



A new leaf, the beginning..

Philippine Cultural and Civic Center Foundation Update

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On behalf of the **PCCCF, Inc.**, we would like to thank the **President of the PMA-W, Dr. Dexter Rebanco, and its Board of Directors and officers** for their continued commitment to support the Philippine Center and its projects, notably the Free Medical Clinic (FMC).



Free Clinic Patients braving 39 degree weather

In addition to the annual grant, PMA-W members volunteered early and completed the FMC 2008 schedule. As the volume of FMC patients increased to 79 patients on April 12 from an average of 49, the constant assistance of the PMA-W and other medical volunteers has ensured the reliable success of the program. For this, we thank the PMA-W and the PMA-W Auxiliary for its continued interest in the Philippine Center, and support of the Free Medical Clinic. We would also like to acknowledge the Philippine Nurses Association of WI (PNA) who committed and made up their own schedule of volunteers.

Able headed by **Dr. Violeta A. Singson, the Philippine Center and the Free Medical Clinic have been catapulted into the lime-light through the prestigious awards and nominations** she has garnered. Following the "Champions Among Us" award, presented by Johnson and Johnson in 2007, she was given the **2007 Outstanding Community Service Overseas Award** by the UP Medical Alumni Society (UPMAS) in the Philippines and was presented the **Milwaukee Woman of the Year Award for 2007**, sponsored by Chevrolet and Macy's. The latter two awards emphasized Dr. Singson's work as director of the Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic which serves the uninsured and under-insured patients of the Metro Milwaukee area, with the help of the PMA-W. **Dr. Singson has graciously earmarked** part of her \$5,000 gift certificate **prize from Macy's to the FAWIS children** (\$1,000 worth of Christmas gifts), to the **Philippine Center Building Fund** (\$1,000) and to the **regular Free Clinic volunteers**. Chevy will also donate \$1,010 to the Philippine Center Building Fund as her charity of choice.



Free Clinic Volunteer Physicians

In 2008, Dr. Singson was one of the 3 finalists for the "**Navigator Award**" of the **9th MANDI** (Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation), presented on March 13. The "Navigator Award" recognizes an individual who has shown exemplary leadership in neighborhood development within a public or private community development entity.

On the awards night, the **Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic was featured in an audio visual presentation** showing its volunteer physicians, nurses, medical assistants, pharmacists and registration staff during the performance of their services. The highlight of the presentation was the images of the patients orderly awaiting their turn for treatment and leaving the facility with smiles of gratitude and appreciation. James Marks, Vice-President and Director of Grant Programs of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF), commented that the **MANDI Awards night gave the Philippine Center the opportunity to showcase its work to the grant**

providers in Milwaukee who were present that evening. GMF, through Mr. Marks, gave the PCCCF a grant of \$35,000 for 2008.

On a broader scale, the PCCCF, Inc. is contemplating the City of Greenfield's offer for the use of the City's existing library by the **Philippine Center** and the Health Department facilities by the Free Medical Clinic under a 25 year lease agreement. The library building will be retrofitted to maximize spaces for office and community activities. The converted building can be named the Philippine Center and its activities will be given priority over the City of Greenfield Park and Recreation programs. This will serve as an alternative to raising \$1,600,000 to purchase and retrofit the Library or construct a new more expensive building at the site originally offered by the City in their Konkel Park. The PCCCF Board has voted to continue negotiations with the City on the lease arrangement. The City of Greenfield Common Council is also reviewing the arrangement. Meetings are being scheduled to continue detailed discussions on the matter.

In 2007, the PCCCF received **\$65,963 worth of donations**: \$2,200 for 2006 donations deposited in 2007; \$37,721 for the Building Fund; and \$26,042 for the Free Medical Clinic.

Meanwhile, our grant writer is busy requesting for grants. Big donors from outside our community like the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF)**, The Forest County **Potawatomi Foundation**, **The Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation**, **The Windhover Foundation** and others have already sent their donations for credit in 2008.

Northwestern Mutual Foundation (NMF), represented by Gil Llanas, Director-Community Relations and Shawna Muren, Community Relations Consultant, recently visited the Philippine Center and observed the Center and the FMC facilities. Upon their invitation, we attended an NMF sponsored "Summit Conference on Collaboration" which was attended by about 150 people most of whom were Executive Directors and Chairmen of the Board of Non-Profit Organizations funded by NMF. Gil Llanas informed us that they are already working on our grant request. They normally grant \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000 for the initial request for a credible program. PCCCF, Inc. has been accredited and hoping for the bigger amount.

To date, these are donations to the PCCCF deposited in 2008:

1.	Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Inc.	\$ 2,000
2.	Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Inc. (Gertrude M. Speer Fund)	\$ 20,000
3.	The Windhover Foundation	\$ 2,000
4.	PPC Foundation	\$ 500
5.	The Prudential Foundation Marketing Gifts	\$ 50
6.	Mr. Ed Sandoval & Dr. Jazmin Parcon-Sandoval	\$ 500
7.	Forest County Potawatomi Community	\$ 10,000
8.	Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation	\$ 2,500
9.	State of WI Patient Voucher: Elizabeth Sprewer	\$ 20
10.	Layton Ear, Nose & Throat Associates c/o Dr. Ruben Romero	\$ 400
11.	Dr. Ruchir Agrawal	\$ 501
12.	Pfizer United Way Campaign	\$ 250
	TOTAL	\$ 38,721

As of April 21 2008 the account of the PCCCF, Inc. is as follows:

General fund	\$ 228,074.46
Free Medical Clinic Fund	\$ 11,020.23
TOTAL	\$ 239,094.69