

# GAMOT COGON WALDORF SCHOOL

Steiner Waldorf Education at the Grassroots

18 July 2018

Dear Friends from Freie Waldorfschule Heidenheim:

Warm greetings from the Philippines! We, the faculty and staff of Gamot Cogon Waldorf School, are deeply touched and grateful for your support for our school. We especially wish to acknowledge all of your efforts through the WOW-day activities. We were amazed that you could raise such a sum! It must have been a lot of hard work and a lot of community support. We are so excited to have this donation from you at this time, especially since it is the beginning of the school year. And because of the significant sum, we are able to do so much in terms of helping the school.

We recently held our opening ceremony for the new school year and it would warm your hearts to have seen the eager faces of the children coming back for the beginning of classes. One of the highlights was the Rose Ceremony wherein the students from Class 12 presented a rose to the new Class one students, welcoming them to the Grade school and to the beginning of their 12-year journey through the grades. Another highlight was the visit of the Beijing Nanshan Waldorf School Class Eight students. They visited our school for a few days and they presented a sample of Beijing Opera as an artistic contribution to the community.



In June, we celebrated St. John's festival under gray skies and sporadic light rains. One of the highlights of the day was the bonfire and the opportunity for each child to leap over the burning coals, overcoming and transforming something in the process. The high school students planted fruit trees as forage for the bee colonies and we see, in so many ways, the life-affirming gifts to the school campus and the school community.

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In Gamot Cogon Waldorf School, we strive to not only create a nurturing environment for the healthy growth and development of all the children in the school, but to also make it especially possible for children from poorer families to attend the school and enjoy the benefits of a Steiner Waldorf education. These are students like Graciela Anne Bahague who is in Grade 4. Your support is instrumental in helping us financially to achieve this vision of fully integrating rich, middle-class and poor students in the school. In addition, we feel a real connection to the outer world and to your school especially through your generous gift of support.

We plan to use the funds for the following urgent needs of the school:

- Purchase of Violins for Grade Four music program
- Purchase of a Piano for the music department.
- Purchase of Sports Equipment like volleyballs, basketballs, soccer balls and frisbees
- Purchase of School Supplies like paints and crayons
- Construction of concrete pathwalks in areas of the school that are muddy
- Putting a roof on our unfinished Applied Science and Technology Building as well as adding storage facilities for tools and equipment
- Finish the detached bathing room for Class 1-2

We are all excited to begin this new school year and your donation comes at such an opportune time and contributes to our sense of being supported in our endeavors.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Sharman'.

James Sharman  
School Director

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff

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