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TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF FILIPINOS THROUGH
HOMEFUL AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



JOY KALINGAP RELIEF RESPONSE: FAITH IN ACTION ACROSS COMMUNITIES

Joy Kalingap is a relief and compassion initiative of Joy~Nostalg Foundation, implemented in partnership with Caritas Manila through its humanitarian response programs. The initiative seeks to provide timely assistance to families in need while nurturing hope, dignity, and solidarity in times of difficulty.

In the last quarter of 2025, the Joy Kalingap Relief Response continued its mission of compassion, reaching communities in Bulacan, Rizal, and Laguna through relief distributions carried out in partnership with local parishes.

The first wave took place on October 15 at Holy Family Parish in Sta. Maria, Bulacan, followed by the October 23 distribution at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Teresa, Rizal. The month concluded on October 29 with simultaneous activities at Immaculate Conception Parish in Sta. Cruz and St. Polycarp Parish in Cabuyao, Laguna.

Each site became a space of encounter—where volunteers and beneficiaries came together in prayer, service, and shared humanity. Through every act of kindness and solidarity, the Joy Kalingap Relief Response reflected the enduring spirit of bayanihan and the living presence of God's love.

JOY KALINGAP RELIEF RESPONSE REACHES COMMUNITIES IN PAMPANGA AND CAVITE



The Joy Kalingap Relief Response continued its mission of compassion this November, extending support to communities in Pampanga and Cavite through two meaningful outreach activities.

On November 14, the team served families in Sto. Rosario Parish in Masantol and San Rafael Arkanghel Parish in Macabebe, both deeply affected by months-long flooding. In Masantol, where areas have remained submerged for nearly half a year, the team rode a bangka to reach the parish after traveling by land, beginning the day with a Mass celebrated with the community. In Macabebe, flooded streets and affected homes revealed the extent of the ongoing challenge, yet the parish welcomed the team with resilience and gratitude.

A week later, on November 21, the mission continued at Sta. Candida Parish in Naic, Cavite, where many beneficiaries came from communities long accompanied by the Foundation. A Mass opened the outreach, followed by a distribution marked by warm interactions and familiar faces.

Across both provinces, the Joy Kalingap Relief Response affirmed its core mission: offering not only goods, but presence, solidarity, and the assurance that communities are never forgotten. Where compassion and hope are shared, there God dwells.

JNF AND DSWD PARTNER TO EMPOWER 4PS FAMILIES TOWARD HOMEFUL COMMUNITIES



Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Regional Offices III and IV-A, marking a vital step in empowering Filipino families toward building homeful communities.

This partnership follows JNF's meeting with the DSWD National Program Management Office of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) last March, in preparation for the 4Ps households set to graduate from the program in 2026.

Through this collaboration, JNF and DSWD will work together to better understand the needs of 4Ps beneficiaries in Sta. Maria, Bulacan and Naic, Cavite. This will allow both institutions to design and implement programs that support families as they transition toward matatag, maginhawa, and panatag communities.

JNF–PUP PARTNERSHIP TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) and the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) have formalized a new partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at strengthening community organizing, cooperative formation, and social enterprise development.

Present at the signing were PUP President Dr. Manuel Muhi; Director for Extension and Management Office Dr. Rolan Malvar; Chief of the Extension Linkages and Technology Transfer Section Dr. Angelita Villaruel; and Chief of the Extension Evaluation Monitoring Center Dr. Edcon Baccay. The officials reaffirmed the

University's commitment to delivering responsive and inclusive extension programs.

Through this partnership, PUP will conduct situational analyses in JNF communities in Cavite and Bulacan, assess training needs, co-design development programs, mobilize faculty and students for fieldwork, and prepare monitoring and evaluation reports.

Meanwhile, JNF will work closely with PUP in planning and implementing research and extension activities, co-designing programs focused on inclusion and sustainability, engaging community members, and supporting documentation and evaluation efforts.



EMPOWERING HOMES, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES!



