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## Volunteers' Corner

Currently, St. Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM) is looking for people interested in helping with the following projects:

- Foundations search

## Junior Health Workers of ChildHope Asia Philippines

The health care program of Child Hope Asia Philippines (CHAP) supported by St. Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM) continues to provide help to street children and their communities. The Junior Health Workers (JHW) now 70 in number responds to the growing primary health needs in the slum areas. Not only are they administering first aid where needed but they also provide training on personal hygiene, proper nutrition, food poisoning, and avoiding dengue. Operation Toothbrush is conducted together with discussion on topics of proper cleaning of hands, importance of bathing and body cleanliness, and wearing slippers (their primary footwear), and proper clothing. What is common knowledge to us is something that needs to be taught to these impoverished children.



Ms. Tessie Silva, Executive Director of CHAP (seated in the center in red blouse) with the street girls living at the CHAP shelter.

## ChildHope Asia Receives a Mobile Health Clinic Van

The mobile health clinic is staffed by one volunteer doctor and other health professionals. The van will provide preventive services to the street children as well as health services such as immunization and primary health education. CHAP will be needing more volunteer doctors and funding to support the operations and services of the mobile clinic.

- Grant proposal writing
- Marketing strategy development
- PMM brochure planning
- Fundraiser planning

## Send your donations

In order to continue providing these services to the poor, SCBPMM must continue to raise funds and seek donations. If you are interested in making a donation, please mail a check or money order to:

St. Charles Borromeo  
Philippine Medical  
Mission  
or SCBPMM  
2914 Adams Place  
Falls Church, VA  
22042

Include your name and address if you would like to receive a receipt for tax purposes.

## Useful links:

Foundation of Our Lady of Peace Mission  
<http://www.folpmi.org/>

Religious of Notre Dame Missions  
<http://rndm.tripod.com>

Childhope Asia Philippines  
<http://www.childhope.org.ph/>

## Foundation Of Our Lady Of Peace Mission Inc. (FOLPMI) Greenhouses Damaged By Typhoon

The strong typhoon that directly hit Metro Manila on September 27, 2006 with packing winds of 70 miles/hour wrought massive devastation on the capital city of the Philippines. Centuries old trees were uprooted. Towering steel billboards bent and toppled. Roofs of sturdy houses were ripped and blown off. The greenhouses housing the organic crops of FOLPMI, which is supported by SCBPMM were not spared. Its roofs and steel frame were blown and damaged by the force of the wind. The crops of bell pepper and lettuce, which were ready for harvesting were completely destroyed. Sr. Eva Maamo, President of FOLPMI was not deterred by this destruction. She had the soil cleaned and planted once again. FOLPMI plans to request for relief from the government funds allocated for victims of the typhoon.

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## Three SCBPMM Board Members Visited Our Partners

From July to October 2006, three Board members visited our partners. Juliet Teodosio went to the office of the Foundation of Our Lady of Peace Mission and had an informative meeting with Sr. Eva Maamo. She was given a tour of the Hospital for the Poor, the Our Lady of Peace Hospital and visited the girls at the Angel's Home. Juliet noted that the girls are polite and hardworking. She presented two checks to Sr. Eva, one for the pediatric inoculation and the other for the victims of the mudslide in the province of Leyte.

Cecile Motus and Maricel Bretault visited FOLPMI and CHAP in September and October, respectively.

We invite all our donors and benefactors to visit our partners when they are in the Philippines. If you are interested to meet our partners and to visit the projects we support, please send us an email at: [pmm@stcharleschurch.org](mailto:pmm@stcharleschurch.org).

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## SCBPMM Sent Medicines to Mindanao

In October 2006, with the help of CrossLink International, SCBPMM sent over \$7,300 worth of medications to our partner in Kulaman on the island of Mindanao. These medications (which include antibiotics, pain killers, cough and allergy medicines, and vitamins) will be used to aid in the Health Program the sisters of the Religious of Notre Dame of the Missions are running for the indigenous people of the island.

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Comments and suggestions, please contact us at: stcharles-pmm@earthlink.net

Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.

--- Mother Teresa

#### Coming up Events (2007):

- Volunteer Seminar
- Laser Tag (April/May)
- Annual Raffle (August)
- Concert (October)
- Christmas Caroling (December)

## Christmas Caroling Fundraiser

SCBPMM gave Christmas cheer and instilled the spirit of sharing through a Christmas caroling fundraiser in December. It is expected that the warmth that we would feel through the Christmas songs of hope and joy would inspire everyone to give generously to enable us to continue supporting our partners in the Philippines.



Volunteers and friends gathered for two nights (Dec. 2 and 10) to join PMM carolers.

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## SCBPMM Assists Typhoon Victims

SCBPMM approves release of funds for the victims of the typhoon that hit the central part of the Philippines in early December. Sister Eva Maamo and FOLPMI staff appealed for help to address the health needs of the evacuees in the Bicol region who lost their houses to the onrush of mud brought about by heavy and torrential rain. Tens of thousands have lost their homes and livelihoods in the last quarter of 2006 when three strong typhoons hit the country. Damaged water and sanitation facilities contributed to health problems particularly to children. Rescue relief efforts have been stretched to the limit. We are grateful to St. Charles parish for their continuing support of our programs to help the typhoon victims who are mainly the poor in the Philippines.

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## SCBPMM Financial Report 2006

For the calendar year 2006 St. Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM) raised over \$55,000 in cash and in-kind donations, and distributed over \$41,000 to our partners: \$20,929 to ChildHope Asia Philippines; \$10,137 to Foundation of Our Lady of Peace Mission; and \$10,370.35 to the Religious of Notre Dame of the Missions. The Celia Coronado Endowment Fund has grown to \$8,471. Administrative costs remain low, with only 5.24% of funds raised used for administration of our organization. We thank all of our dedicated and devoted volunteers and our generous donors who made all of this possible.