

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PHILIPPINE  
MEDICAL MISSION  
2013 ANNUAL REPORT**



## **Mission and History**

St. Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM) is an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 organization, dedicated to promoting the inherent right of the poor and underprivileged in the Philippines to receive basic and adequate health care, food, and shelter and to empower them through education to become responsible and productive members of society. The organization was founded in 1999 as the Philippine Medical Mission (PMM), an outreach project of the Social Justice Ministry at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. It was the brainchild of two dedicated Filipino-American volunteers, Maricel Bretault and Celia Coronado. In 2005, PMM obtained its tax exempt 501(c)3 status and became SCBPMM.

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

### **Where Our Partners Serve**

We have five regular partners who submit proposals for funding every year. However, during times of natural disasters and calamities in the Philippines, SCBPMM also assists other well-established NGOs that are at the forefront of emergency humanitarian assistance. At times, the board also approves special funding for certain established organizations.

Provinces in the Philippines served by SCBPMM's regular and special partners (2013 only):

- Foundation of our Lady of Peace Missions, Inc. (FOLPMI) – Paranaque, Metro Manila in Luzon
- Religious of Notre Dame Missions (RNDM) – Kulaman, Sultan Kudarat, Cotabato in Mindanao
- Child Hope Asia Philippines (CHAP) – Metro Manila in Luzon
- Archbishop Gabriel M.Reyes Memorial Foundation (AGMRMF) – Aklan in the Visayas
- ANAWIM Lay Missions Foundation – Montalban, Rizal in Luzon
- Don Bosco Salesian Sisters – Metro Manila, Bulacan in Luzon
- Quota International of Davao – Compostela Valley, Davao region in Mindanao
- GASFI Ugnayan – Malita, Davao del Sur in Mindanao

In late 2013, we took on our sixth and newest regular partner:

- Tulay ng Kabataan – Smokey Mountain, Metro Manila in Luzon

## Letter from the SCBPMM President

Dear Friends of Philippine Medical Mission,

Thank you for the generous support that you have given SCBPMM and its projects. Because of you, we have been able to continue our mission of serving the poor. Thank you to all of the donors, the volunteers in the United States, and our partners and beneficiaries in the Philippines. Together, we are one human family- helping each other, caring for each other, and growing together.

As you can see in the following articles in this annual report, SCBPMM continues, as it has since 1999, to help out and support poverty alleviation projects and medical outreach programs. We continue to work closely with our five regular partners. In late 2013, we took on a sixth regular partner, Tulay ng Kabataan (Bridge for the Youth), which is an organization serving children and pregnant mothers living in Smokey Mountain, a slum area and garbage dumpsite in Metro Manila.

SCBPMM also supports other well-established and trustworthy organizations during times of natural disasters. In early 2013, we helped out in the post-typhoon Pablo medical mission in Compostela valley of the Quota International Davao City Chapter. We also supported the relief missions of the Salesians sisters after Typhoon Maring.

In solidarity with all the vulnerable and poor of every nationality and creed, SCBPMM also gave financial support for the infirmary of St. Anne Girl's school in Ghana, Africa.

Then in November 2013, category 5 super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) hit and totally destroyed a huge swathe of central Philippines. The loss of lives, homes, and livelihoods was devastating as millions of people were affected. SCBPMM quickly decided to mobilize volunteers to raise funds for this immense need. Two of our regular partners, FOLPMI and AGMRMFI sought help for medical missions and shelter assistance. While we were not able to help out immediately with the emergency relief (done mostly by military and large aid organizations), in 2014, we are definitely helping with reconstruction and rehabilitation. We will be there to help the people of the Visayas recover.

Please take your time reading the next few pages as we share our work, our service, and our love with you. It is only because of your support for all these years that SCBPMM continues to be able to help the poor. May God bless us all.