The first batch of the Home Empowerment Made Easy (HOME) Program – Access to Additional Income (AAI): Virtual Assistant Workshop successfully completed its five learning sessions, equipping participants with valuable digital skills for online work. With 248 online learners and 45 face-to-face participants, this milestone marks a significant step toward building home-based livelihood opportunities and fostering financial empowerment among Filipino families.

The final session, led by JCI Philippines – TechMoms, inspired participants to continue their journey toward digital inclusion and sustainable income growth—empowering more homes to thrive in the digital economy.

EMPOWERED HOMES, EMPOWERED YOUTH: KASANGGA YOUTH CAMP 2025

The KaSangGa Youth Camp 2025: Empowered Homes, Empowered Youth concluded with hearts full and spirits high—celebrating the passion, leadership, and unity of 35 inspiring youth participants.

The camp served as a meaningful space for young people to grow as agents of empowerment in their homes and communities, fostering responsibility, confidence, and a shared vision for a hopeful, united future. Through financial literacy sessions, participants discovered how they can contribute to their households while becoming responsible stewards of resources—shaping a generation that values empowerment, stewardship, and sustainability.



VA WORKSHOP CHECK-IN: BREAKING BARRIERS



Following the completion of our Virtual Assistant (VA) Workshop, participants are already making meaningful progress toward new opportunities. Although securing employment shortly after training can be challenging, two graduates—one a student and another a professional in his 40s—have successfully landed roles just one week after the workshop.

These early achievements reflect the value of determination, preparation, and practical, skills-based learning. Through the HOME Program, participants continue to translate knowledge into action and move beyond common barriers in today's job market.

HOMEPOWERMENT FAIR: A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND OPPORTUNITY

On November 29, 2025, Joy~Nostalg Foundation hosted the pilot run of our Homepowerment Fair, bringing together more than 500 homeowners for a day centered on empowerment, learning, and community building.

From the outset, the fair was filled with activity. Booths from community organizations (CSOs), cooperatives, and our partner Cebuana Lhuillier offered participants meaningful interactions, practical information,

and opportunities tailored to support homeowners in their personal and financial journeys.

Feedback from both booth partners and participants was highly positive, highlighting the fair's engaging environment, valuable insights, and memorable experiences.

More than a single-day event, the Homepowerment Fair marked an important step toward making home empowerment accessible to every Filipino family.



JNF AND MAPA RENEW PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILY EMPOWERMENT



Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) and MaPa Organization marked another milestone in their partnership with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to further empower Filipino families.

After training 13 facilitators in 2023, JNF and MaPa reached 120 families from Pasinaya Homes Phases 1 and 4 in Sta. Maria, Bulacan through the MaPa Teens Program in 2024. This year, the program expands to Pasinaya Homes Phase 2, bringing its positive impact to even more families.

As part of this renewed collaboration, JNF and MaPa will co-develop the Asynchronous MaPa Kids Module, strengthening their shared commitment to positive parenting and holistic family empowerment.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES THROUGH THE BFF PROGRAM – BATCH 2

Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) continues to reach more families in Bulacan and Cavite through the Basic Family Formation (BFF) Program – Batch 2, which aims to strengthen the bonds and foundations of every home. BFF is a program customized by JNF from the Parent Effectiveness Service (PES) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Following the success of the first batch, new families from different streets have joined the program to learn, reflect, and deepen their connection as one family unit. A total of 78 families joined the program, these families are from Pasinaya Homes West in Naic, Cavite and Pasinaya Homes Phase 2 and 4 in Sta. Maria, Bulacan.



Through the BFF Program, JNF continues to uphold its mission of nurturing strong families as the cornerstone of caring and resilient communities.

JNF LAUNCHES MAPA TEENS PROGRAM IN PASINAYA PHASE 2



Following the success of the Masayang Pamilya para sa Batang Pilipino (MaPa) Teens Program in Pasinaya Homes Phases 1 and 4, Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) in partnership with the MaPa Organization officially launched the program in Pasinaya Phase 2, continuing its mission to strengthen Filipino families.

