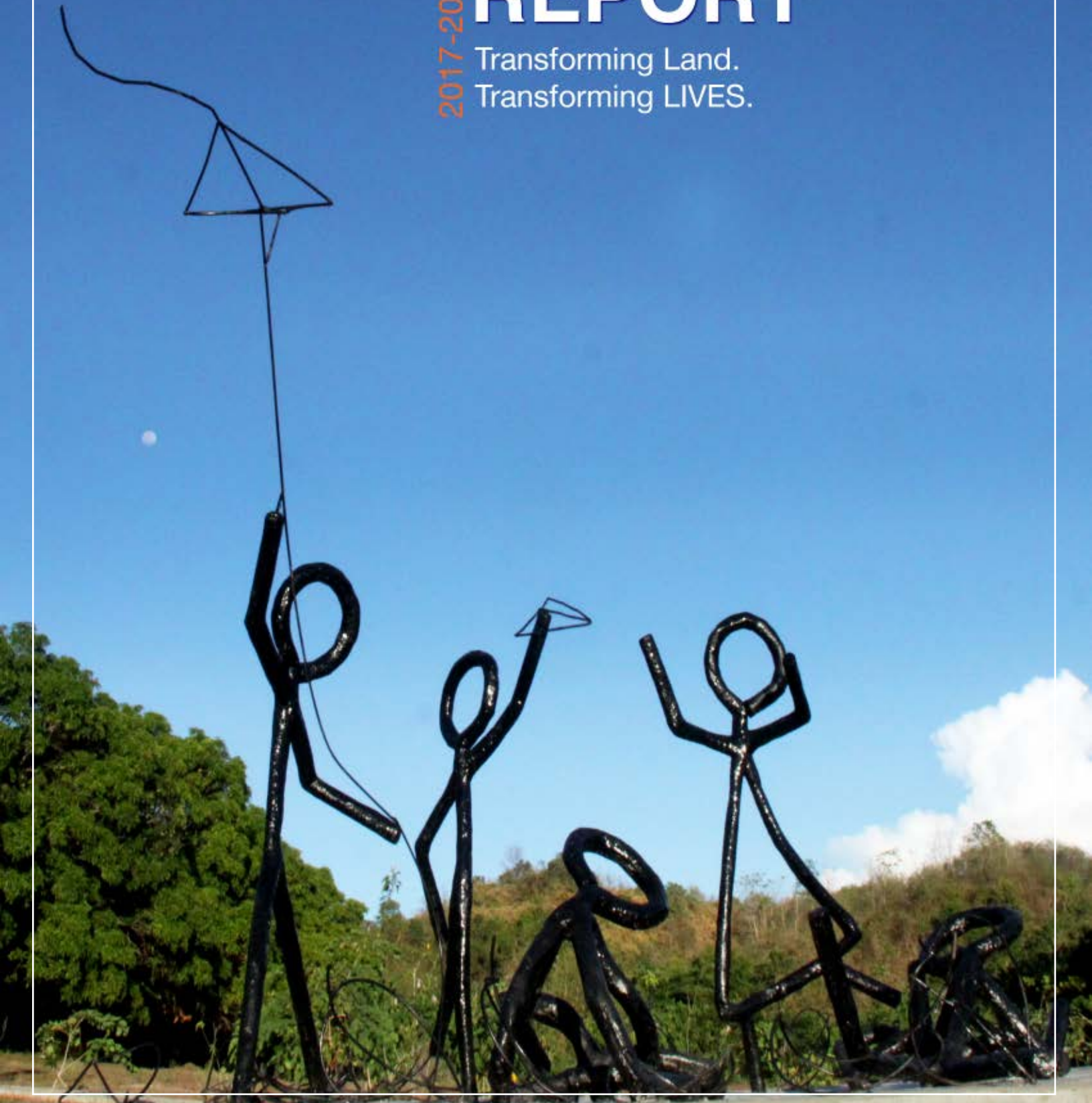




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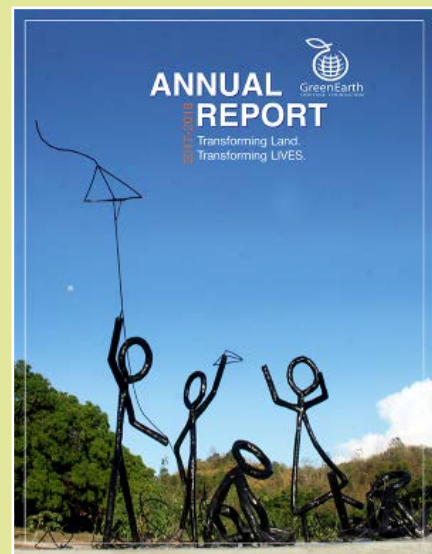
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The GreenEarth Community

About the COVER



“Fly High, Children of GreenEarth” is a public art installation by Kathleen Sareena Dagum in front of the Educational Row on our foundation grounds—a daily reminder to the Children of GreenEarth to LIVE, HOPE and DREAM.

