

## TRUSTEES UPDATE JANUARY 2017

Dear AGFI Trustees,

The first month of 2017 has truly been filled with promising ventures for AGFI. A good way to kick start the year, if I may say. Here are the month's highlights:

Con and I had a meeting with Mayor Joseph Inton of Hermosa, Bataan last January 16 in Subic. The meeting was set by ICCP Group Foundation, Inc., (IGFI) through their Executive Director Ronnie Tapnio and Hermosa Community Relations Officer Deo Esmabe. IGFI got in touch with us late last year as they have existing programs in that community and wish to bring Unang Aklat in Hermosa.

We had a brief presentation of our programs and Mayor Inton verbally committed the LGUs support to Unang Aklat Municipality. Right after our meeting he immediately called the municipal hall to arrange another meeting that afternoon with Councilor Luz Samaniego (Committee Chair on Women, Children and Family) with Ms. Nelia, MSWD Officer as they would be the ones in-charge if ever UAM will push through in Hermosa. AGFI, Municipality of Hermosa and ICCP Group Foundation agreed to partner in implementing Unang Aklat Municipality Hermosa. A draft of the MOA has been sent by AGFI to ICCP and Hermosa LGU and the signing and UA Municipality planning schedule is being finalized at the moment.



Ruth and Con with Mr. Ronnie Tapnio, IGFI Executive Director and Mayor Joseph Inton of Hermosa, Bataan



Ruth and Con with Mr. Tapnio, Councilor Luz Samaniego (Committee Chair on Women, Children and Family) and Ms. Nelia, Hermosa MSWD Officer

As for the other communities, we have also have gotten a go signal from Samal, Bataan and the planning and MOA Signing for Unang Aklat Municipality Samal is set on February 6.

Also, after much work on finding the most fitting schedule, we are able to set the Early Literacy Training for Unang Aklat Municipality Anao on February 11. We will be inviting resource speakers from The Raya School and PAPA-ROR to hold multiple learning sessions for Anao's 25 Barangay Health workers who will be part of the Unang Aklat Team. We expect Dr. Amie Bulseco, Anao's Municipal Health Officer, to be present at the event.

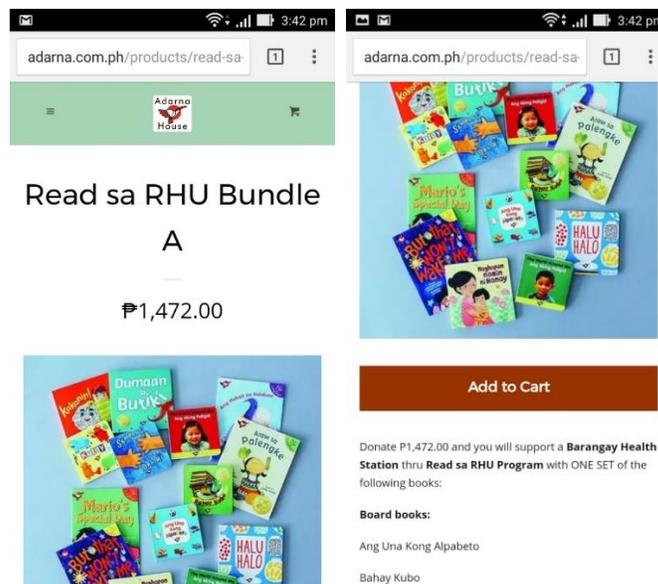
Our first Barangay Early Literacy Program (BELP) for the year will be held in Hermosa on February 3. It will be done in partnership with ICCP Group Foundation. Fifty mothers and babies from three barangays (Baco, Pandatung,

Palihan) are expected to participate. Adarna House employees will join as volunteer facilitators and IGFI pledged to fund AGFI staff and volunteers' meals and transportation costs. We expect that most, if not all our BELPs for the year will be counterfunded like this one to keep up with the requirements set by PCNC.

Networking and Partnership initiatives are also in place. We are currently searching for student, private and corporate partners. We have gotten in touch with 2 organizations from University of the Philippines Diliman for possible partnerships. If you know of other groups or individuals whom we can tap, do let us know and we would gladly get in touch with them.

To set our sustainability efforts in motion, we have drafted a proposal letter and prepared a set of collaterals to be sent to prospective donors and partners. We have already created a shortlist of possible recipients but if you know of an institution who might be willing to support, please send us the details so we can include them in the list.

Lastly, Adarna House Marketing Group and Adarna Digital have been helping us create the donation buttons for the Adarna House and AGFI websites. We are down to the final versions of the donation packages and site layouts and should be ready to launch in the coming weeks.



Under Construction. AGFI donation page at [www.adarna.com.ph](http://www.adarna.com.ph)

What do we have in the coming months? We are looking forward to implementing our M&E tools for mothers and RHU workers as we start Unang Aklat Municipalit Anao in March. We are also having talks of holding BERP in Laguna and Pampanga, still in partnership with IGFI. Also, we will be celebrating AGFI's fourth anniversary on February 14 😊

I am attaching a bird's eye view of our planned activities for the year—a running schedule of sorts for your reference. If you wish to take part in any of our activities, just let us know and we would be delighted to take you with us.

Para sa batang Filipino,

  
Ruth Martin-De Guzman

