

Villa Pag-Asa, Piat City

Since Typhoon Ondoy struck the Philippines in 2009, Kaloob, the NGO established by the Assumptionists to aid victims of natural catastrophes, has been working in the city of Piat to build houses, provide micro-financing to residents so that they can launch small businesses to earn a living for their families, and provide university scholarships to a limited number of promising, but poor, students in the city.

This past year, after months in the planning, Kaloob initiated a new project entitled: Water for Villa Pag-Asa. It was created this past August in partnership with Piat mayor's office which requested that Kaloob concentrate its efforts on the town's refugees displaced from the river-bank because of flooding during the typhoon period. This project will help 100 families. It was recently completed, in March, in partnership with the mayor's office and the French student association RES'eau.

The Kaloob foundation was created by the Augustinians of the Assumption in 2007, just after their arrival in the Philippines. Kaloob's objectives are to help the Philippines in these areas:
- organizing educational and recreational activities for youth in some of Manila's squatter areas;
- coming to the assistance of typhoon victims;
- granting university scholarship aid to students in rural areas;
- providing learning training formation for Chinese leaders studying in the Philippines.





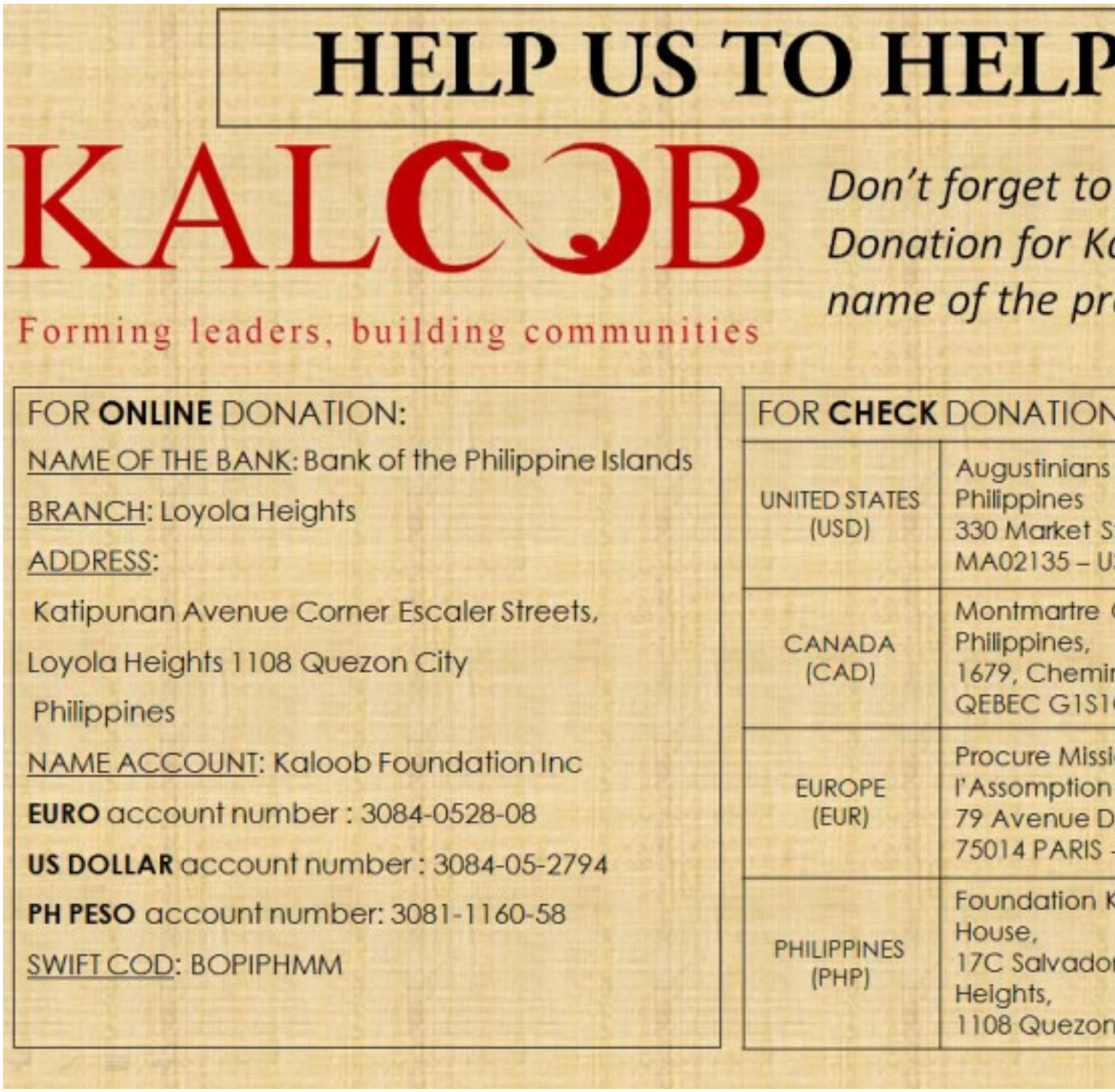




Recently constructed water tower in Piat; Piat home, and young project 'helper'



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