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Green Earth Heritage Foundation is a holistic Christian organization whose mission is to preserve the environment, adhere to sound and sustainable agricultural practices and assist in alleviation of poverty through livelihood and community development.

We are Christian

We acknowledge One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ alone we have the promise of salvation.

We seek to follow Jesus in His Teachings to nurture and protect all of God’s gifts, in His respect for the dignity of all men and women, in His call to love others as ourselves, and in His offer of abundant life to those who choose to follow Him.

We are Stewards

The resources at our disposal are not our own.

They are entrusted by God; therefore, we are committed to sound and sustainable agricultural practices that will preserved and protect the environment for the generations to come.

We Believe in the Dignity of Every Human Being

We are committed to help our workers and beneficiaries fulfil their dreams through fair compensation, benefits and a housing plan right on GreenEarth’s land donation.

This VILLAGE OF HOPE will adhere to the principles of green design. The plan will be implemented through working partnerships with professionals as well as non-stock, nonprofit organizations that share our core values of fairness, ecology, health and Christ-centeredness.

We Promote Good Health

The Bible teaches that “the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)”. We, therefore, have to make choices that will enhance wellness and prevent disease.



*"The earth is the Lord's,
and everything in it.
The world and all its people
belong to him."
- Psalm 24:1*

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Agrarian unrest has been a hallmark of Central Luzon's history for over 60 years now. It is the cradle of the Hukbalahap movement which metamorphosed into the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army.

Thus, the manifestation of idle yet fertile land has been the basis of socio-economic conflict as seen in peasant unrest and the unequal distribution of wealth experienced by our nation.

This is the social backdrop of our fledgling Foundation's mission. Nestled in the foothills of the majestic Sierra Madre mountain range in historic San Miguel, Bulacan are over 100 hectares of bucolic hills. These were donated to GreenEarth Heritage Foundation by a generous land-owner in early 2009.

The Land was purchased roughly 40 years ago with the landowner's dream of developing a viable agricultural endeavour. However, as is often said, "work got in the way," and the land was left idle, susceptible to both fraudulent transactions and illegal squatting. Its lush potential was never achieved.

Hence, the decision to cede the raw Garden of Eden to our foundation to ensure its viable promise for beneficiaries without the taint of potential profiteering and the past mistake of non-use.

Over 139 families live in the foundation's immediate vicinity, mostly in abject poverty. An overwhelming majority of the residents have only attained an elementary level of education and 48 percent of the population are below 20 years old.

GreenEarth's mission is to assist in poverty alleviation by providing livelihoods centered in organic agriculture and by empowering communities through spiritual transformation in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe that it is through a personal relationship with Christ alone that we will be able to bring hope, change and a bright future to the people of the community that we serve.



LEADERSHIP Message

***"Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, LORD, unto me!"***

-*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

A classic Christian hymn with lyrics by Thomas Obadiah Chisolm

The Christian hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness*' timeless lyrics is so apt for this year's Leadership Message as it resonates throughout the entire narrative of GreenEarth Heritage Foundation from its inception 9 years ago to this very day.

The past year has been another significant year of blessings as manifested by the following events and in the life of our foundation:

An auspicious start to this year in review is the Department of Public Works and Highways' (DPWH) finally breaking ground to build a much-needed bridge connecting our particular community, Sitio Malapad na Parang with the adjacent Sitio Brown which are both integral to Barangay Sibul in San Miguel, Bulacan.

As many of you are aware, we have had to traverse a bridge-less river since we set foot at GreenEarth in early 2009. With this bridge construction's groundbreaking falling on the same date as our founding anniversary, May 22, we truly hope and pray that this will become a much-hoped-and-prayed-for reality. May this bridge, when completed, finally enable easier access to the GreenEarth farm, spurring socio-economic progress in our long-neglected district.

