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# PCSO Donates Ambulance to PGH through PGHMFI



The General Manager of PCSO, Atty. Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II (5th from left) presents the symbolic key to PGHMFI Chairman, Dr. Gregorio Alvior, BOT Member, Hon. Annie Susano and PGH Director Dr. Gap Legaspi. Other PCSO and PGHMFI Officers look on.

ne of the main concerns that the Philippine General Hospital and the PGH Medical Foundation had recognized is the hospital's lack of roadworthy ambulance units to transport charity patients in and out of the hospital.

The Foundation, through one of its officers, offered to bring the matter to the Chairman of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, Mr. Ireneo Maliksi, who readily acceded to donate an ambulance to the PGH through the PGHMFI.

The ceremonial turn over was held on 28 March 2016 at the PCSO Main Office in Shaw Blvd., Pasig City. In attendance to



receive the donation were PGH Director, Dr. Gerardo "Gap" Legaspi, and officers of the Foundation led by its Chairman, Dr. Gregorio Alvior and Atty. Arnaldo Carino who was instrumental in making the request.

The Foundation was most appreciative of the donation so that some PCSO officials were invited to the Board of Trustees luncheon meeting last April to personally express their gratitude.

### Newsletter

## From the President...



### Greetings!

As we embark on the thirteenth year of operation of the Foundation, we are faced with both major and minor challenges that we have to overcome as an organization. Along with

accomplishments in the past is the challenge to continue achieving more successful endeavors without these obstacles jeopardizing them. Are we intimidated with these obstacles? NO! The Foundation survived major upheavals in the not-so-distant past but has remained steadfast in its commitment to assist the Philippine General Hospital in achieving its mission of providing healthcare for its indigent patients.

The challenges of sustainability, organizational strength and adherence to its mission and vision are just a few of the realities that the Foundation has to meet with determination. The members, officers, Board of Trustees, executive committee members and staff of the Foundation continue to work with dedication to achieve the goals of the organization.

The most integral part in this equation is the generosity of our donors and benefactors. Without them, the Foundation will cease to exist. We take this opportunity to thank all of you in behalf of our less-privileged countrymen. The work that we do continues because of your care and compassion for our fellow Filipinos who are given a chance to recover from their illness.

Thank you very much and may God bless us all!

Dr. Telesforo E. Gana President

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## THE WIND BENEATH OUR WINGS

### **OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER**



### Mr. Michael Escaler

A person need not be one of them to feel the misery and sentiments of the poor and underprivileged. All that is needed is a big heart, eyes that see their

needs and ears to hear their call. Mr. Michael Escaler aptly satisfies these descriptions. He comes from a privileged family whose legacy in reaching out to answer the needs of others is nonpareil.

He possesses a distinguished academic and professional background - a cum laude graduate from the Ateneo de Manila University with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Masters degree in International Marketing from the New York University. He heads and manages several prestigious companies not only involved in the sugar industry but likewise in transport, insurance and utilities. Some of these companies even antedate his birth which he now manages.

Mr. Michael Escaler is a consistent major partner of the PGHMFI's various fund raising activities. His company, the All Asian Countertrade has been a major sponsor of our Golf Tournaments since its inception. His recent election as a member of the Board of Trustees is a most welcome development, since it will make him officially behind the activities being undertaken by the Foundation.

His life's involvement is not, however, confined in business pursuits, as he also shares his time in other civic organizations whose mission is for the service of humanity. He is an active member of the Rotary Club of Makati, and the Habitat for Humanity, an organization whose vision is to bring about "a world where everyone has a decent place to live".

It would therefore be superfluous to say that his being with us - would provide a steady "wind beneath our wings" in carrying out our mission.

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# **Social Responsibility in Action**

Through the cooperation and assistance of our various donors who truly uphold the value of social responsibility, as well as the joy of giving, the PGHMFI was able to perform its mandate in assisting the medical needs of indigent patients of PGH.

## **Talented Doctors Conduct Art Exhibit**



Dr. Marcelito Custodio with Dr. Bienvenido Cabral

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Two accomplished doctors, Dr. Bienvenido Cabral and Dr. Marcelito Custodio of UPCM Class '68 displayed their other talent in an Art Photo and Painting Exhibit at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Makati City last April 5, 2016. This will be for the benefit of PGH charity patients. The hundred percent

(100%) net proceeds of Dr. Cabral's art photos will accrue to the PGHMFI Endowment Fund; while fifty percent (50%) of Dr. Custodio's paintings will be donated to the PGH Department of Medicine - SAGIP Unit (STD / AIDS) - through the PGHMFI.



