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Come and join us and help make a difference in the Philippines

**We need your help ...**

In order to continue providing services to the poor in the Philippines, SCBPMM must continue to raise funds and seek donations.

**FOUNDATION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE MISSION, INC. (FOLPMI) – Feeding Program**

Three St Charles Borromeo Church parishioners and St. Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM) volunteers, Nick & Gilda Baric and Aurora Murphy, together with Sr. Eva Maamo, FOLPMI president, and novice sisters of St Paul Charities visited three feeding centers in Manila last May, 2010. The three feeding centers are supported by SCBPMM through its partner, the Foundation of our Lady of Peace Mission Inc., (FOLPMI).



The group visited the feeding center located in Barangay San Dionisio, Paranaque City and 2 centers at Barangay North Bay Boulevard in Navotas City, cities at the outskirts of Manila. SCBPMM provided FOLPMI \$6,600 for the feeding program to cover one year supplemental feeding.

The Supplemental Feeding benefits a total of 60 malnourished children, ages 4 to 6 years old, from the poor squatter urban communities.



The kids are fed one full nutritious meal daily, 5 days a week for 52 weeks (one year). The budget to feed one malnourished kid is \$.40/meal. In Navotas, the kids are fortunate because of a donor who regularly provides funding for milk. In addition to the feeding program, FOLPMI also provides education in nutrition, hygiene and effective parenting to the parents or guardians of the children.

FOLPMI would like to thank SCBPMM for the financial assistance they continue to provide the foundation.

*'Alone we can do so little ... together we can do so much'*

**RELIGIOUS OF NOTRE DAME OF THE MISSIONS (RNDM) – Health and Medical Assistance Program**

Sr. Patricia Lao and Sr. Catherine O'Neill of Religious of Notre Dame Missions serving in Sultan Kudarat, Mindanao, Southern Philippines, are truly grateful to SCBPMM for the financial assistance that has allowed them to continue ministering to the needs of their Dulangan Menubo sisters and brothers.

RNDM serves 17 tribal communities of at least 20 families each. Estimated direct beneficiaries per year are about 200 individuals. Through the support of SCBPMM, RNDM is able to fulfill their goals of:

1. assisting during emergency situations. The sisters assist with transportation of patients who need to be brought to the provincial hospital at least 3 hours away on a rough mountain road;
2. giving medical assistance for hospitalization and non-surgical cases by providing prescribed medicines; and
3. conducting village visitations to educate parents and children on good nutrition and illness prevention. The health outreach is really necessary because of the 95% illiteracy rate among the tribespeople.

If you are interested in making a donation, you can mail a check or send a money order to:

**St. Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission or SCBPMM**  
3304 N Washington Blvd  
Arlington, VA 22201

### Partners in the Philippines

**Foundation of Our Lady of Peace Mission, Inc. (FOLPMI)** – a non-profit non-governmental institution serving the poorest of the poor in the Philippines. Its projects include, among others, feeding centers, livelihood projects, and immunization programs.

**Religious of Notre Dame of the Missions (RNDM)** – a group of sisters who work in remote and poor areas in the Philippines. Their ministries include community development, basic health care services, health education, nutrition programs and provision of education opportunities.

**Childhope Asia, Philippines (CHAP)** – a non-profit non-governmental organization established to address the plight of street children in the Philippines. It provides, among others, basic education, health care services, livelihood training, shelter and counseling support to street children

**ANAWIM Lay Missions Foundation, Inc. (ANAWIM)** – a refuge for the abandoned elderly, a few orphans and physically and mentally handicapped persons.

**Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Foundation (AGRMRF)** – a non-profit foundation to provide development assistance to the people in Aklan

### Useful links: (PMM Partners)

**Religious of Notre Dame Missions (RNDM)**

<http://www.rndm.org>

**Childhope Asia, Philippines (CHAP)**

<http://www.childhope.org.ph>

**Anawim Lay Missions Foundation, Inc. (ANAWIM)**

<http://www.anawim.com.ph>

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)

*The financial support that SCBPMM continues to give the Health and Medical Assistance Program of RNDM has been extremely necessary. The medical costs are exorbitant and the tribal families cannot meet them. Basically, this funding means life or death for the patients and the survival of the indigenous tribe.*

