

SRA-GAD Donates Sewing Machine to Handmaids of the Lord Community

The SRA-GAD team of Corazon Boyero, Raphael Henri Mundo, Mafi Ramos and Joseph Peter Gonzales went to the Gawad Kalinga site located in Tungkong Mangga, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan on May 21, 2014 to personally turn-over a sewing machine to its chosen beneficiary, the Handmaids of the Lord (HOLD) community which aims to help generate income for its underprivileged members.

SRA-GAD got the fund for the purchase of the sewing machine from its Valentine project earlier in the year titled, "Hearts for a Cause." It was a fund-raising project where heart cut-outs were the main selling point. The orange one was sold to SRA employees at Php 20, the pink one at Php 50 and the red one at Php 100. Then, all takers wrote their names or their dear ones in the cut-outs before posting them to the "Hearts for a Cause" poster located at the main lobby.

The SRA-GAD team was warmly welcomed by the group headed by its president, Arnold Esposado. The



turn-over ceremony was held at the village's mini-hall and was attended by some 50 residents who were all very thankful and appreciative of the sewing machine given to them. Happiness was written all over their faces. The SRA-GAD team even enjoined some of them in assembling the unit and have it tried.

Apart from the sewing machine, it's spending some limited but quality time with HOLD members which made the project more worthwhile for the SRA-GAD team. The inspiration and encouragement brought about by the group's visit made the residents feel that despite their sad plight, they're not alone in their attempt to continue living and rise above their current state.