This year, six parent-teen pairs have embarked on a journey of learning, connection, and growth. Through weekly sessions, parents and teens engage in meaningful conversations and activities designed to foster open communication, build trust, and deepen family bonds.

The MaPa Teens Program helps parents and children aged 10–17 strengthen their relationships through interactive workshops and reflections that promote understanding, support, and care within the family.

With the continued support of the Pasinaya community and dedicated facilitators, JNF continues to nurture strong, loving, and resilient Filipino families.

FAMILY DAY IN PASINAYA COMMUNITIES IN CAVITE AND BULACAN STRENGTHENS HOMES AND COMMUNITY BONDS



Family Day was successfully held across Pasinaya communities in Cavite and Bulacan, highlighting the important role of the family as the foundation of a strong and caring community. Organized through the partnership of Joy~Nostalg Foundation and Pasinaya Homes, the activity carried the theme “Masayang Pasinaya Tungo sa Masayang Pamilya” and reinforced key values from the Masayang Pamilya para sa Batang Pilipino (MaPa) and Basic Family Formation (BFF) programs.

The activities emphasized the importance of quality time, joyful bonding, and open communication among family members. These were underscored as essential practices in building happy, responsible, and resilient households—principles consistently promoted through the MaPa and BFF programs.

Through games, talent presentations, and simple fellowship, families revisited and deepened the lessons they had learned. Beyond the celebration, Family Day strengthened family relationships and fostered unity, solidarity, and a shared sense of care across Pasinaya communities in both Cavite and Bulacan.

JNF HOLDS FIRST COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) held its first Community Leadership Summit – Empower, Engage, Transform, a one-day event for community leaders from Pasinaya Homes in Sta. Maria, Bulacan. The summit aimed to strengthen leadership, collaboration, and community engagement among representatives from the Community Association, Community Foundation, and Community Cooperative of Pasinaya Homes Phases 1–4.

Atty. Ronalyn Pordan, City Councilor of San Jose del

Monte, inspired participants with her talk on servant leadership and malasakit, while Mr. Paulo Rodriguez led a session on BIR compliance and financial transparency. The event concluded with a Commitment Signing Ceremony, where leaders pledged to apply their learnings to strengthen their communities.

Building on this momentum, JNF continues to equip Pasinaya's leaders with the knowledge and values needed to sustain thriving communities.

COMMUNITY LEADERS BOOST SKILLS AT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT BATCH 2

Leaders and officers from Pagsibol Villages Central, Pagsibol Villages West, and Pagsinag Place joined the second Community Leadership Summit (CLS) on November 30, 2025. The event focused on strengthening basic governance and organizational management for HOAs and CSOs.

In the first session, Allen Silvano, Joy~Nostalg Foundation Institute Director for Community Development, discussed leadership roles, legal responsibilities, and practical governance insights from his field experience.

The second session, led by guest speaker Paolo Rodriguez, provided a clear overview of BIR processes, essential tax forms, and compliance requirements to support proper financial management.

Participants actively shared concerns and experiences, reflecting on how today's decisions shape their communities' future. The summit concluded with leaders feeling more confident, informed, and ready to serve.



YOUTH LEADING COMMUNITIES TOWARD UNITY, SERVICE, AND GOOD GOVERNANCE



Over 50 passionate young leaders from RLI communities, joined by five delegates from Pagsibol Village in Southern Naic, recently came together for a transformative leadership training focused on unity, service, and ethical governance.

The event sparked a shared commitment to

collaborative change through engaging workshops on building strong, connected communities and open discussions on transparency and accountability in leadership. SK Chairman Alondi of Brgy Sabang inspired participants with a call to action: “True leadership begins with humility, service to others, and the courage to unite diverse voices.”

From developing inclusive solutions to local challenges to pledging dedication to ethical decision-making, these young leaders demonstrated the power of values-driven leadership. Their energy, creativity, and commitment show that investing in youth today lays the foundation for a future built on solidarity, compassion, and progress.

