

THE TREE OF A KIND

"Just as one drop of water creates countless ripples, so does one gesture of kindness or love change countless lives."

Randi G. Fine

In November 2016, we started to plan the events leading to the TREE OF A KIND project. The committee composed of Arlington employees felt that there were just so many terrible events that marked the year 2016. These negative events in the world inspired us to bring more positive changes by putting up the Tree of a Kind during the Yuletide season.

We believe that amidst the terrorist attacks in Europe, Zika virus epidemic in Brazil and some areas in North and South America, civil unrest in Venezuela, non-stop fighting in Syria, climate change disasters, bombing attacks and extrajudicial killings in the Philippines, we can still make a difference by doing small acts of kindness. Whatever we do to any person around us affects that person as well. A smile, a greeting, a helping hand, a hug, comforting words and so many more can affect people around us positively. In turn that act of kindness can also affect the other person causing a ripple effect of kindness. In doing so, we create a more positive world.

The group assigned had to think of a title with good deeds in mind to name the Yuletide project. Thus, the TREE OF A KIND was the name chosen for the project among the other titles suggested. The lighting of the tree was to be done at the lobby of Arlington on Dec. 4, 2016 to mark also the death anniversary of our founder, NESTOR LOPEZ JOSE who was a very kind person as well. Then the cardboard ornament to be hung on the tree was chosen. We decided on the cardboard gift boxes design since it was a gift that we wanted to give to other people. The other side of the cardboard gift boxes didn't have any design on it so we and other guests could write the simple acts of kindness. We had a hundred cardboard gift boxes initially printed. However, by the end of the 2nd week of December, we had to print more since a lot of people were writing messages on the boxes. Sometimes, people would even write simple "Merry Christmas" notes. We left these messages on the tree because we believe that even those messages can cheer up people who may not feel the Christmas spirit. Other messages on the boxes were:

"Gave food to our guard in the village"

"Assist family San Juan, incoming the office ... like flower arrangement/status of their loved one"

Our very own employees and guests participated in writing messages on the gift boxes. We even saw people reading the messages on the cardboard gift boxes. We believed

that even if they did not write their own messages, the mere act of reading it already made them aware of a simple act of kindness that they can do to other people as well.

We will never know or have a headcount of the people we have touched through this project. We believe that by doing this we have created one small ripple effect in this part of the world that can later create a tidal wave effect in our world.

We hope that others can replicate this project as well so that the ripple effect continues.



A Tree Of A Kind

Arlington Memorial Chapels Inc.

Tree of A Kind

Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it becomes so easy to be caught up in the Christmas rush that we tend to forget the essential things in life that matter the most.

This December, Arlington Memorial Chapels set up a "Tree Of A Kind", a special Christmas Tree adorned with holiday ornaments and glistening lights, as well as thoughtful gifts of good deeds.

Starting December 4, specially-designed paper gift boxes will be available at our lobby for you to write down a good deed or two that you would like to share with the rest of the world. Feel free to hang these gift boxes in our tree. A simple act of kindness towards our neighbors is the best gift we can give this Yuletide season.

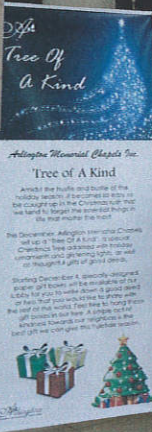


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Arlington Memorial Chapel

their stories of good
"Of A Kind" christmas
this new year





Arlington Memorial Chapels

Jan 7 at 4:16pm • Instagram • 🌐

Young ones write down their stories of good deeds to add to our "Tree Of A Kind" christmas tree. 🎄 Spread kindness this new year! 😊



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