Sincerely,

Vanette Lagera

## About Our Partners

### **THE FOUNDATION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE, INC. (FOLPMI)**

FOLPMI is a non-stock, non-profit, non-governmental institution serving the poor in Luzon through varied but integrated programs geared toward total development of individuals, families, and communities. Projects include among others, a hospital for the poor, feeding centers, livelihood projects, immunization programs, a shelter for female street children, and disaster/calamity relief. FOLPMI was founded in 1984 under the leadership of Sr. Eva Fidela Maamo, MD, SPC. FOLPMI has been a SCBPMM partner since 1999.

### **THE RELIGIOUS OF NOTRE DAME OF THE MISSIONS (RNDM)**

RNDM is an order of religious sisters who work with the indigenous tribe, the Dulangan Manobo, in the mountains of Cotabato, Mindanao. Their ministries include community development, basic health care services, hospitalization and medical assistance, health education, nutrition programs, and provision of educational opportunities. RNDM was founded in 1987 and has been a SCBPMM partner since 2001.

### **CHILDHOPE ASIA PHILIPPINES (CHAP)**

CHAP is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established to address the plight of street children in the Philippines, especially Metro Manila. It provides among other needs, basic education, provision of shelter, health care services including a mobile health clinic, livelihood training, and counseling support to street children. CHAP founded in 1990 and is headed by Teresita L. Silva, MSW has been a SCBPMM partner since 2001.

### **ANAWIM LAY MISSIONS FOUNDATION (ANAWIM)**

ANAWIM is a non-profit organization dedicated to give comfort and dignity to the elderly during the waning years of their lives. It manages the ANAWIM Center in Montalban, Rizal, a home for the poor and abandoned elderly, orphans, and physically and mentally handicapped individuals. The center provides shelter, food, clothing, and medical care to all residents. ANAWIM was founded in the early 1990s by Bo Sanchez and has been a SCBPMM partner since 2007.

### **THE ARCHBISHOP GABRIEL M. REYES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC. (AGMRMFI)**

AGMRMFI is a non-stock, non-profit foundation that aims to provide development assistance in Aklan, in the Visayas. Its programs include, among others, education for poor children, feeding centers, scholarships for higher education, rural leadership development, basic health and nutrition education, and services and micro-finance to indigenous industries and small businesses for family self-sufficiency. AGMRMFI was founded in 1977. AGMRMFI has been SCBPMM partner since 2007.

## **TULAY NG KABATAAN (TNK)**

Tulay ng Kabataan is a non-profit organization based in Manila whose mission is to take care of street children with no families, scavenger children working in dumpsites, children living in slum areas, and poor pregnant mothers who need prenatal health care. Founded in 1998 by a Jesuit priest, Fr. John Francois Thomas, TNK provides poor children shelter, health care, education, and nutrition. The goal of TNK is to give each child self-dignity and confidence and also to help him/her reach the fullness of human vocation. TNK has been a SCBPMM partner since December 2013.

## **Partner Activities in 2013**

### **FOUNDATION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE MISSIONS, INC. (FOLPMI)**

In January 2013, FOLPMI's first medical mission for the year took place at the Aeta Resettlement and Rehabilitation Center in Sitio Gala, Subic, Zambales. Four specialty doctors, a nurse, a social worker, a midwife, and a documentation officer formed the comprehensive team responsible for processing and treating 88 patients. A majority of the child patients were diagnosed with upper respiratory tract infections and bronchitis, while adult ailments ranged from hypotension to influenza to acid peptic disease.

In May 2013, another medical mission took place at Maliksi, Bacoor, Cavite. A midwife, several pro bono nurses, and volunteers supported a team of six doctors providing aid to 310 patients. Doctors medically treated patients, offered consultations, and/or referred them to specialized institutions. The maladies at this location were more severe, with some patients suffering from anemia, cancer, parasitism, or tuberculosis. Doctors also provided care for 22 pregnant women.

During both medical missions, the FOLPMI team distributed an assortment of medicine and vitamins for continued care. In addition, FOLPMI provided transportation for the patients. These medical missions were conducted with the assistance of SCBPMM.