CULMINATING PROGRAM FOR HOA-CSOS-COOPERATIVES: BUILDING STRONGER ORGANIZATIONS, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Leaders from Homeowners’ Associations (HOAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and Cooperatives recently came together for the Culminating Program to share knowledge and strategies centered on community empowerment. Municipal Mayor Hon. Rommel V. Magbitang highlighted the crucial role of collaboration in building stronger, more resilient neighborhoods.



The sessions covered leadership roles, inclusive decision-making, and practical ways to amplify community impact. A focused workshop on BIR tax filing and compliance provided participants with essential tools to navigate legal requirements and ensure organizational transparency.

Motivated and equipped with new skills, participants left ready to put their insights into action—showing that strong organizations are key to empowering communities.

YEAR-END THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION MARKS A YEAR OF PARTNERSHIP IN BULACAN



On December 14, 2025, Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) beneficiary communities in Bulacan gathered for the Year-End Thanksgiving Celebration, recognizing a year marked by partnership and collaboration. The event provided an opportunity to reflect on shared efforts and celebrate collective achievements.

JNF leaders highlighted key milestones from the year and emphasized the importance of collaboration among communities, civil society organizations, cooperatives, and homeowners' associations. An icebreaker activity and the JNF Year-End Report helped reconnect participants with the impact of their work.

Community leaders and active homeowners from Pasinaya Homes Phases 1 to 4, Pagsibol Village West, and Pagsinag Place received awards and tokens of appreciation for their continued service and commitment to community development.

Partner CSOs, cooperative members, and homeowners' association leaders were also recognized for their active participation and leadership. Their contributions showed how shared values and teamwork strengthen communities.

The celebration included games, a raffle, and moments of fellowship that added joy to the gathering. More than a year-end event, the celebration renewed everyone's commitment to continue working with JNF toward building strong, resilient, and empowered communities.

JNF JOINS COOPERATIVE MONTH 2025 CELEBRATION IN CAVITE



Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) proudly joined Cavite's National Cooperative Month celebration together with its community enterprises: Greenfield Community Agriculture Cooperative (GCAC), Pasinaya–Pagsinag Neighborhood Enterprise Marketing Cooperative (PPNEMC), and Community Choice Consumers Cooperative (C4) on October 9 and 10 in Naic and Bacoar.

The celebration began with an inter-cooperative visit in Naic, led by Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Cavite Specialist Mr. Arnel Castillo and the Municipal Cooperative Development Office (MCDO) headed by Ms. Chona Guyagon. Participating cooperatives toured various offices to exchange best practices and insights, capped by an inspiring talk from the Palangui Agrarian Reform Cooperative (PARC), one of Naic's leading agricultural cooperatives.

On October 10, JNF's clustered cooperatives joined Naic's delegation to the province-wide Cooperative Month Kick-Off Program in Bacoar City, attended by provincial officials and guest of honor Senator JV Ejercito. The event featured a parade, inter-cooperative games, the Search for Coop King and Queen, and the awarding of Cavite's best cooperatives.

By celebrating alongside its partner cooperatives, JNF continues to champion collaboration, empowerment, and sustainable enterprise development across the communities it serves.

JNF JOINS COOPERATIVE MONTH 2025 CELEBRATION IN BULACAN



Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) joined Bulacan's Cooperative and Enterprise Month celebration together with its partner cooperatives, the Community of Pagsinaya Consumers Cooperative (CPCC) and the Pasinaya Homes Bulacan Marketing Cooperative (PHBMC), from October 3 to 5 in Sta. Maria and Malolos.

The celebration opened with the Kooplympics 2025 organized by the Municipal Cooperative Development Office of Sta. Maria, where CPCC and PHBMC members participated in friendly games that fostered teamwork and cooperativism.

On October 4, the cooperatives joined the provincial kick-off program at the Capitol Gymnasium in Malolos, featuring messages from provincial leaders, the LCDOP oath-taking, and the launch of new cooperative development initiatives.