In June, the International School of Manila's youth group sent a contingent of 6 students who enthusiastically planted 300 narra seedlings. This was immediately followed by the arrival of the long-awaited Kubota tractor resulting from a Department of Agriculture (DA) approved grant since the 2nd quarter of 2016. We likewise witnessed the arrival of the 4th batch of drug surrenderers who underwent a holistic rehabilitation program at GreenEarth's farm site which not only focused on the physical and mental aspects of rehabilitation but, more importantly, on getting to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior to hopefully carry them through in their new life as reformed drug addicts. This program is in partnership with the Office of the Mayor of San Miguel, Bulacan.

The German Embassy once again came through with their 3rd grant, this time focused on construction of rainwater tank moulds and rainwater harvest tanks, respectively. We have been very privileged to be awarded and supported by the German Embassy for the past 7 years.

On July 11th, the Delgado family generously donated towards our continuing forest restoration efforts, with the objective of planting 10,000 narra trees. We also welcomed True Logic during the 3rd week as they planted 430 moringa seedlings. Towards the end of the month, our Harvard-bound scholar Rom Blanco gave an inspirational talk to the college students at the De La Salle Araneta University (DLSAU) campus with no less than DLSAU president Dr. Bjorn Santos in attendance.

As in years past, we once again welcomed our unwavering and highly valued benefactor Acer Philippines, consistently led by their indefatigable president Manuel Wong, at the farm. The Acer team planted 2000 moringa seedlings on August 6. Acer has become an indispensable, valued partner of GreenEarth in both our environmental and educational programs. We are truly thankful to have such a wonderful benefactor in Acer Philippines under the exemplary and visionary leadership of Mr. Wong.

We were honored by the visit of Union Church of Manila's Benevolence and Missions team who donated much-needed stainless steel racks for our Moringa Processing Center. The following day, we hosted a delegation of scientists from the University of the Philippines-Diliman who are partnering with GreenEarth in the further study of the myriad healthcare benefits of the humble moringa tree.

We are likewise thankful to Dr. Joseph Macasiray and his able team for their unstinting kindness and generosity by providing top-notch oral surgery and orthodontic care to our Harvard-bound farmer's son, Rom Blanco and our dauntless farm site teacher Marl Borromeo, respectively.

The month of September was chock-full of visitors mostly focusing on tree planting and gift-giving activities. We had the pleasure of hosting the premier healthcare provider Intellicare-Avega group who planted 450 narra seedlings followed the next day by Willis Towers Watson's volunteers who planted another set of 400 narra seedlings and conducted a delight program with games and prizes for the GreenEarth kids. Last but not least, St. Jude Catholic School students came over and planted 100 moringa seedlings. GreenEarth was likewise blessed to host the Cua family who donated beautiful customized t-shirts for the entire community and many essentials for our farming families. They likewise engaged the community in a series of interactive games. A great time was had by all.

A momentous occasion in October was our recognition, as the founders of GreenEarth, to be awarded as one of "Families of the Year" on Jollibee's 7th Family Values Awards. We were cited by the Jollibee Foundation for our mission of transforming land and transforming lives by shifting former illegal loggers and charcoal makers into organic agricultural farmers at GreenEarth. We were likewise awarded a special

citation for Environment for our work in restoring the forests and providing sustainable livelihood for our rural poor beneficiaries.

Towards the latter part of the month, the Loyola Mountaineers of Ateneo de Manila University engaged in a tree planting activity at the farm.

November was a beehive of activity as we broke ground for the construction of the Children's Playhouse, all thanks to two very generous private donors of GreenEarth.

We likewise witnessed the 3-day Geo-resistivity Testing conducted by the Bureau of Soils & Water Management (BSWM).

The agricultural certification body, Ecocert France sent a team to inspect GreenEarth's soil and produce in order to ensure we are strictly adhering to European Union standards in organic farming and soil management. Our successful inspection ensures that GreenEarth can stamp the official certified-organic Ecocert label of approval on its organic moringa tea and moringa powder. It was an early Christmas for our male farmer-beneficiaries as they received an unprecedented number of quality male clothing from Hospitality Innovators, Inc. (HII) founder and CEO Luis "Spanky" Montserrat. Overnight, our farmer-beneficiaries metamorphosed into dapper-looking gentlemen in the mold of Mr. Montserrat.