## RELIGIOUS OF NOTRE DAME OF THE MISSIONS (RNDM)

RNDM is an order of religious sisters who work with the indigenous tribe, the Dulangan Menubo, in the mountains of Cotabato, Mindanao. SCBPMM funds its health program.

The RNDM sisters monitor the health conditions of the Dulangan Menubo in 22 tribal communities and have noticed a significant improvement in the health and hygiene of community members. In 2013, the sisters identified several individuals with hypertension and believe that the high salt content of local food may be a contributing factor. Patients suffering from hypertension were referred to the Rural Health Unit to obtain medicine and to see a physician. Other health problems were identified including diarrhea, vomiting, and skin diseases among infants and children.

In 2013, RNDM formed a partnership with a local pharmacy to provide medicine to local individuals. The program offers a 10 percent discount on all purchased medicine, and a 20 percent discount to elderly individuals. Approximately 263 patients received medication for diarrhea, vomiting, urinary tract infections (UTI), respiratory complications, infected wounds, skin diseases, body malaise, stroke complications, and hypertension.

A common obstacle that villagers face in receiving care is coordinating and paying for transportation from remote communities and the local hospital in Kulaman to the provincial hospital in Isulan. Since the medical facility in Kulaman does not possess diagnostic or surgical facilities, it is critical that patients who require emergency care are able to travel to Isulan for medical services. The travel between the

two facilities takes three hours and requires patients to navigate hilly, unpaved, rocky, and muddy roads. In 2013, transportation was provided for approximately 33 patients, who received care at the Isulan medical hospital



One patient who benefitted from the transportation assistance was 16-year-old Dawing Balatak. She suffered from body malaise and whole body swelling, and doctors at the Kulaman hospital believed these ailments were caused by kidney dysfunction. After receiving transportation to the Isulan medical facility, doctors found that Dawing was severely anemic and needed an emergency blood transfusion. A week after the procedure, Dawing's swelling decreased and her body began to regain strength.

In addition to monitoring the health of local tribe members, the RNDM sisters participate in monthly focus group



discussions with 35 female health volunteers. Recently, the group elected two coordinators to lead the group. This shift in leadership has fostered more detailed discussions and active participation from the local women, as the conversations now utilize the local language.

At monthly meetings, the volunteers discuss balancing mother and infant care with their tribal customs. Often pregnant women do not receive prenatal care at birthing centers because of the embarrassment and discomfort of vaginal exams, which are not traditionally conducted by local midwives. Other problems that prevent expecting women from receiving prenatal care include financial burdens and distance from facilities. RNDM sisters have encouraged the women to receive care at the Delesan Kaliawan Medical Center at least two weeks before and after their child's birth. Financial assistance was also offered to pregnant women in order to encourage the patients to utilize birthing centers.

In addition to prenatal care, the health volunteers also discussed domestic violence and received training on the Anti-Violence Against Women and Children law. In November 2013, the volunteers attended training concerning prenatal care, infant care, postnatal care, the importance of vaccinations, and emergency situation coordination. Both a professional and traditional midwife was present at the training sessions in order to respect tribal traditions.



## **CHILD HOPE ASIA PHILIPPINES (CHAP)**

Child Hope Asia Philippines has always been a strong advocate for the protection of the rights of children toward their holistic development. Through its Street Education and Protection Program, Child Hope reaches out to thousands of street children every year and provides them with basic needs, which is urgently needed. These include the provision of health and medical services through its Mobile Health Clinic (MHC) Project.

The MHC Project began in 2007, with St. Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (SCBPMM) playing a major role in making this project possible. Since then, health and medical services have been made easily available and accessible to street children in Metro Manila.

From January to December 2013, the MHC Project conducted 3,268 consultations during its regular clinic days in 20 areas located in major cities and municipalities in Metro Manila: Pasay, Makati, Manila, Paranaque, Quezon City, and Caloocan. These consultations helped approximately 943 individual children, who sought the MHC physician's medical care. Eighty seven and a half percent (87.5%) of the 943 individual child consultations, or 826 children, were from ages 7 to 18-years-old.

