

UPDATE LETTER

December 2025, Tagaytay City, Philippines



Since 1997, **Pag-asa Social Center** has been dedicated to serving our neighbors through health, education, livelihood support, and values formation for children and families. Based in the hills of Tagaytay, the center—now with thirteen staff members—supports 312 children and youth as well as 222 low-income families, following its integration with Bukas Palad Tagaytay. The support received from sponsors is managed through a transparent system of sponsorship coordination, where each child and family is regularly monitored by the Pag-asa team to ensure that assistance is used effectively for education, health, and daily needs. Periodic reports and communication with sponsors help maintain accountability and strengthen the personal connection between sponsors and beneficiaries. This expansion has allowed us to reach nearby communities: in Bilibinwang, Agoncillo, where families live by fishing and farming along Taal Lake; in Laurel, where fertile lands and lakeside views nurture a resilient community; and in San Rafael IV, Noveleta, Cavite, where traditions and small businesses thrive in a vibrant urban setting. Across these diverse areas, our mission remains the same: to open doors of opportunity through educational support, medical care, and nutrition, while Tagaytay—our home city of 87,811 people across 65 square kilometers—continues to inspire us to build brighter futures.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

(July–September 2025)

- **312 children & youth** supported through education, tutoring, and mentorship
- **Lorenz Jade**, once a working child, graduated college and is pursuing a career in law enforcement
- **225 children** received school supplies & T-shirts from **One Orange Telecoms**
- **224 relief packs** delivered after three typhoons, with **24 volunteers + 8 staff** joining the effort
- **183 patients** served in a medical mission with **University of Santo Tomas (UST)**
- Multiple community events: youth camps, daycare support, birthdays, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities

Your support makes this possible. Thank you for walking with us—together we are opening doors of hope.



One Orange Telecommunications Trading Inc. shared hope through school supplies and shirts for our beneficiaries—lovingly repacked and distributed with the help of our student beneficiaries and parents.

Dear Sponsors and Friends,

Last July, the **Pag-asa Social Center Foundation, Inc.** and the **BP-Tagaytay Foundation, Inc.** officially became one family under the name **Pag-asa Social Center Foundation, Inc.**

For you, our dear sponsors, nothing changes—you will continue to receive updates about the children you support, with **Heero Cayasa** as your contact person.

What has changed is our strength. Together, we now carry decades of shared experience, united values, and a renewed mission. Thank you for being part of this journey. With you beside us, we remain:

ONE ORGANIZATION.
ONE MISSION. ONE HEART.

If this is your first time receiving a newsletter from us—or if you were once part of Project Bukas Palad Tagaytay—welcome to the bigger and stronger Pag-asa Social Center Foundation, your new family!

To both our new and longtime sponsors, we are delighted to share the latest updates from Pag-asa. Your support continues to make a profound difference in the lives of children and families in our community. Beyond meeting immediate needs, your generosity strengthens the values of solidarity, dignity, and resilience—helping to build a more hopeful future for everyone.

IMPACT STORY: EDUCATION THAT OPENS DOORS

This year, **312 children and youth** benefited from our educational support program. With access to school supplies, tutoring, and mentorship, students who once struggled to stay in school are now advancing with confidence.

One such story is that of **Lorenz Jade Gabrieles**, a recent college graduate who once thought finishing school was impossible because of poverty:

"As a child, my only dream was to finish school, but with seven mouths to feed, even food was a struggle. I worked in construction at a young age, yet college still loomed beyond reach. Through Pag-asa's Support at a Distance Program—and through your generosity—I was able to pursue my studies. Today, I have graduated, and I am two steps closer to becoming a professional in the field of law enforcement. This milestone is not mine alone—it is ours. Thank you for believing in me when life seemed hopeless."

Stories like Lorenz's remind us that education is more than books and classrooms—it is about nurturing resilience, encouraging responsibility, and opening doors to a brighter future.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST SIX MONTHS

Our Facebook page (Pag-asa Social Center Foundation, Inc.) has featured many activities, including:

- **Whose Childhood Is The Happiest?** – a fun interaction with 40 small kids in Noveleta
- **CSR Activity by Korean Group** – benefitting 21 members of Teatro Pag-asa
- **CSR by Co Ban Kiat Hardware** – repairing our Material Recovery Facility
- **Mini Youth Camps** for 312 beneficiaries
- **CSR by NICE Academy** – for 20 daycare students
- **Benchmarking with ABSNet Batangas Cluster**
- **Birthday Outreach** for 50 students aged 6–10

- **Medical Mission with UST** – serving 183 patients

Here, we'd like to highlight two special activities:

ONE ORANGE SHARES HOPE WITH PAG-ASA CHILDREN

In July, One Orange Telecommunications Trading Inc. brought joy to 225 children by donating school supplies worth ₱168,750 (about €2,556) and participant T-shirts worth ₱63,530 (about €962).