We welcomed the entry of Kathleen Dagum as our new Art and Math teacher at GreenEarth's Learning Center. She has distinct double degrees---a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) major in Studio Arts-Sculpture, *Magna cum laude* from the University of the Philippines-Diliman and a Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSEd) major in Mathematics with a Distinction Award for Visual Arts from the Mindanao State University. Kathleen comes from a humble farming family in Sultan Kudarat province, Mindanao. In her short stint with GreenEarth, she already has made a tangible mark in the farm's landscape through three public art installations---- her *Pagkalinga* steel sculpture by the entrance of the farm site, a mural at our Playhouse which she entitled *Laro sa Luntian* and a sculpture in the middle of our lawn in front of our Educational Row entitled *Fly High, Children of GreenEarth*. She likewise set up the Outdoor Crafts Center for the farmers' children to both learn artistic concepts and play in.

November was the month, too, wherein we finally re-signed a MOA with the Department of Agriculture (DA) Region 3 on November 24th. Thus, paving the way for GreenEarth to finally receive its long-approved multi-purpose grant of Php 5M by early 2018.

An amazing Christmas present for the livelihood program was the Solarification of our Multi-Commodity Processing Facility. This is the brainchild of ISM-GreenEarth

Youth Movement president Ranbir Mahtani who fundraised nearly Php 400,000 for this pioneering effort. True to form, we celebrated our *Pamaskong Handog* (Christmas Offering) for our broader beneficiary community on December 22nd. It was a wonderful, Spirit-filled event in line with the true meaning and purpose of Christmas. Everyone was blessed during this joyous occasion.

2018 ushered in the Installation of the Jet Chlorination System, thanks to Hospitality Innovators, Inc., thereby providing clean drinking water to our farming community. We likewise sent a delegation of ten GreenEarth farm leaders, site teachers and scholars to the Intentional Discipleship Conference (IDC) hosted by Christ's Commission Fellowship (CCF) at their Main Center in Pasig, Metro Manila. IDC was truly an amazing learning and Spirit-filled event which harnessed the resolve of each of our attendees to go into the world and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and strengthen the faith of the believers. Truly a meaningful time and blessing for all our participants at this 3-day event in late January.

February began on a high note. Our longtime benefactor Acer Philippines won the GOLD in the realm of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), a competition amongst ACER offices around the world. Acer Philippines was cited for its mutually beneficial partnership with GreenEarth Heritage Foundation through its numerous joint projects in the past 7 years. No less than Acer chairman and CEO Jason Chen awarded their Philippine country head Manuel Wong with the Pinnacle Award and called on GreenEarth founder and executive director Dr. Mylene Matti to share the stage with Mr. Wong. Mr. Chen likewise awarded our Harvard-bound GreenEarth scholar Rom Blanco with the world's thinnest laptop, the highly-rated Acer Swift 7 for his eventual use at the prestigious university come August 2018.

In line with the month of hearts, February 2018, GreenEarth sponsored a Couples' Renewal of Vows just before Valentine's Day. It was an evening of renewal of marriage vows and romantic dinner date for our farmer-beneficiary couples. The moonlit evening added luster to this special celebration of marital commitment.

In March, a flurry of artistic endeavors engulfed GreenEarth. First and foremost was the unveiling of the awe-inspiring mural of on-site art teacher and visual artist Kathleen Dagum in the newly constructed Children's Educational Playhouse. Her large painting entitled "Laro sa Luntian" (Children at Play amidst the Greenery) tugged the hearts of everyone who viewed the mural for the first time. It was kaleidoscope of cheerful and bright colors capturing the carefree lives of the children of GreenEarth amidst their natural playground.. All the children were blindfolded prior to being ushered into the newly-built playhouse. Thus, they all had to be led inside by their teachers and parents. Upon the removal of their respective blinders, a massive cacophony of joyful noises and wondrous shouts could be heard a mile away as the facility was filled with spanking

new toys mostly sourced from the United States specially curated for the boys and girls of GreenEarth. In essence, it was a micro-version of Toy Kingdom. This educational playhouse is the “happiest place at GreenEarth.”

The month of April brought in a new work of art of Kathleen Dagum. The sculpture entitled “Fly High Children of GreenEarth” was unveiled on April 10. It symbolizes the dreams and aspirations of the GreenEarth children in their quest for a better life. It now stands quite appropriately right across the Children’s Education Playhouse’s entrance.