*For long-term sustainability, formal and non-formal education and livelihood programs are being undertaken by RNDM alongside the medical assistance. The sisters believe in a developmental approach and not mere dole-outs.*

*‘Giving is a necessity, sometimes more urgent, indeed, than having’*

### CHILDHOPE ASIA, PHILIPPINES (CHAP) – Mobile Health Clinic Project

*The Mobile Health Clinic (MHC) continues to see and manage consultations in 2010. The clinic goes to designated areas on Tuesdays to Saturdays, delivering much needed health care services to beneficiaries of the Street Education Program of CHAP.*

*Among the consultations, 90% belong to the 7 to 17 year old age groups—the target direct beneficiaries of the Street Education Program. Among the top cases seen were viral upper respiratory infections, dental cavities, bacterial respiratory infections, and systemic viral illness. All cases were managed appropriately through laboratory testing, non-pharmacologic therapy and/or medications.*

*There were a good number of well-child consultations, which is evident of the increased health seeking behavior of street children. They do not only see the physician when they are ill; they also give due importance to prevention from sickness. There were also cases of teen pregnancies, primary complex (tuberculosis), and street children abusing inhalants, particularly contact cement and roof/pipe sealant, both containing the toxic chemical toluene. These children are referred for psychological evaluation to CHAP’s in-house psychologists.*

*In addition, street children benefitted from free dental services delivered through a partnership with Centro Escolar University (CEU) Office of Alumni Affairs. The children had tooth extractions and dental checkups through volunteer alumni dentists from CEU. They were given lectures on oral health care prior to the procedures, and were given free medicines, tooth brush and tooth paste right after.*

*Training is an important part of this health project. A number of new Junior Health Workers (JHW) were trained on Basic First Aid and Safety and on the conduct of Substance Abuse Prevention Education among their peers.*

*Ms. Teresita Silva, the Executive Director and President of CHAP expressed gratitude to SCBPMM for its continuing support of much-needed outreach to street children in the Metro Manila area.*

### ARCHBISHOP GABRIEL M. REYES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC. (AGRMRFI) – Responsible Parenthood and Nutrition Program

*SCBPMM funded a supplemental feeding program in two barangays in Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines benefitting 56 children from 1-year-old to 13-years-old. In one barangay (Caano), 30 underweight/malnourished children at the Caano Elementary School are provided a nutritious “brunch” during their morning recess four days a week. In another barangay (Old Buswang), 20 toddlers are brought by their parents to the barangay hall every afternoon for a nutritious snack.*



Caano Elementary School children enjoying ‘brunch’.



Toddlers with their parents

*By January 2011, 17 children gained enough weight to move from below normal to normal weight while 4 severely malnourished kids have moved to below normal weight.*

## Who we are ...

St Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM) is a 501(c) (3) organization, dedicated to promoting the inherent right of the poor and the underprivileged in the Philippines, to receive basic and adequate health care and to empower them, through education, to become responsible and productive members of society.

## What we do ...

To accomplish its mission, SCBPMM works in partnership with established non-profit organizations in the Philippines. SCBPMM undertakes fund-raising activities to support its partners' poverty alleviation projects and programs.

*'To The World, You Might Be One Person,  
But To One Person, You might be the World'*

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If you want to receive this newsletter by email, please send us your email address.

*'Life is God's gift to us ... what we make of it is our gift to God!'*

The Principal and teachers at the Caano Elementary School commented that the children look forward to the meals. Many families cannot afford to give breakfasts to their children so they are hungry when they arrive in school. The teachers and parents are grateful to SCBPMM for their support because the health of the children is improving.

Ms. Cecile Motus, one of the SCBPMM Board members, visited the Bulig Aklan Responsible Parenthood and Nutrition Program last January 18 and 19, 2011.

*'It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving'*

## ANAWIM Lay Missions Foundation Inc (ANAWIM) – Medical Program

In 2010, SCBPMM gave a grant of \$5,000 to ANAWIM, a center for the abandoned and sick elderly located in the northern suburb of Manila, to provide for its medical needs.

Since its doors opened to the poor elderly in 1996, Anawim has served 267 elderlies. Some 139 have died due to old age and illness while some have reconciled with their families.