The day was filled with smiles, songs, and gratitude. Parents expressed relief at the help for the coming school year, while children felt celebrated, supported, and remembered. This partnership showed what is possible when companies and communities come together with a shared purpose: giving children the tools and encouragement to pursue education with dignity and hope.

PAGtulong RELIEF: RESPONDING TO THREE TYPHOONS

In July, three typhoons hit our communities. Pag-asa reactivated PAGtulong Relief Operations, reaching families in Tagaytay, Noveleta, Batangas, and a partner Focolare community in Manila. This mission was made possible through the extraordinary kindness of Dr. Dr. Johannes-Georg and Mrs. Christine Margit Hoppe and their 25 friends, who turned their 80th birthday celebration into a gift of hope for families in need.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 224 relief packs distributed (rice, canned goods, milk, biscuits, water, paracetamol)
- 24 volunteers (students, seminarians, a priest) + 8 staff joined the effort
- Extra donations enabled delivery of 20 sacks of rice to **Sulyap ng Pag-asa Community**
- 6 families assessed for housing and medical support

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Former beneficiary **Donel Luna** donated ₱10,000 (about €151) and helped pack goods
- Parents, youth, and local partners assisted in distribution
- Additional donors shared funds and rice, showing solidarity in action

FEEDBACK:

- "It was eye-opening to see how people welcomed us even in the middle of floods."
— Joy Mercado, Student volunteer
- "We didn't know how we would feed our children. This brought us hope."
— Cristina Tambis, Mother in Tagaytay

These efforts not only met urgent needs but also strengthened resilience in disaster-hit communities—fulfilling Pag-asa's mission of giving families dignity, support, and hope.

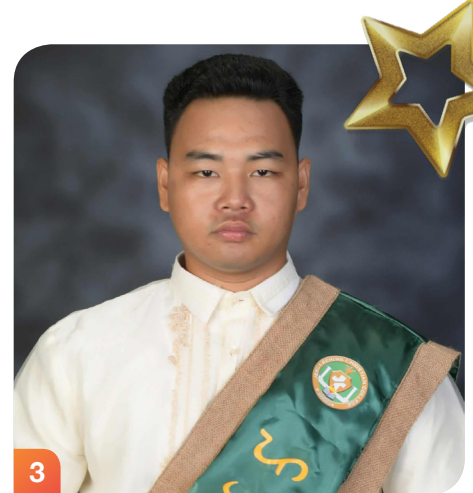
Every achievement we share is possible because of your commitment. By walking with us, you give children the opportunity to

grow in health, education, and confidence, and you help families overcome challenges with renewed strength.

This Christmas, we thank you for being a light in the lives of so many. On behalf of the entire community, may you and your loved ones be blessed with **peace, joy, and hope.**

With deep gratitude,

Your Pag-asa family



1. Even 16 kilometers from Tagaytay, hope reached one of our beneficiaries through a relief pack delivered by the Pag-asa team.
2. Our university student beneficiaries busied their hands—and opened their hearts—packing relief goods for families affected by the three consecutive typhoons.
3. Wearing his academic stole, Lorenz Jade stands proud—grateful to Pag-asa and to his sponsors for helping him reach this milestone.
4. Rain could not stop hope. Our RSW Vince Totanes went door to door, ensuring families affected by the three consecutive typhoons received the support they needed.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

If you wish to write to us or your child, please use the following address:

Pag-asa Social Center Foundation, Inc.
Focolare Compound, Calamba Road,
Iruhin Central, PO Box 78,
4120 Tagaytay City, Philippines

Or email us at:
info@pagasasocialcenter.org
pagasacenter@yahoo.com

- When sending a letter, put your address as the sender on the envelope and do not write it anywhere in the text. From experience and

respect for everyone's privacy, we know that the exchange of supporter/child addresses is inappropriate.

- If you do not have the opportunity to continue helping the child, it is essential to communicate it before the renewal of your commitment occurs. The report must arrive promptly to our office with an e-mail pagasacenter@yahoo.com. This gesture will allow us to continue helping the child by entrusting him to another supporter. We thank you in advance for your collaboration.

Some of you may be having trouble receiving our emails. If that is the case, please take a moment to check your SPAM or JUNK folder—our messages may have ended up there by mistake. To avoid missing future updates, you can also mark our emails as "Not Spam" or add us to your contacts.