The month was capped by James and Mylene’s participating in Atlassian Philippines’ Family Day Fair at the Army Grounds in Fort Bonifacio by manning a booth selling GreenEarth’s organic products. We likewise reveled in the career promotions and recognition of our first set of college scholars Louie John Diaz and Jerouszel Bermudez in their respective jobs at a renowned multinational company. The month was capped by our sponsoring several of our GreenEarth scholars from their early teens to young adults at the Kids Youth Camp in Pili, Camarines Sur. It was an amazing time of spiritual renewal, revival and harvest. Every participant returned reinvigorated, recommitted and rededicated to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We at GreenEarth continue to thank the Almighty for His unwavering support and generosity to our humble Foundation and its people. We are emboldened by His Great Commission and buoyed by his numerous blessings to press onward and continue the good fight to run the race and being blessing to our community and humanity through our relentless efforts to transform land and transform lives.

Thank you for your steadfast support and unflagging belief in our mission. We are here to continuously serve and make a difference in our country and society through this humble foundation we call GreenEarth Heritage.

“His mercies are new every morning, Great is His faithfulness!”

Sincerely,



James G. Matti
Chairman
GreenEarth Heritage Foundation, Inc.





AGRICULTURAL Development

Transforming Land

FINALLY, a Tractor to Boost Agricultural Development at GreenEarth



This brand-new KUBOTA tractor arrived on June 14, 2017 to much rejoicing of our farmer beneficiaries. All thanks to the Department of Agriculture, Regional Field Office 3 who approved our grant request for this important resource at the farm.

THIRD GRANT WIN from the German Embassy August 22, 2017



This grant allowed us to build 13 rainwater harvesting tanks, 2 reuseable tank moulds and 17 low-cost greenhouses, helping our farmers' sustain their organic vegetable production, most especially during the driest of months. THANK YOU GERMAN EMBASSY OF MANILA for your faith in our programs!

Stainless Steel Rack Donations UNION CHURCH OF MANILA



On August 17, 2017, we were blessed to welcome members of the Missions and Benevolence Committee of the Union Church of Manila (UCM) for the very first time! Aside from their financial support to our feeding program and college scholars' living expenses, they expanded their support this year to include our livelihood program. What an answered prayer they have been to respond to our appeal to purchase more stainless steel racks for our Processing Facility. THANK YOU SO MUCH UCM for being such an astounding channel of blessing to our community.

Inspection by ECOCERT France for the 7th Straight Year



Thanks to the Organic Farmers and Processors Association of the Philippines who has kindly adopted us as one of its supported grower groups, we are inspected on Q4 of each year. Ecocert France keeps us "honest" year after year, with their evaluation of our adherence to international standards of organic agriculture. Truly grateful to obtain passing marks from Ecocert France!



GreenEarth's Processing Facility goes SOLAR

December 17, 2017



Ranbir Mahtani, a Grade 12 student serving as the incumbent President of the GreenEarth Heritage Foundation Youth Movement at the International School Manila took on an ambitious project of impact at our foundation. His highly innovative fundraising efforts which spanned more than two years resulted in solarification of our Multi-Commodity Processing Facility.

Grid-tie solar will allow us to use solar-powered cooling systems to markedly improve working conditions inside our processing facility, reduce electric bills and increase beneficiary incomes. Very importantly, solar will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 5.3 metric tons a year.

Ranbir painstakingly documented his community service project through a video and essay. His extraordinary extracurricular project, along with his stellar academic record won him a slot in the Wharton Undergraduate School of Business on December 14, 2017!

Thank you very much Ranbir for choosing to serve GreenEarth. Thank you for caring for our



farming families. Thank you for doing your share to help alleviate poverty and combat climate change in our neck of the woods. THANK YOU for bringing us the enormous blessing of renewable energy to power up our Multi-Commodity Processing Facility.

Your enormous gift of a Wharton education from the LORD is well-deserved!

We rejoice in the Almighty's goodness to tremendously bless those who are blessing the people of GreenEarth.

A Moringa Development Grant from the Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office 3



It was a dream fulfilled finally after more than 3 years! Thanks to the invaluable support of the Pinol administration, we were able to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with DA-RFO 3, allowing us to receive 5 million pesos as a grant in May of 2018 to be able to plant 30,000 more moringa trees, build 115 rainwater harvesting tanks, purchase some tractor accessories, a variety of small farm tools and boost our organic pest management strategies at GreenEarth.

The blessing of a JET CHLORINATION SYSTEM Thanks to Hospitality Innovators, Inc(HII)!



We celebrate a new partnership with this venerable company who came in as an answered prayer, as we were looking to fund a water purification system for our processing facility.

With the help of Manila Water who conducted physical properties testing of our water sources at the farm and whose findings led to their recommendation to establish a jet chlorination system, HII responded positively to our grant appeal to this end.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH HII for this very important infrastructure addition this year. Your partnership will help us uphold our processing facility standards.



