lansangan, tungo sa buhay na mas makabuluhan! On May 27, the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center celebrated the graduation of its 10th batch of Beneficiary-Volunteers, marking their successful six-month journey toward a new, meaningful life. These men now return to their families and society with renewed hope, embodying the foundation's mission to restore dignity and inspire transformation.



A Glimpse at Arnold Janssen Kalinga (KAIN-ARAL-LIGO-NG-AYOS) Center
(July 16, 2015 - Present)

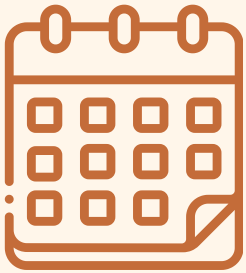


FROM 2015 TO MAY 2025

From July 2015 to May 31, 2025, we have served 850,718 meals & showers.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

JANUARY - MAY 2025



**TOTAL
NUMBER OF
KAIN-LIGO
DAYS**

83 DAYS

26,602



**TOTAL NO.
OF DIGNIFIED
MEALS SERVED**



**TOTAL
NUMBER OF
EXTERNAL
VOLUNTEERS**
(GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HELP
AND VOLUNTEER DURING KALINGA DAYS.)

**11 INDIVIDUALS
45 GROUPS**

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