Among the top cases seen were: upper respiratory tract infections (bacterial and viral), dental problems, hyperactive airways syndrome, systemic viral illness, and allergic rhinitis. There were also several instances where acute conjunctivitis, fungal skin diseases, carbuncle, furuncle, and folliculitis were addressed.

Well child consultations took place as a routine practice even without any specific complaints. At these checkups, children were found to be sound and exhibiting normal behavior. This demonstrated a good foundation to measure health-seeking behavior of children beneficiaries. Due to these examinations, children received healthcare on a regular basis and parents became aware of the importance of the prevention of illness.



The MHC Project also continued to be a success because of the active involvement of the Junior Health Workers (JHW's), street children who are trained to administer first aid treatment among fellow street children. The JHW's also referred other children to public hospitals and health centers when needed, even in the absence of the MHC doctor or their respective street educators. A total of 1,010 children were provided with first aid treatment by the JHW's, and approximately 130 primary health care sessions were conducted. The JHW's also participated and facilitated in RockEd, the CHAP-Ermita Parish Feeding Program, personal hygiene promotion, and various other outreach activities.



## ANAWIM LAY MISSIONS FOUNDATION

ANAWIM is a home for the poor, sick, and abandoned elderly. It provides the residents with a home, food, clothing, and necessary medical care. If not for ANAWIM, these elderly poor would be suffering with much pain in the squalor of the nearby slum communities. Founded in the early 1990s by Brother Bo Sanchez, a lay Catholic preacher, ANAWIM's mission is to give comfort and dignity to the elderly during the waning years of their lives. The Center is located in Montalban, Rizal, occupying a five-hectare property that contains several homes for the residents, a chapel, mini-clinic, social and dining hall, recreation area, fishpond, and a cemetery.

ANAWIM became a partner of SCBPMM in 2007, when SCBPMM began funding medical supplies and medicine for the residents. To date, SCBPMM has provided a total of \$32,000 in grants to ANAWIM. The funds were primarily used to purchase the necessary medication for diabetes, hypertension, tuberculosis, and coronary problems. Over the last year, the medicines required by the residents averaged from \$900 to \$1,000 a month, which is approximately \$18 to \$25 per resident per month. At any given time, there are about 50 to 55 residents at ANAWIM. SCBPMM funded the medications of the residents for six months in 2013.

There are 11 residents with tuberculosis who live in separate housing to prevent the spread of infection. Those who have just recovered from a stroke or heart attack are housed in a convalescence room and given more care.



A doctor visits the Center at least once a week to provide consultations to residents. A full time nurse is available seven days a week. The nurse sees to the daily health care needs of the residents, ensures that their medications are taken, and provides caregiving services.

Below is a narrative of two elderly siblings who came to ANAWIM in April 2013:

Lutgarda and Antonina Francisco were 86 and 76-years-old, respectively when they arrived at ANAWIM. They came from an impoverished family of seven

from Paranaque, a suburb of Metro Manila. Their father was a street vendor and their mother, a laundrywoman. Because of poverty, both did not receive much education. Lutgarda reached second grade while Antonina finished sixth grade. When their parents died, their younger sister worked in a cigarette factory and then worked as a laundrywoman. Lutgarda, on the other hand, did the household chores. Over the years of daily hard work, Antonina developed severe rheumatism characterized by

trembling hands and sweaty palms and feet, as well as deformed fingers and toes. Lutgarda also suffered eye problems, perennial dizziness, coughing, painful knees, and loss of appetite. After two unsuccessful cataract surgeries, she almost went almost blind.

When their parents and siblings, with the exception of one brother, passed away, they had to survive on Antonina's monthly pension of 1,500 Pesos, about \$35 USD. They moved houses often until an uncle allowed them to put up a makeshift house on his property. They were able to buy the materials – corrugated metal and plywood – one at a time. Neighbors helped by donating other things they needed. Since their shanty was near a creek, water crept to their house during the rainy season. An ANAWIM volunteer doctor learned of their plight and recommended them to travel to ANAWIM.



