



Philippine Center Update July 2014

By: Gerry Ramos, AIA
Executive Director

visit www.philippinecenter.com



The Philippine Cultural and Civic Center Foundation (PCCCF) Board and Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund Major Contributors, represented by Dr. Ric & Mrs. Carol Sinense, Atty. Raphael Ramos from Quarles Brady, Drs. Max and Letty Cueto, Fred Astaire *Dance Forward* fundraiser organizers Dr. Fe Visaya, Dr. Oscar & Mrs. Becky Toledo, **were given a first hand video report by Jo Ann P. Kyle, managing director of**



Housing in Candahug, Palo, Leyte with storm shelter

Storm Shelter

catastrophic typhoons. The storm shelters were built with reinforced concrete walls and roof deck to withstand high winds. The roof deck was set at a height where people can stay and be safe during surge flooding.

In addition to the \$3,500 of the PCCCF donation to Don Bosco for medicines, vaccines, medical supplies and



Gerry Ramos receives a Certificate of Appreciation given to PCCCF by ABS CBN Sagip Kapamilya Managing Director Jo Ann P. Kyle on July 30, 2014 at the Philippine Center

ABS CBN Sagip Kapamilya, on the \$30,000 contributed by the PCCCF towards rehabilitation and medical assistance for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Updates were given on the usage of funds and the progress of their ongoing relief and rehabilitation efforts prior to the PCCCF Board Meeting last July 30, 2014 at the Philippine Center.

Renee Mondano, with husband Don, were designated by the PCCCF to hand deliver the donations to the Don Bosco Salesian Fathers and the Asilo de la Milagrosa Orphanage in Cebu City, Philippines. Renee's report went as follows:



Children and patients were cheering and thanking the PCCCF for funding the Medical Mission

equipment, the Pelayo-Mondano family contributed funds to supplement other requirements used during the **PCCCF Cares/ Mondano-Pelayo Medical Mission to Polambato, Bogo City, Cebu** last June, 2014.

PCCCF also donated \$2,500 to the Asilo de la Milagrosa Orphanage which now cares for and harbors displaced and orphaned children from Tacloban due to the Typhoon Haiyan.



Renee Mondano showing PCCCF check for \$2,500 which she handed to Sr. Berta of Asilo de la Milagrosa

This month, **the amount of \$1000 was transmitted by PCCCF to Hospicio de San Jose** to assist in the purchase of bancas for typhoon Haiyan affected fishermen in Iloilo.

The Philippine Center plays host to dignitaries

UP President Alfredo E. Pascual was handed a PCCCF check donation of \$1,250 to benefit the typhoon displaced UP Tacloban students on July 13, 2014 while on a tour of the Philippine Center. The matching donation was in response to desperate appeals made by students to help them pull through studies for the semester.



Gerry and Jojo Ramos handing the PCCCF check for \$1,250 to UP President Alfredo Pascual during his visit to the Philippine Center



A typical house in Bogo constructed for the Typhoon victims



The rehabilitated La Paz chapel where the community congregates

To date a total of \$ 17,500 was disbursed by the PCCCF to the Don Bosco Salesian Fathers. The initial \$7,000 was used to construct houses for 11 families and a chapel in the hard-to-reach mountain area of La Paz, Bogo, Cebu. Due to the inaccessibility of its location and its lower population, this area was left unreached by the government and other relief operations.

Part of the PCCCF donations were used to build storm shelter housing in Candahug, Palo, Leyte as part of the Don Bosco Adopt and Rebuild a Community Project. Storm shelters were constructed inside each house to protect the inhabitants during

Come & Join: The 8th Philippine Center Elieser B. Suson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2014, at the Ironwood Golf Course.