

IN THESE PANDEMIC TIMES...

IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY PANTRIES! SPU MANILA-UP MANILA-BARANGAY 697

It is truly inspiring—that SPU Manila, a Catholic HEI, the University of the Philippines Manila, a state-run university, and Barangay 697, a local government unit have joined hands in the endeavor to alleviate the suffering of the disadvantaged members of the Malate community through a Community Pantry.

Here is Sr. Evangeline's sharing on the project:

May 4: Opening of the Community Pantry at Pedro Gil, a project of UP Manila-Ugnayan ng Pahinugod in partnership with St. Paul University Manila and Barangay 697.



Today marks the beginning of the partnership with UP Manila (Ugnayan ng Pahinugod), Barangay 697, and SPU Manila for the Community Pantry at Pedro Gil, which was formally opened this morning and will serve the community every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00-10:00 AM.

We continue to open the Community Pantry at Gen. Malvar, together with Barangay 697, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

With Dr. Carmencita Padilla, Chancellor of UP Manila, Dr. Arman, Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Eric, Director of the Ugnayan ng Pahinugod and Brgy. Chairman Andrey Lee.





Happy Birthday, Dr. Eric! What a beautiful way to celebrate your birthday! Dr. Eric is the Director of Ugnayan ng Pahinungod. He is a surgeon.

Sr. Evangeline also shares that the school has been buying veggies from farmers in Quirino province who have suffered losses due to the pandemic.



Sister shares: The vegetables that we ordered directly from the farmers of Quirino Province finally arrived at 1:30 early this morning.

Through a friend, we were able to contact an officer of the community of farmers in Quirino province. He said that there is currently an oversupply of veggies and that is why they were selling assorted veggies at only P10 per kilo; but we needed to shoulder the freight. We ordered the minimum amount of veggies that we could order, which is three metric tons or 3,000 kgs. This is our way of helping the farmers who are now suffering from the effects of the pandemic.



We thank the communities and private individuals who joined us in this endeavor by placing their orders through us: Adamson- 1000kg; SPUQC - 300kg; SPC Parañaque -300 kg; SSC - 300kg; Fatima Parish Community Pantry- 200kg; SPU Manila - 900 kg.

It turned out that cost of veggies including freight was Php15 per kilo ... still much cheaper than what is available in the market.

Now we have enough veggies for our Community Pantry until Monday next week.



The alumni have responded to the call for donations to the SPU Manila Community Pantry. According to the Alumni Relations Office, the following alumnae have sent their monetary donations to the school: SPMAFI, High School 1962, High School 1970, BSC 1974, and individuals—Mercedes Balda-Buhain (HS 63), Malou Choa-Fagar and Pamby Changco-Lim (HS 73), Mildred Magboo (HS 65), Millie Braganza (HS 65), Grace Eusebio-Torres (HS 62), Corina Santos-Unson (HS 70), Bernadette Formoso-Cuevas (HS 70), Rebecca Tionloc-Balato (AB 74), Juliet Banaag-Baltazar (AB 74), Nora Cabrera-Salazar (AB 74), Mae Sapinoso (AB 74), Pilar Almira (HS 70), and Minerva de la Cruz (AB 85) for a total of P 92,517.00.

AND AN ALUMNA SETS UP HER OWN...



Inspired by the SPU Manila Community Pantry, an alumna, Carmencita Guanzon-Arambulo (BM 58), put up her own community pantry in Floodway Cainta. Her secretary, who is from the area, told her about the plight of the people there and how they have started resorting to petty crimes, which could escalate to lawlessness. Chita decided to help by putting up “Community Pantry ni San Jose.” She has been occupied with soliciting donations from friends and parents of her students in her Greenhills Music Studio.

The name, “Community Pantry ni San Jose,” came from her spiritual journey, 33 Days Consecration to St. Joseph, which she attended from 30 March to 1 May 2021, together with three Paulinian invitees—Sol Balda-Ilagan (HS 65), Vicky Amalingan-Sales (HS 62), and MOM (HS 54).



Chita has also given out rosaries to the beneficiaries, for their spiritual upliftment. She sourced the rosaries from the SPC Vigil House in Taytay.