Today, the sisters share a room with the other “lolas” (grandmas) in a cottage at the Center. At times, you hear the sisters engaging in petty squabbles, but on better days, they support each other. They get their care and support from the ANAWIM staff, caregivers, and nursing aides. At the sunset of their lives, they have found comfort, care, and a haven in ANAWIM together with all the elderly residents in the Center.

## **THE ARCHBISHOP GABRIEL M. REYES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC. (AGMRMF)**

With the help of SCBPMM, the AGMRMF Bulig Akean Project conducted medical missions in three different municipalities: Kalibo, Madalag, and Banga. Since its inception in 2009, the project has provided 303 undernourished children with yearlong supplements and 500 parents with essential health and nutritional education. In addition, over 170 families continue to benefit from the different livelihood assistance programs aimed to provide jobs and increase income in the community.

The Bulig Akean Project partnered with several local government organizations to include the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Education, and the Regional Population Office of the Commission on Population. All participating organizations worked together to provide yearlong supplements for children, promote small-scale livelihood projects to sustain the children's nutritional needs, and introduce alternative education and training on health and nutrition.

What sets this project apart from others is that its success is in the hands of the community. Aside from receiving health and nutritional training, parents actively participate in planning and preparing dishes based on health professionals' guidance. The continuations of these diet plans and the resulting success is dependent not only on the people's drive, but on their financial stability. In order to better facilitate this, Bulig Akean Project also introduced small-scale livelihood projects that will allow the community to augment the median family income. The livelihood projects include hog fattening and dispersal, vegetable gardening, abaca production, and real estate businesses. The community is given all the tools it needs to continue the prescribed diet plans and sustain a healthy society.

The direct result of this project was an increase in children's weight, as well as a heightened sense of community as everyone participated in the program. As of August 31, 2013, there was an average increase of 0.75 to 1.25 kilograms in the weight of 92 percent of the beneficiaries in all three municipalities. In addition, the annual income of participating families increased by an impressive 20 to 30 percent.

Families also cultivated their own vegetable gardens as required by the project to support the feeding program, which promoted a sense of ownership and accountability and ensured sustainability of the program after funds from SCBPMM have been exhausted.

## **EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE THROUGH CHAP AFTER TYPHOON MARING**

In October 2013, SCBPMM extended help to CHAP for their relief missions for poor children and their families in Metro Manila who were badly affected by Typhoon Maring. The relief packets consisted of food and grocery items, mats, flashlights, and toiletries. In a letter to SCBPMM, CHAP Executive Director Tessie Silva wrote, "Thank you very much for thinking always of Childhope and for your untiring support and assistance. We hope to share more years of rewarding experiences with you. May God continue to inspire you to help to uplift the situation of our street children who are in most difficult poverty situations."

## **EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE THROUGH FOLPMI AFTER TYPHOON ODETTE**

On October 26, 2013, FOLPMI, with the support of SCBPMM, distributed relief goods for poor families who were affected by Typhoon Odette. Relief packets were distributed to fifty families in Sitio Gala, in the basketball court of Brgy, Sacatihan, Subic, Zambales. Families received: five kilos of rice, one kilo of sugar, 50 grams of coffee, 50 grams of Alaska powdered milk, and six packs of noodles.

## **EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE THROUGH DON BOSCO SALESIAN SISTERS AFTER TYPHOON MARING**

On the first Sunday in September 2013, the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, conducted a relief goods distribution project for the poor who were hit by Typhoon Maring in the eight barangays of Calumpit, Bulacan: Frances, San Miguel, Gatbuca, Maysulao, Balungao, Calizon, Sta. Lucia, and Sapang Bayan.

This project was conducted by the Outreach Program Office of the Don Bosco School, Manila, which is run by the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco). Participants included parent volunteers, student leaders, school drivers, 14 military men from 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, and two German AFS volunteers.