Currently, there are 50 elderly residents currently living in the center, 31 females and 19 males.



In 2010, there were 5 elderly admitted to the center, a relatively low number compared to previous years. This is because the priority last year was the construction of new houses to replace a number of old nipa houses that were dilapidated and greatly damaged by the typhoon "Ondoy" in late 2009.

The major needs of ANAWIM for its residents are food and medicines for hypertension, diabetes, respiratory and other ailments common to elderlies. A major part of its budget goes to hospitalization. The center is now in need of an ambulance to facilitate the transportation of the sick elderly to hospitals.

## SCBPMM Barrio Fiesta

On June 5, 2010, SCBPMM held a Barrio Fiesta at the St. Charles Borromeo School gymnasium which served as a kick-off for its Annual Raffle.

Among the highlights of the evening were children's performance of the folk dance Itik-itik, Michael Jackson's Billy Jean rendered by Sean Sonon from St. Timothy, Filipino songs beautifully performed by Mary Estacion and Erwin Mangano, the song 'Carinosa' sang by the Simbang Gabi Choir, and performances of lovely traditional folk dances Bulakena, Maglalatik and Tinikling by the Pilipino American Cultural Arts Society(PACAS).



The performers of the folk dance Itik-itik - Caroline Reze, Marian Baric, Diwata and Mithi Penaranda, Elijah Vilorio and Sean Sonon.



Fr. Gerry Creedon, former parish priest of St. Charles Borromeo Church dancing one of the Filipino Traditional Dance - the Tinikling.

*'You have one more day not  
because you needed it,  
But because somebody else needs  
you'*

*'We make a living by what we  
get; we make a life by what we  
give'*

The evening also had Studio portraits of guests taken by Francis Lagera and Bong Vioria under the 'Pose for a Cause' fundraiser. There was also a crafts sale that included oil paintings, hand-made jewelry and crafts from SCBPMM's partners. These activities were able to raise over \$5,000, which was all donated to SCBPMM.

And of course, no SCBPMM celebration could ever be complete without food and drinks. Food prepared by Filipino volunteers and friends were in a long buffet table manned by a number of volunteers for the almost 200 people who came to the event.

The night was capped by a totally fun Zumba dance exhibition by instructor Vivian Aricochea. This part got almost half the attendees moving on the dance floor.

SCBPMM is grateful to all of its supporters and volunteers who made this evening a big success. We look forward to having a repeat of the event in 2011.

### **SCBPMM holds Annual Christmas Carolling**

On December 4, 2010, SCBPMM once again held its annual Christmas carolling. About 100 people came to the event which was held at the Benedict Hall of St Charles Borromeo Church (SCB). Beautiful Christmas carols were sung by SCBPMM volunteer Mary Estacion, 17 year-old mezzo soprano Morgan Middleton, and the Medical Mission of Mercy Choir of Queen of Apostles Church in Alexandria. Fr. Clement, priest in residence at SCB, brought fun to the party with his impromptu singing!

Litong Roa, one of SCBPMM's board of directors, emceed the event. Light refreshments were donated by volunteers for everyone.

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity!

*'If you have much, give of your wealth, if you have little, give of your heart'*

### **From the Treasurer ...**

#### **SCBPMM 2010 FINANCIAL REPORT**

SCBPMM raised over \$47,000 in cash and in-kind donations for calendar year 2010. This includes the proceeds of over \$4,500 from its Annual Raffle and over \$6,000 from its annual Christmas Campaign.

In 2010, SCBPMM distributed \$24,400 to its partners in the Philippines.

- \$ 5,000 – FOLPMI
- \$ 4,900 – CHAP
- \$ 5,000 – RNDM
- \$ 5,000 – ANAWIM
- \$ 4,500 – AGMRMFI

Since its creation in 2006, the Celia Coronado Endowment Fund has grown to \$13,925.

SCBPMM would like to thank all of our generous donors and dedicated volunteers for their continued support.

### **5<sup>th</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF CELIA CORONADO**

March 13, 2011 will mark the 5<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Celia Coronado, co-founder of SCBPMM. Let's remember her with prayers as the driving force behind SCBPMM.

*'You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you  
give of yourself that you truly give' – Kahlil Gibran*