The week concluded on October 5 with CPCC's official launch and Pre-Membership Education Seminar at Pasinaya Homes Phase 2, emphasizing unity, empowerment, and active member participation as cornerstones of a thriving cooperative movement in Bulacan.

With more collaboration and strong partnership, JNF together with its cooperative partners, continues to cultivate empowered communities that work as one toward sustainable growth and meaningful change.

COOPERATIVE LEARNING JOURNEY: JNF LEADS TWO-DAY LAKBAY ARAL AND BENCHMARKING IN CAVITE



Joy-Nostalg Foundation recently led a two-day Lakbay Aral and Benchmarking activity for cooperatives in Naic, Cavite. The program aimed to provide practical learning, exposure, and opportunities for collaboration.

Day 1: Greenfield Community Agriculture Cooperative (GCAC)

GCAC visited Yakap at Halik Multi-Purpose Cooperative (YHMPC) to learn about their culture, systems, and operations. Discussions included the possibility of GCAC distributing YHMPC products, such as the P20 BBM Rice Program. YHMPC shared insights on supply chain management and community market strategies as part of the KADIWA ni Ani at Kita Program.

Day 2: Pasinaya Pagsinag Neighborhood Enterprise Marketing Cooperative (PPNEMC)

PPNEMC visited Toclong 1st Multipurpose Cooperative in Imus and Café Amadeo Development Cooperative in Amadeo, Cavite. At Toclong 1st MPC, members learned about strong organizational systems, financial practices, and member participation. The visit emphasized participatory governance and community service.

At Café Amadeo, they explored how local coffee products are developed into successful social enterprises. The cooperative shared experiences in product development, branding, and building market links to support livelihoods and local identity.

The visits gave PPNEMC fresh ideas to strengthen their own programs. Members left motivated and ready to improve their cooperative's impact.

The two-day Lakbay Aral was a valuable exchange of knowledge, showing the power of shared learning in helping cooperatives grow and create sustainable opportunities.

JNF PARTNERS WITH XAVIER SCHOOL FOR PANUNULUYAN IMMERSION IN PASINAYA HOMES PHASE 4



The 2nd Batch of the Panunuluyan Immersion successfully concluded with Grade 11 students from Xavier School immersing in the Pasinaya Homes Phase 4 community in Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

A total of 100 students and 12 mentor teachers participated in this meaningful experience, which included family engagement, community interaction, and volunteer activities such as a clean-up drive and a feeding program for children—made possible through a community foundation established with the support of Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF).

Throughout the immersion, students shared daily reflections and expressed gratitude to their foster families for welcoming them into their homes and lives. The experience fostered empathy, understanding, and appreciation for the values that strengthen communities.

This program marked a new chapter for Pasinaya Homes Phase 4, with 48 households hosting foster families for the first time.

In partnership with Xavier School, JNF embraces Pasinaya Homes Phase 4 as a solutions environment—nurturing resilience, fostering continuous learning, and strengthening lasting community bonds.

XAVIER SCHOOL'S PANUNULUYAN IMMERSION PROGRAM: BUILDING UNDERSTANDING AND EMPATHY



Joy~Nostalg Foundation recently hosted the Xavier School Batch 3 Panunuluyan Immersion Program at Pasinaya Homes Phase 2. The activity brought together 100 Grade 11 students, 11 mentor teachers, and Xavier School's Campus Ministry and Service Office staff for an experience focused on connection, understanding, and empathy.

Students spent time with foster families in the community, learning about their daily routines, values, and stories. The immersion helped them gain a deeper appreciation for community life and the importance of empathy, respect, and meaningful engagement.

CELEBRATING FOSTER PARENTS' COMMITMENT



Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) held a special culminating activity to honor the foster parents of Panunuluyan — Community Immersion program of JNF Batches 1 and 2 at Pasinaya Homes Phases 1 and 4. The event recognized the foster parents' dedication and heartfelt support for the students.

During the program, foster parents shared their experiences and reflections from the immersion. A quick evaluation was also done to gather feedback for future improvements. Certificates

and small tokens of appreciation were given as a gesture of gratitude.