Relief goods were distributed to 2270 residents of eight barangays. The relief packs included canned goods, bed sheets, banig or sleeping mats, eggs, and rice.

The major sponsors were: Don Bosco School Educating Community and Officers, SBPMM, Falcon Cares, and private benefactors.

## **EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE THROUGH QUOTA INTERNATIONAL (Davao City Chapter) AFTER TYPHOON PABLO**

The Quota Club of Davao's mission, "Pahinungod para sa Comval," was a response to the call for help following Typhoon Pablo. Three months following the devastation, there were still barangays in dire need of rehabilitation. With the assistance of SCBPMM, Quota conducted a medical mission in Compostela valley in the Davao region of Mindanao. Quota distributed 500 packs containing soap, underwear, slippers, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to women and children. There were two barangays served.

The members (many of whom are physicians) of the Quota Club of Davao left Davao City Brokenshire Hospital at 5 am on March 23, 2013. They arrived at 9 am and began the medical clinics in a tent, just beside the damaged health center facility. The barangay health worker gathered residents, mostly women and children, to receive packs of goods, health checks, and vaccinations.

A tetanus toxoid vaccine was administered to 86 people, a polio vaccine was given to 33 children, and a measles vaccine was given to 52 children, along with a vitamin A supplement. Medical check-ups and primary care were given to 250 people.

The community was overwhelmed by the help extended to them. This simple gesture uplifted their spirits and gave them hope, considering the terrible devastation brought about by typhoon Pablo. There is much more that can be done for the communities in Comval because they have lost much, including their homes and their livelihood.

#### **SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO GASFI (GIG AND AMAZING SAMPAGUITA FOUNDATION, INC.) UGNAYAN**

Special funding assistance was provided to GASFI Ugnayan to support their feeding program for poor and malnourished children attending Mariano Calungsod Regis Elementary School in Barangay Bolila, Malita, Davao del Sur, in Mindanao. The Mariano Calungsod Regis Elementary School has 45 students in Kinder and 325 from Grades 1 to 6. The malnutrition rate is 16.2 percent, which translates into 60 out of the 370 students being classified as wasted-malnourished. GASFI started a program to feed 25 of the most severely malnourished children for five days a week for eight months.

#### **SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO OTHER ST. CHARLES BORROMEO OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

In solidarity with the efforts of the Justice and Peace Commission of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, SCBPMM donated \$1,000 for the infirmary of St. Anne's Girl's High School in Damongo, Ghana. The Diocese of Ghana, through this school, seeks to help young women pursue an education, in spite of obstacles such as severe poverty.

#### **External Grants awarded to Child Hope Asia Philippines from Shepherd's Gate Grant Program**

Child Hope Asia Philippines received one of 10 grant awards from the Shepherd's Gate Grant Program to support the purchase of instructional materials and supplies in support of their "Alternative Learning System (ALS)." ALS is a non-formal basic education program developed specifically for out-of-school street children and youth and has been accredited as a viable educational alternative to traditional schooling by the Philippines Department of Education. The principal goal of the ALS program is to provide street children with essential life skills, with an emphasis on literacy and basic numeracy, by bringing educational opportunities directly to them on the streets. ALS is one component of CHAP's larger "Street Education Program" that provides a holistic response to the needs of street children, including individual and group counseling, alternative education, health and medical care, legal protection, and referral services.

The Shepherd's Gate Grant Program is an annual grant program of Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Alexandria, Virginia, that was designed to reflect their parish's mission to serve people in need, to do justice where inequity exists, to stand for human dignity, and to promote peace.

Kevin Cross of SCBPMM and Maribel "Bheng" Flores of CHAP co-authored the proposal as part of SCBPMM's ongoing efforts to provide fundraising support and technical assistance to its strategic partners in the Philippines. Special thanks to Elise Cleva of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church for identifying this grant opportunity and to Good Shepherd Catholic Church's parish community for their ongoing dedication to serving people in need.