Storm Proof Housing for our Beneficiaries BAHAY-BIYAYA Program



Bahay-Biyaya donated by: AY Foundation



Bahay-Biyaya donated by: BPI Foundation



Bahay-Biyaya donated by: Acer Philippines



Bahay-Biyaya donated by: Asalus Corp.

Anticipating the need for housing for an increasing number of beneficiaries as a result of the DA 5 million grant, we wasted no time to fundraise to be able to establish as many of these storm-proof houses at GreenEarth as soon as possible.

We wish to thank ACER PHILIPPINES, AY Foundation, BPI Foundation and ASALUS Corporation for making this happen this year.

“The Happiest Place at GreenEarth”



Thanks to two generous private donors this year, the Children of GreenEarth were for the first time able to have a sturdy, delightful venue to be able to play with Barbie dolls, ride cars, try many board games and watch hundreds of videos in an extremely fun environment, all for themselves.

Teacher Kath painted a mural on one wall which she entitled “Laro sa Luntian”.

GreenEarth Scholar Rom Blanco Receives the World’s Thinnest Laptop from ACER



On the occasion of ACER Philippines’ 15th anniversary and EPinnacle Awards Night honoring their retail partners nationwide, Romnick Blanco, having received a full-tuition scholarship from Harvard University, was honored by ACER’s Global CEO Jason Chen and ACER Philippines’ Country Manager Manuel Wong with this amazing gift!

His cutting-edge laptop will be his “best friend” at Harvard.

Thank you very much for your consistent giving and generous partnership in transforming lives, ACER PHILIPPINES!

British School Manila’s TedXTalk with Rom Blanco



Rom Blanco was one of the key plenary speakers at the British School of Manila’s (BSM) Tedx Talk. He shared the stage with industry leaders such as the acclaimed film director Paul Soriano and renowned plastic surgeon and dermatologist Aivee Aguilar-Teo amongst others. Rom’s sharing of his remarkable life story which he entitled “The Story of Four Blood Brothers” and his awe-inspiring journey to Harvard visibly moved the audience.

Atlassian Fair at Army Fields, McKinley

No event is too small to promote our flagship moringa products!





TREE PLANTING Events

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is NOW."
- Old Chinese Proverb

ISM Youth Tree Planting

300 NarraTrees
June 11, 2017



Delgado Family

1,000 Narra Seedlings for Year 1
September 30, 2017



True Logic Tree Planting

430 Moringa Seedlings with 23 participants
July 22, 2017



Acer Philippines Tree Planting

3,000 Moringa Seedlings with 164 participants
August 6, 2017



Thanks to ACER Philippines, Bell Church Abao and Commonwealth Chapters and Rotary Club Manila Metro who also invited International Exchange Students from Taiwan --- We had our record-breaking number of treeplanting volunteers in one day on SUN, August 6, 2017!

We had 164 guests, plus our community of farmers and beneficiaries--we were 164 people in total who together planted 3000 moringas that will be part of our burgeoning food forest areas at GreenEarth Heritage Foundation. The care and maintenance of these trees for the next 18 months to 2 years (the most critical phase in the life cycle of the trees) were generously sponsored by the three entities--ACER Philippines, Bell Church and Rotary Club Manila Metro, due to the heartwarming efforts of ACER Philippines' Managing Director, Mr. Manuel Wong.



2017 celebrates 6 years of solid partnership between GreenEarth Heritage Foundation and ACER Philippines.

Thank you from the bottom of our GreenEarth hearts for all you have done and continue to do, ACER Philippines to transform land, and transform lives.





Willis Towers Watson Tree Planting

400 Narra Seedlings
September 2, 2017



Thank you for your loving hands that have helped us build GreenEarth this month.

We have been blessed by your sponsorship of 400 trees and are happy to know that the story of the lives of our beneficiaries have blessed your hearts and many are motivated to continue the work that you have all started.

Please know that we are thanking the Good Lord for each one of you and you are always in our thoughts and prayers .



We ask the Lord to multiply your blessings a thousandfold for loving the land and people of GreenEarth with us .



Ateneo Mountaineers Tree Planting

30 Participants
October 28, 2017





COMMUNITY Development

Transforming Lives

Sowing seeds of HOPE and INSPIRATION to the Community at Dela Salle-Araneta University DLSAU



Upon the invitation of no less than DLSAU's President, Dr. Bjorn Santos himself, Rom Blanco shared his life story with the student body of DLSAU on August 2, 2017.

