



Philippine Center Update July 2014

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The Philippine Cultural and Civic Center Foundation (PCCCF) Board and Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund Major Contributors, represented by Dr. Ric & Mrs. Carol Sinense, Atty. Raphael Ramos from Quarles Brady, Drs. Max and Letty Cueto, Fred Astaire *Dance Forward* fundraiser organizers Dr. Fe Visaya, Dr. Oscar & Mrs. Becky Toledo, were given a first hand video report by Jo Ann P. Kyle, managing director of



Housing in Candahug, Palo, Leyte with storm shelter

Storm Shelter

catastrophic typhoons. The storm shelters were built with reinforced concrete walls and roof deck to withstand high winds. The roof deck was set at a height where people can stay and be safe during surge flooding.

In addition to the \$3,500 of the PCCCF donation to Don Bosco for medicines, vaccines, medical supplies and



Gerry Ramos receives a Certificate of Appreciation given to PCCCF by ABS CBN Sagip Kapamilya Managing Director Jo Ann P. Kyle on July 30, 2014 at the Philippine Center

ABS CBN Sagip Kapamilya, on the \$30,000 contributed by the PCCCF towards rehabilitation and medical assistance for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Updates were given on the usage of funds and the progress of their ongoing relief and rehabilitation efforts prior to the PCCCF Board Meeting last July 30, 2014 at the Philippine Center.

Renee Mondano, with husband Don, were designated by the PCCCF to hand deliver the donations to the Don Bosco Salesian Fathers and the Asilo de la Milagrosa Orphanage in Cebu City, Philippines. Renee's report went as follows:



Children and patients were cheering and thanking the PCCCF for funding the Medical Mission

equipment, the Pelayo-Mondano family contributed funds to supplement other requirements used during the PCCCF Cares/ Mondano-Pelayo Medical Mission to Polambato, Bogo City, Cebu last June, 2014.

PCCCF also donated \$2,500 to the Asilo de la Milagrosa Orphanage which now cares for and harbors displaced and orphaned children from Tacloban due to the Typhoon Haiyan.

This month, the amount of \$1000 was transmitted by PCCCF to Hospicio de San Jose to assist in the purchase of bancas for typhoon Haiyan affected fishermen in Iloilo.



Renee Mondano showing PCCCF check for \$2,500 which she handed to Sr. Berta of Asilo de la Milagrosa

Before



A typical house in Bogo constructed for the Typhoon victims

After



To date a total of \$ 17,500 was disbursed by the PCCCF to the Don Bosco Salesian Fathers. The initial \$7,000 was used to construct houses for 11 families and a chapel in the hard-to-reach mountain area of La Paz, Bogo, Cebu. Due to the inaccessibility of its location and its lower population, this area was left unreached by the government and other relief operations.

Before



The rehabilitated La Paz chapel where the community congregates

After



Part of the PCCCF donations were used to build storm shelter housing in Candahug, Palo, Leyte as part of the Don Bosco Adopt and Rebuild a Community Project. Storm shelters were constructed inside each house to protect the inhabitants during

Come & Join: The 8th Philippine Center Elieser B. Suson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2014, at the Ironwood Golf Course.

The Philippine Center plays host to dignitaries

UP President Alfredo E. Pascual was handed a PCCCF check donation of \$1,250 to benefit the typhoon displaced UP Tacloban students on July 13, 2014 while on a tour of the Philippine Center. The matching donation was in response to desperate appeals made by students to help them pull through studies for the semester.



Gerry and Jojo Ramos handing the PCCCF check for \$1,250 to UP President Alfredo Pascual during his visit to the Philippine Center



Philippine Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor Israel Jr. gave his insights about our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal last June 21, 2014 at the Philippine Center during the Value our Heritage Symposium, a part of the UPAAW week long celebration of their 40th Anniversary. In the background is the UPAAW exhibit featuring a Filipiniana collection.

Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic (FMC) (414) 342-1400
 Medical Director: Violeta A. Singson, MD ■ Clinic Administrator: Linda Ramos

The free clinic is **open every 2nd and 4th Saturday** of each month. Since we started in 2000, the number of FMC patients continue to grow. **Now a total of 3,130** who had been **seen 11,348 times**. **Free medical services have amounted to around \$2,400,000** to date including medication and laboratory services which were calculated and added only starting in 2010.

The 2nd Philippine Center Health Fair will be held on August 23, 2014 at the Philippine Center and the Zablocki Park in partnership with the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation, Milwaukee County Parks, the City of Greenfield Health, Police and Fire Departments, United Health Care and Children's Community Health Plan

Free T-shirts will be given to the first 200 patients
Free books at the Children's Literacy Tent and
Clothing distribution until supply lasts

Free Family Screening for Asthma, BMI, Breast Cancer, Dental, Diabetes, Skin Cancer. **Advanced registration required** for Cholesterol and School, Sports & Camp Physicals

Education provided on Health, Healthy Lifestyle, Safety, Smoke Cessation and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Entertainment: Games for Kids, Clowns, Balloon Making-TaiChi, Zumba, Martial Arts Exhibition, Pom Pom Routines, Karaoke

Save the Date: Philippine Consulate on Wheels at the Philippine Center on November 15, 2014.

Consular Services offered: Voters Registration (Presidential Election in May 2016), Passport and Visa, Birth & Marriage Registration, Notarization of Documents

Philippine Center Activities

Jojo Ramos, Activity Director



On June 7, 2014, the **PCCCF Munting Tinig Children's Choir** was invited to perform at the MacArthur Celebration honoring Mrs. Jean Faircloth MacArthur, at the War Memorial Center as its solo performer. The choir received a standing ovation from the international crowd.



Munting Tinig's General MacArthur, Calvin Sommer

The children were ably assisted by choir founder manager Dr. Volette Singson, director-conductor Jojo Agoncillo Ramos, and assistant Amy Schemenauer. Special effects and musical accompaniment were provided by Noni Dijamco and Manika Clemente. Dr. Violeta Singson with Cream Pepito took charge of publicity and drawing in attendance to the big event. A playbill for the occasion, that featured the individual members of the choir, was prepared by Gerry Ramos with assistance from Peter Gilbert.

The **Munting Tinig Choir** is again invited to perform at the PMAW yearly picnic on **August 3, 2014**. This year's repertoire includes songs from the MacArthur Celebration.

FILIPINO MOVIE NIGHT- August 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Philippine Center featuring **IT TAKES A MAN AND A WOMAN**. For questions, please contact Zen and Jake Edralin, Chairs of the Filipino Movie Night.

On **August 23, 2014**, another **PCCCF Children's Literacy** event funded by the **Forest Co. Potawatomi Foundation** will be conducted at the Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic Health Fair. Additional books for distribution were donated by **The New Threads of Hope**. Just as the Literacy event at Brookfield's Wirth Park in June of 2014, the event will be open to everyone. There will be story-telling, arts and crafts for children from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Another **Clothing Distribution** for the needy will be held at the same time as the Health Fair at the Zablocki Park on August 23, 2014. Clothes donated by **The New Threads of Hope** will be available from 10:00 AM until supply lasts.

COOKING CLASS on **October 4, Saturday** at 10:00 AM at the Philippine Center located at the Zablocki Park. Dishes to learn: *Putchero* and *Okoy* by Chef for the day, Dr. Letty Cueto. Fee is \$5.00. **Registration is required** for planning purposes. Please contact Jojo Agoncillo Ramos at diwa@wi.rr.com or leave a message at (414) 423 0901.

Visit www.philippinecenter.com for schedules of activities (Children's Workshop, Munting Tinig Choir, Cooking Lessons, Yoga, Tai Chi, Tagalog Movies, Ballroom Dancing, Karaoke, Dance Exercise, Tagalog Lessons, and other events and activities)