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Manulife and Sarah Geronimo host Gawad Kalinga children at Museo Pambata

Manila, Philippines – Manulife Philippines together with one of its brand ambassadors, singer and actress Sarah Geronimo, today hosted a field trip to Museo Pambata for the children of the Manulife - Gawad Kalinga (GK) Village in Muntinlupa, fulfilling Sarah's wish to work with and support underprivileged children.

Sarah spent time with the children from the Manulife-GK Village, who, after visiting the museum, were treated to a toy making lesson from the women from Plush and Play, a GK social entrepreneur enterprise.

The Manulife-GK Village is the result of the company's partnership with Gawad Kalinga and the Muntinlupa local government, in order to build a community of 124 houses on Muntinlupa land. Manulife conducts different activities with the children as part of this partnership, with the objective of not just building houses, but also playing a role in building the community.

Sarah is featured in the latest chapter of Manulife's "Start Your Story" campaign. The campaign encourages Filipinos to end what's holding them back and to pursue their dreams with the help of Manulife's life and wealth solutions.

"Swerte po ako na marami sa mga pangarap ko natupad ko habang bata pa ako (I was fortunate to have been able to fulfill a lot of my dreams at such a young age)," Sarah said. "I have been given so much early in life that I want to give back this time around. I am fortunate that I was able to invest my blessings in a trusted financial partner like Manulife. Now that I am confident of a secure future for me and my family, I can start helping others follow their own dreams."

Sarah said that with most of her ambitions fulfilled, she is at a stage of her life where she wants to start giving back. *"Minsan andadyan na yung success but we feel empty. Masaya sana na mag-outreach ako talaga, makasama ko yung mga tao, katulad ng ginagawa natin with the GK kids (Sometimes, even if you have achieved success, you feel empty. I think we can find a lot of joy in being able to reach out to those who have not been as fortunate and interact with them, as we are doing with the GK kids),"* she said.

"I'm back from a much needed break and I was able to cross a lot of things from my bucket list — cooking classes, mountain climbing, travel, and even spelunking, which I did for the Manulife TVC. I am happy to be back and in a position to inspire people with this campaign," she said.

Learn more about Manulife Philippines' Start Your Story campaign by visiting their website www.manulife.com.ph and following them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ManulifePH), Twitter (@ManulifePH), and Instagram (@manulifeph).

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