It was a wonderful time shared with students from all over the country who are aspiring to become agricultural professionals one day. The occasion also gave us a chance to visit our very own GreenEarth scholars who have been blessed with full tuition/room-and-board scholarships by DLSAU.

HomeSchool Program enters Year 3



By the grace of our Almighty Father, we have been able to carry our HomeSchool Program despite financially challenging times to Year 3. We started with a new pedagogy this year, using the School of Tomorrow's PACES curriculum. Teacher Marl Borromeo, a *cum laude* alumna of the University of the Philippines' College of Education continues on!



Arrival of 4th Batch of Surrenderers
June 21, 2017



We remained steadfast with our commitment to help with the current crises faced by our government with drug-related surrenderers needing a venue for rehabilitation . In San Miguel, Bulacan alone, more than 800 drug addicts and pushers surrendered. The local government knocked at GreenEarth’s doors to appeal for our partnership to help take care of the surrenders.

On our own, with no government support, through the help of our own private donors, we started a program of Bible-based program of spiritual transformation to help the drug surrenderers. They in turn, became our partners in reforestation and other tasks helping build GreenEarth everyday that they are with us to keep them busy. We were elated by their cooperation. Families called us asking if their relative surrenderers, placed in jails, can transfer to GreenEarth. How we wish we had more housing and manpower resources to do so!

Jollibee 7th Family Values Award



Jollibee Food Corporation awarded 6 hero families and gave special citations to three other families during the 7th Jollibee Family Values Awards (JFVA).

The families were “recognized for their selfless dedication towards creating a positive impact in their communities through various advocacies” after months-long search for outstanding Filipino families in the Philippines and around the world.

The Matti family (James, Mylene and Romnick) was awarded for nurturing the environment and caring for the welfare of farmers with sustainable organic farming practices.

Aside from being recognized as one of the 7th JFVA winners, the Matti family was also awarded with the Special Citation for Environment (co-presented with Maynilad).

Kathleen Dagum - Start as Missionworker Art and Math Teacher



The 9 hero families were chosen from among 15 finalists reviewed by a selection committee co-chaired by Senator Sonny Angara and Ateneo de Manila President Fr. Jett Villarin.

Ref. <https://www.goodnewspilipinas.com/9-hero-families-recognized-jollibee-7th-family-values-awards/>



Born and raised in Sultan Kudarat, the Island of Mindanao in Southern Philippines, Kathleen Sareena Dagum, the 4th out of 8 children, waited three years to go to college.

Through her faith and determination, in 2011, she earned a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education major in Math from Mindanao State University with a Special Distinction in Visual Arts. She worked briefly as a schoolteacher, but the artist in her beckoned. She found herself taking the talent exam of the College of Fine Arts of the University of the Philippines Diliman and was accepted! In 2017, Kathleen graduated with a degree in Fine Arts, major in Studio Arts and Sculpture, *magna cum laude*!

Having experienced first-hand what it is like to be severely deprived of means





Intentional Discipleship Conference at Christ Commission Fellowship



and opportunity, Teacher Kathleen has decided to serve farmers' children, whose families live and work in a reforestation site and an organic farm at the foothills of the Sierra Madre in San Miguel, Bulacan at GreenEarth Heritage Foundation.

GreenEarth Couples' Renewal of Vows



9th Pamaskong Handog



The days leading up to our much-awaited Pamaskong Handog was blessed with rain showers, which quenched the thirst of our plants and trees and kept our land quite green. When December 22, 2017 finally came along, we enjoyed bright blue, sunny skies and wonderful breezy weather all day ---just what we had prayed for. THANK YOU LORD!

At 8:30 am, we gathered as a community for a Joyous Worship Service inside our Learning Center.

Together we sang a repertoire of Classic and Majestic Christmas songs, vibrantly accompanied by guitar, keyboard, drums, maracas and tambourines, thanks to our energetic missionary workers from Camarines Sur. GreenEarth Scholar Rom Blanco and Karen, one of our missionary workers served as our song leaders, while Joshua Belarmino, our scholar presently studying at the UST Conservatory of Music played the keyboard all throughout.

"Bless the Lord, Oh my soul and forget not all his benefits."-Psalm 103:2

Our Founder and Executive Director, Dr. Mylene V. Matti, took all of us on a reflective journey through the events of the entire 2017. With the aid of numerous photos that documented our past year's milestones and highlights, we looked back at all of the blessings that we received this year---the grants and awards that we won, our new partners, new additions to our GreenEarth family, both in terms of beneficiaries and staff and all the many acts of love and kindness that we have received, thanks to the faithfulness of GOD Almighty to GreenEarth.



