



Philippine Center Update January 2014

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In response to the devastation brought on by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), a category 5 typhoon, that wreaked havoc in the Philippines, the Philippine Cultural and Civic Center Foundation (PCCCF) started a fund raising drive with an appeal for help for the victims of the disaster in all affected areas. An over-whelming response was received from both the Filipino and American community. Individuals and organizations sent in donations to help in the relief and rehabilitation initiative.

It is with great humility and sincerity that PCCCF thanks all who responded by way of prayers, support and donations.

Media's support and clamor for news and updates: PCCCF officers and typhoon victims were interviewed on the situation and well being of kin in the Philippines. Different TV and radio stations helped by making continuous appeals for donations to the PCCCF Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund.



Organizations and individuals held Fund Raising activities in support of the PCCCF initiative. The Fred Astaire Dance Forward organized by Tes Rivera, Fe Visaya, Marie Abraham Rebanco, Kathy Uy & Marissa Periquet Collins drummed up \$12,000, part of which was dedicated to support affected teachers in Tacloban which was the hardest hit province. The UPAW-W's \$1,000 donation went to assist the displaced UP Tacloban students. The PMA-W donated \$2,000 dedicated to the RMMF rehabilitation of affected hospitals and clinics in Tacloban. FAAWIS donated \$1,000 and PNAWI \$500.

Other organizations and individuals sent donations to other charitable and relief organizations of their choice.

The successful PCCCF Dinner for a Cause generated \$15,000. The event was organized by Activities Director Jojo Ramos with Dr. Henry Ravelo and chaired by Dr. Violeta Singson assisted by Mareta Prill, Linda Ramos, Linda Ravelo, Becky Toledo, Jake and Zen Edralin. Sales from T-shirts with a Hope design that were produced by Brad Truckenbrod and sold by Mareta Prill, went to the cause as did those of 10 year old Cole Svastisalee's and college student Catherine Toledo's individual efforts of creating and selling bracelets to benefit the cause.

Deeply affected by the plight of the typhoon victims, community members sent out personal appeals to their friends, offices and organizations to support the typhoon victims and

the PCCCF fund drive. Raphael Ramos, sent an email to the Quarles & Brady offices that generated \$16,000 of donations to different relief organizations, \$6,000 of which were sent to the PCCCF. This effort caught fire. Similar appeals sent by Renee Mondano (funds dedicated to the hard to reach areas in Cebu), Letty Cueto, Ning Mendoza, Maria Salomon Yumang, Beth Bueno, and Noelle Muceno resulted in donations and matches from friends, relatives, co-employees and their employers.

The PCCCF Typhoon Relief & Rehabilitation Fund Drive received close to \$60,000 thanks to the efforts of the entire community. We will continue to promote this effort to rehabilitate the lives of thousands of people who are still in need.

Records of all donations and disbursements are available and open for anybody to see upon request.

The PCCCF has partnered with the ABS CBN Foundation International and their Sagip Kapamilya project. For more information visit <http://www.tfc-usa.com/abscbnfoundation>.

Disbursements of the relief and rehabilitation funds to date are as follows:

ABS CBN Foundation Sagip Kapamilya	\$30,000
UP Foundation (to support Board & Lodging of 40 displaced UP Tacloban Students)	\$1,250
Department of Education & Culture, RP (to support affected teachers)	\$7,000
Salesian Brothers of Don Bosco (For Cebu, Leyte and Samar area victims)	\$7,000

RMMF led by Drs. Jaz Parcon and Ruben Romero did an emergency ship out of a 40 ft container filled with donated medical supplies, materials and equipment last Dec.10 to rehabilitate Tacloban City Hospital. The goal is to augment the hospital's resources to make it better equipped to handle and serve more victims of the typhoon.

PCCCF's Jojo Ramos is helping in the solicitation and coordination process with major donor Kreisers Inc., through regional manager Barry Wormington and Carol Versely.

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Medical Director: Violeta A. Singson, MD ■ Clinic Administrator: Linda Ramos

The Philippine Center and its Free Medical Clinic continues a strong presence at the Zablocki Park in Greenfield.

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 3,047 who had been seen 10,822 times. Free medical services have amounted to \$2,060,890 to date including medication and laboratory services added only in 2010.

Save the date: The 7th Philippine Center Elieser B. Suson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2014, at the Ironwood Golf Course.