



# Philippine Center Update

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The new **Philippine Center** finally opened its doors and had its first **Free Medical Clinic** at the **Zablocki Park Pavilion** at 3717 W Howard Avenue, Greenfield WI last March 10, 2012. **Philippine Center Executive Director Gerry Ramos** and **Free Medical Clinic Director Dr. Violeta Singson** together with the **Zablocki Park Manager Dan Roddy** led the doctors, volunteers and patients in the blessing ceremony officiated by **Fr. Jojo Orosa** of St. Camillus.

**55 uninsured and underinsured patients** were served cookies and juice before being seen by the doctors. They were provided medical care and given free medication that morning.



(L to R) Park Manager Dan Roddy, FMC Director Dr. Violeta Singson and PCCCF Executive Director Gerry Ramos

This event at **Zablocki Park Pavilion** reinforced the partnership between the **Philippine Cultural and Civic Center Foundation (PCCCF)** and the **Milwaukee County Parks (PARKS)**. Major improvements to the **Zablocki Pavilion** had been made by PCCCF. Energy efficient windows were installed. Electrical and HVAC systems have been updated. New air conditioning units will be installed. New carpets were installed, interior walls painted, existing floors dusted, mopped and cleaned. Furniture and equipment are now in place.



View of the Zablocki Pavilion/ Philippine Center showing new canopy at the main entry

The **8800 SF Zablocki County Park Pavilion** is now **revitalized** and has regained its beauty. **Through the PCCCF and its programs, the pavilion will be utilized to its fullest extent.** The **Philippine Center** uses **1200 SF** of dedicated space at the upper level and the whole lower level where the **Free Medical Clinic** is situated. **The FMC has 6 Exam Rooms, a Lab, an FMC office and Records Room, a**

**Dispensary, and areas for medication sorting, registration and triage.** The **1100 SF open area** in the lower level used as the FMC registration, waiting and triage area will also be used for exercise programs, ballroom and folk dancing, martial arts training, etc., when not in FMC use.

**PARKS** continues to retain the use of the upper level **community room (1500 SF)** which they currently rent out to the public. The **Philippine Center** can also use the **Community Room** with advance notice, when not rented out by **PARKS**.

## Free Medical Clinic (FMC)

**FMC patients now total 2,837**, a lot of whom use the FMC as their main source of health care and medication. The assistance of the **PMA-W, PNA-WI, UPAAW, Medical College of WI, UWM and Marquette students** and other volunteers have sustained the success of the program.

In 2011 alone, **2,347 patients** were seen and medical services, medication, laboratory tests and imaging services valued at **\$303,382** were given free to the patients. From October, 2000 to May 2012, these free services amounts to **\$1, 508,540**.

Normal free clinic hours are from 9 AM to 12 Noon every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

## Use of the Philippine Center

The **Philippine Center** is now being fully utilized. Aside from the FMC, meetings of the PCCCF, PMA-W, UPAA-W, and USTAA-W, dance practices for the PMA-W Dinner Dance and the PCCCF cultural night have been held at the Center. The newly formed children choir, the PCCCF "Munting Tinig", has scheduled practices while PNA-WI and the APPA have lined up events at the Center. **Schedule** for the Consulate on Wheels, and the continuance of the Computer Classes and Tagalog Classes and coming activities will be announced later.

## Philippine Independence Day Celebration June 15,16, 2012

**Cultural Night, Open House and Picnic;** In celebration of the Philippine Independence, the Philippine Center will have a **cultural night, dinner and dancing on Friday, June 15** and an **open house on Saturday, June 16, 2012 to coincide with the FAWIS picnic.** Park facilities and amenities are reserved for the use of the Filipino American community on these dates.

## Fund Raising

As most of the PCCCF funds have been used and set aside for the renovation and improvement of Zablocki Park Pavilion, grant requests have been sent and fund raising drives started.

**Gala Night:** The Gala night held last **March 3, 2012**, chaired by Dr. Violeta Singson, with Co-chair: Marshall Chay, Liaison: Gerry Ramos, Committee Chairs: Becky Toledo, Linda Ravelo, Jojo Ramos, Evelyn Brown and Members: Zen Edralin, Mila Lamerand, Sheila Jackson, Mareta Prill, Linda Ramos, Amy Schemenauer and Belinda Tenorio held a very successful event which had spin off fund drives that generated these amounts to date:

TREE OF LIFE	
Tree of Life:	\$ 20,075.00
Gala Night:	\$ 31,195.98
Silent Auction:	\$ 7,146.44
Naming Rights:	\$ 28,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 86,917.42</b>

Revenues :	2011	2012
Grants/Awards:	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 12,980.00
Special Events:	\$ 35, 958.00	\$ 99,559.05
Donations:	\$ 7,332.44	\$ 12,980.00
Miscellaneous:	\$ 2,924.42	\$ 2,201.79
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 86,913.86</b>	<b>\$ 129,740.84</b>

## Balances as of May 14, 2012 :

PCCCF:	\$ 95,989.10
FMC:	\$ 27,964.00
<b>Total Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 123,953.10</b>
FMV of Stocks:	\$ 9,962.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 133,915.10</b>

## Add'l Projected Disbursements for 2012

Construction :	\$ 50,000.00
PCCCF/FMC Operations:	\$ 70,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 120,000.00</b>

**TREE OF LIFE**  
Appropriately named the "Tree of Life", this sculptural piece has become a symbol of our community's commitment towards the fulfillment of a Philippine Center.

Leaves on the "Tree of Life" are sold at **\$100 each** to raise funds for the Center,



## Save the date:

The **5th Annual PCCCF Golf Tournament** will be held on **Sunday, August 12, 2012, Ironwood GC**