JNF sincerely thanks all foster parents for their kindness and support. Their care has made a real difference in the students' lives and continues to strengthen the Panunuluyan program.

CULMINATING PROGRAM FOR PANUNULUYAN IMMERSION FOSTER PARENTS

Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) held the culminating program for the foster parents of Panunuluyan Immersion Batch 3 at Pasinaya Homes Phase 2, recognizing their support and commitment to the students throughout the immersion. During the event, foster parents shared their experiences, reflected on the program, joined a post-activity evaluation, and received certificates and tokens of appreciation.

JNF thanked the foster parents for welcoming the students into their homes and offering guidance that helped them better understand daily community life. Their involvement provided students with practical insights and strengthened the learning experience at the heart of the immersion program.



YOUTH CONFERENCE IN CAVITE INSPIRES A CALLED, EMPOWERED, AND SENT GENERATION



On November 22, 2025, youth members from Sta. Candida Parish and various youth groups gathered for a Youth Conference themed “Christ is Alive! Called, Empowered, and Sent.” The event brought young people together for a day of reflection, formation, and renewed commitment to their mission.

Speakers emphasized Christ’s enduring presence in the lives of the youth and their call to serve their communities with faith and purpose. Naic, Cavite Mayor Rommel Magbitang joined the gathering, expressing support for youth-led initiatives and encouraging their active participation in local development.

A highlight of the conference was the advocacy sharing session, where participants presented causes close to their hearts, including environmental protection, mental health awareness, and outreach for marginalized groups. These exchanges reflected the passion and creativity of the youth, showing how their mission is expressed through concrete acts of service.

The conference affirmed that Christ lives in the hopes, voices, and commitments of young people ready to lead and help transform their communities.

SERVANT-LEADERSHIP RECOLLECTIONS: PARISH LEADERS RENEW COMMITMENT TO SERVE



In November, Joy~Nostalg Foundation held Servant-Leadership Recollections based on the Gospel of the Washing of the Feet (John 13:1–17). Parish leaders were invited to see leadership as a call to humility, compassion, and service.

On November 28, Holy Family Parish in Sta. Maria, Bulacan hosted 160 ministry officers, Parish Pastoral Council members, and Sub-Parish Pastoral Council leaders. Through the talk “Washed to Serve,” participants reflected on Jesus’ example of self-giving love. Small group discussions helped leaders share experiences and think about how to serve more humbly. The day ended with prayer, renewing their commitment to follow Christ’s example.

The next day, November 29, Sta. Candida Maria de Jesus Parish in Naic, Cavite welcomed 140 ministry and council leaders for the same recollection. Leaders reflected on servant leadership as listening, compassion, and care. Their discussions showed a desire for more teamwork and mission-focused leadership. The day closed with prayer, encouraging leaders to bring Christ’s spirit of service into their work.

Both recollections reminded leaders that to lead in the Church means to love and serve others.

FAMILY ADVENT RECOLLECTION STRENGTHENS FAITH AND FAMILY LIFE IN CAVITE AND BULACAN



In December 2025, Joy~Nostalg Foundation (JNF) held a Family Advent Recollection themed “Rooted in Love, Renewed in Faith: Strengthening the Domestic Church.” The recollection took place on December 6–7 at Sta. Candida Maria de Jesus Parish in Naic, Cavite, and on December 12 at Holy Family Parish in Catmon, Sta. Maria, Bulacan, reaching 38 communities across both parishes.

The program highlighted parents as the foundation of family life and faith formation. Couples and families were invited to renew their commitment to love, forgiveness, and hope amidst everyday challenges. Through prayer and guided reflection, participants were encouraged to strengthen their homes as domestic churches—places of faith, dialogue, and mutual support.

A total of 500 parents and youth joined the recollection, with 250 participants from each parish. Implemented in partnership with the Mother of Life Center, the initiative reflected a shared commitment to fostering faith-centered and resilient families. Through this program, JNF continued its mission to nurture spiritually grounded and hope-filled families in the communities it serves.



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