## SCBPMM EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Raffle 2013** - Under the leadership of SCBPMM volunteer Dolly Pascual, thousands of raffle tickets were sold. A raffle draw and luncheon was held on June 15, 2013, and winners were drawn by the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Father Tuck Grinnell.

**High School Essay Contest 2013** - In March 2013, SCBPMM announced its 2013 student essay contest. Open to all U.S. based high school students, including home-schooled students, the theme was “we are one human family and loving our neighbor has global implications.” The contest encouraged students to reflect on the value of caring for the poor in faith and charity. The judges were writers/ community leaders Rod Garcia, Brittany Barry, and Kevin Cross. The winners were Bea Coruna of Sedalia, Missouri; Virginia Schilder of Arlington, Virginia; and Justine Suegay of Dumfries, Virginia. The first prize winner received \$200, the second prize winner \$100, and the third prize winner \$50. The winners were announced on SCBPMM’s Facebook page and website on June 15, 2013.

**St. Charles Ministries Fair** - On September 29, 2013, SCBPMM participated in the St. Charles Borromeo ministries fair. This annual fair gives the various local and international ministries of the church a chance to explain to parishioners its missions and activities and recruit more volunteers.

**St. Charles Borromeo Church Tithes** - During the weekend of October 13, 2013, SCBPMM received a portion of the tithes from the masses at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. In appreciation, SCBPMM treated parishioners to breakfast of coffee and donuts.

**St. Charles Church Alternative Christmas sale** - On November 16 and 17, 2013, SCBPMM sold a variety of Christmas and other gift items (from donors) to help raise funds for survivors of Typhoon Yolanda.

**November Online Drive for Typhoon Yolanda Survivors** - All donations received through the website in November were used to support the post-Yolanda relief and reconstruction efforts of SCBPMM partners, AGRMFI and FOLPMI.

**Christmas Campaign 2013** - In November 23, 2013, volunteers gathered together to stuff envelopes for SCBPMM’s direct mail fundraising campaign.

**St. Charles Church Ministry Table Sunday** - On December 15, 2013, SCBPMM set up a display table at St. Charles Church to inform parishioners about its programs and also to sell Christmas items to benefit SCBPMM’s programs.

**Clothing Drive for Typhoon Yolanda Survivors** - On December 14, 2013, SCBPMM volunteers collected donations of gently used clothing and shipped them to FOLPMI, AGRMFI, and sister organizations in Cebu and Tacloban.

**International Monetary Fund Helping Hands** - SCBPMM participated as a beneficiary organization in the IMF Helping Hands employee workplace giving campaign. The IMF and their generous employees have assisted SCBPMM and its projects for many years.

**World Bank Community Connections Fund** - SCBPMM participated as a beneficiary organization in the WBCCF employee workplace giving campaign. Their very generous community of employees has definitely made a “world of difference” for SCBPMM’s indigent beneficiaries in the Philippines.

## VISITS TO PARTNERS IN 2013

Every year since 1999, the U.S. based members of SCBPMM have kept in close contact with the various partners in the Philippines. Through phone calls, email reports, and visits, SCBPMM has been able to monitor its partners’ activities and projects.

In September 2013, SCBPMM President, Vanette Lagera, met with Sr. Petite Lao and Sr. Weeyaa at the Religious of Notre Dame (RNDM) Balay Euphrasie in Catalunan Grande, Davao, in Mindanao. In March 2013, Vanette also met with Quota International’s Dr. Veronica Magnaye, one of the team leaders for the post-typhoon Pablo medical mission in Compostela valley.

Cecile Motus, project coordinator and liaison for Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Foundation, Inc., met with the staff of AGRMFI in Kalibo, Aklan to see the feeding program supported by SCBPMM. SCBPMM supported the 2013 supplemental feeding project for 50 undernourished children.