Our founder went on to remind us of Psalm 78:7: *"...Put your confidence in God. Do not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments."*

We offer up our lives to the Lord every single day knowing that if we do His will by loving Him and loving people, He rewards our faith by showering us with the grace of His love.

Right after our commemoration of the year past (Isang Taong Pagbabalik-Tanaw) and celebrating the gifts of the LORD to GreenEarth, Suzette our missionary Bible Teacher taught us on the subject of "What gifts can we give to the Lord in return?". She challenged us anew to forgive others, repent of our sins and always have an attitude of gratitude, humility and brokenness unto the LORD ---these are the best gifts we can give to our Lord Jesus who did not withhold anything, even unto death--to give us eternal life. *"He gave His life, what more can He give?"*

To offer our lives is the best gift we can give in response to the amazing gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Right after the message, we studied a few more Bible verses on the importance of PRAYER. GreenEarth Scholar Rom Blanco, who has just returned spiritually refreshed from an 8-day journey on missions with Pastor Noel, shared with us his life-transforming experience. As a community, more than ever, we realized that "apart from GOD, we can do nothing"---John 15:5.

We spent time as a community pouring our hearts to the LORD in fervent prayer for our numerous concerns. Various members of our community lead the sectoral prayers.

After an entire morning in worship and thanksgiving, we all gathered outdoors for our Christmas lunch consisting of Pancit Bihon topped with Organic Sweet Potato Sprouts, Mini-barbeques, Chicken Teriyaki, Laing (organic taro leaves cooked in coconut milk and chili) and our staple Moringa Rice. We had a very refreshing Mango-Lychee-Shredded Coconuts and Papaya halo-halo to cap our meal.



Talent Showcase

The GreenEarth beneficiary families prepared performances right after our holiday lunch. Of course our single farmers, staff, and college scholars wouldn't be left behind. They shone in their own entertaining dance numbers. The games that followed consisted of Filipino favourites such as Palayok and Palosebo for both children and adults alike. The children also played their own variation of dodgeball.

We would like to thank each and everyone of you who supported GreenEarth's Pamaskong Handog 2017----from the holiday lunch to the games, prizes, Noche Buena packs, assorted snacks and food treats as well as cash gifts for all the performance winners and for the missionfield workers who worked very hard all year to lead our community to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

You brought the joy and love of Christmas to our farming families, forest guardians, staff and missionary workers.

Thank you very much to all who have supported our development throughout the year! Your partnership continues to transform land and transform lives.

Please know that all of you are always in our thoughts and fervent prayers. We trust that the LORD will and continue to reward you in more ways than one.



GreenEarth Kids Youth Camp to Bicol







We salute our kind and committed donors and volunteers whose faith in our mission and vision continues to propel us forward and upward.

Thank you very much.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

GREENEARTH HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.
 For the year ended December 31, 2017
 (in Philippine pesos)

REVENUE	
Donations	Php 10,168,122
Sales	3,368,358
Total Revenues	<u>13,536,480</u>
EXPENSES	
Agricultural Development	Php 6,012,023
Community Development	3,473,959
PROGRAM EXPENSES (Total of Agri Dev and CommDev)	<u>9,485,982</u>
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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	220,350
TOTAL EXPENSES (Program + Administrative Expenses)	Php <u>9,706,332</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenses	3,830,148

Figure 1. REVENUE

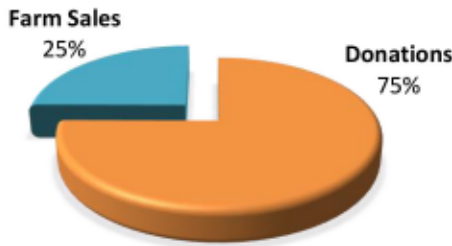


Figure 2. PROGRAM EXPENSES

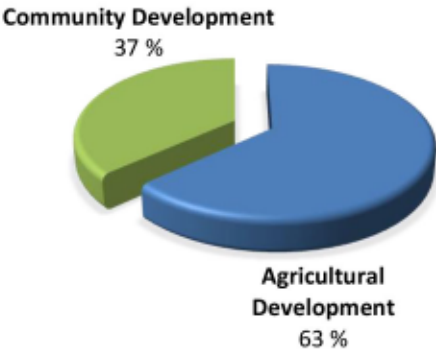


Figure 3. EXPENSES





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