She reports, “The feeding project is going very well. We are fortunate that the local government units led by the barangay captains and the barangay councils are very involved and also very much invested in the project. Some of the barangay council members help in monitoring the feeding of the children. They have passed legislation to require backyard vegetable gardens and also to provide a budget for supplemental feeding of undernourished children. It is heart-warming to see their commitment to raise the standard of living of their constituents. We stand proud that by our small example; we have been able to impact local governments to pay more attention to the needs and protection of children



especially regarding good nutrition, child rights and dignity, parenting capacities, and better health practices.”

In January 2013, SCBPMM Board member and co-founder, Maricel Bretault, visited the residents and staff of ANAWIM Home for Abandoned Elderly in Montalban, Rizal. Maricel attended mass with the residents and then met with them afterwards.

## TO OUR DONORS

We would like to thank all those who have made donations in 2013 and in previous years. All gifts of time, talent, and treasure to help with the projects of SCBPMM are deeply appreciated. It is only because of you that we are able to continue the mission of SCBPMM.

### 2013 Major sources of SCBPMM revenue:

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Tithing program  
World Bank Community Connections Employee Giving  
International Monetary Fund Helping Hands Campaign  
IMF Civic Program  
Watsonville Community Hospital Employees

We would also like to thank the parishioners of Good Shepherd Catholic Church of Alexandria, Va., for their grant given to our partner, Child Hope Asia Philippines.



## **SCBPMM Leadership**

SCBPMM is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors and by a core of committed volunteers of various backgrounds. Through SCBPMM, volunteers provide their special knowledge and expertise to fulfill the mission of the organization. The board meets twice a year and the other volunteer members meet on the third Saturday of each month.

### Board of Directors

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### Project Directors

Foundation of our Lady of Peace Missions, Inc. (FOLPMI) – Gilda Ordonez Baric  
Religious of Notre Dame Missions (RNDM) – Vanessa Lagera  
Child Hope Asia Philippines (CHAP) - Cecile Motus  
ANAWIM Lay Missions Foundation – Maricel Bretault  
The Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Foundation (AGMRMF) – Cecile Motus

Special thanks to Fr. Tuck Grinnell, Elise Cleva, and Ray and Anita Watson of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2013

In US Dollars

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

**Operating Revenues:**

General donations	\$26,439
Fundraising donations	13,473
Restricted donations	26,116
Interest income	73
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$66,101</b>

**Expenses:**

Program Services-Distributions	\$67,085
Office	\$461
Professional fees	3,200
Fundraising costs	2,108
Total supporting services	\$5,769
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$72,854</b>

<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$-6,753</b>
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### DISTRIBUTIONS

The Foundation of Our Lady of Peace, Inc.	\$3,514
Childhope Asia Philippines*	21,922
The Religious of Notre Dame of the Missions	9,000
ANAWIM Lay Missions Foundation	6,000
Archbishop Gabriel M Reyes Memorial Foundation, Inc.	10,689
Tulay Ng Kabataan Disbursement	6,803
Emergency Relief Funds	7,169
Other disbursements	1,988
<b>Total Distributions</b>	<b>\$67,085</b>

\*A grant of 10,336 was made to CHAP in 2012 but was distributed in 2013.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash and cash equivalents	\$46,818
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>46,818</b>
Net assets	
Restricted net assets	\$31,644
Unrestricted net assets	15,174
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>46,818</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$46,818</b>



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### **DONATE**

Donations of money or goods (e.g. medical supplies) to SCBPMM are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to St. Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission (or simply, SCBPMM) and mailed to:

St. Charles Borromeo Philippine Medical Mission  
3304 Washington Blvd  
Arlington, VA 22201

If you would like to donate to a specific partner, or for a specific project, please indicate that in the memo line of your check.

You can also make a secure online donation through PayPal on our website  
[www.philippinemedicalmission.com](http://www.philippinemedicalmission.com)

### **VOLUNTEER**

We welcome all volunteers of various backgrounds and skills, with or without experience. We are willing to train new volunteers. There are many diverse opportunities to help. For students or interns, we would be happy to write your school about how you volunteered with us.

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