A yearly donor, the company granted Php75,000.00 again for the PGHMFI General Fund. This Fund was used for the purchase of manual resuscitator bags for the Department of Emergency Medicine and ECG recording paper for the Central ECG Station.



## **Hovid Pharmaceutical Company**



Hovid Inc., donated chemotherapeutic drugs for colon cancer worth more than Php1.0 million to the PGHMFI in April 2016. These have been turned over to the Cancer Institute for the concerned patients of the department. The drugs were received by its Chairman, Dr. Jorge Ignacio.

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## **Pandayan Bookshop**



The Pandayan Book Shop, a regular donor, extended another Php5,679.67 for the PGH Department of Pediatrics. The symbolic check was presented on 5 April 2016 to Dr. Dione M. Suter—Executive Director and Dr. Alfonso Doloroso - Vice President of PGHMFI.

## Jollibee Donation Turn-over Ceremony



The first tranche of the Php1.0 million donation worth Php550,000.00 has been remitted to the PGHMFI. This was used to purchase eight (8) infusion pumps for the Hematology Oncology Unit of the Department of Pediatrics. The turnover ceremony of the infusion pumps was held last 27 April 2016 at the Department. The PGH

Director, Dr. Gap Legaspi, and the Department Chair Dr. Juliet Aguilar-Sio were present to receive the donation.

## **Personal Donations**



A true heart that gives was demonstrated by Ms. Sarah Rooke, a nurse from Australia who donated Php100,000.00 for the benefit of general Pediatric patients.



Another donor, Ms. Carolyn Siy, decided to share Php20,000.00 for the Charity Patients Medical Fund.



A one hundred thousand peso (Php100,000.00) donation was extended to PGH MFI by Ms. Fe Revilla on 29 January 2016. This is intended for general Pediatric patients.



# **PGHMFI** Projects

## **Creation of an IVF Center**



During the preliminary meeting - the Chairman of the Department of OB-Gyne, Dr. Efren Domingo (extreme left), Dr. Ma. Lilibeth Sia Su Director of PRHCC and Dr. Gerardo Legaspi (4th and 5th back row) with PGHMFI Officers

A project that the Foundation is now actively pursuing is the creation of an In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Center at the Primary Reproductive Health Care Center under the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. This will require the construction of a 3rd floor to house the Center.

The estimated budget requirement is about Php10 million, where the PGH has committed half of the amount or Php5 million. The other Php5 million will have to be sourced by the Foundation from direct donation. Should this project materialize, this will be the first IVF Center in a government facility.

We find meaning in LIFE:

- when we positively influence the lives of those around us;
- when our lives create a positive impact in the world we live in and;
- when we humbly accept that NOTHING in this world is ours to keep.

LEGACY, after all, is never what we take but what we give to this world.



A concerned lady saw an article in the internet about a nine (9) year old boy named A n d r e i

He is shown with his mother and Drs. Dione Suter and Aquino from Josephine Dizon Baguio City, who

is suffering from a congenital eye defect (empty left socket and incomplete eyelid), and decided to do something to help. The mother is a single parent with no means to correct the boy's condition.

The Foundation Saves a Boy's Eye

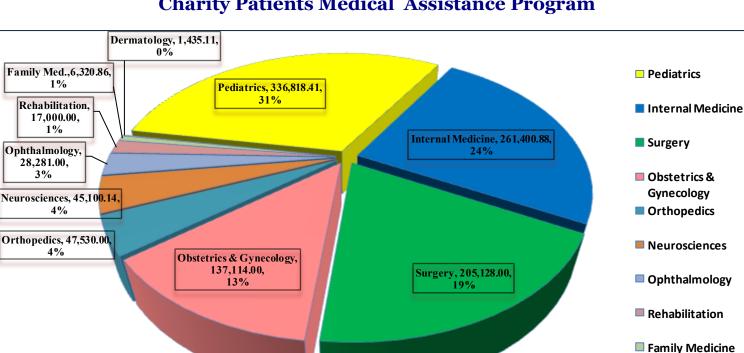
The lady referred the boy to the foundation for possible assistance and even donated a certain amount. The Foundation took no time to coordinate with the boy's mother and asked them to come to PGH for the initial medical evaluation and was referred to the PGH Sentro Oftalmologico Jose Rizal (SOJR). The boy was first operated on last April 18, 2016 and would undergo a series of procedures, until the defect is eventually corrected.

## "Save a Life" Coin Canister Project



Our new and more attractive coin canisters are now deployed at our partner establishments.

The French Baker and Toys"R"Us Stores have recently agreed to carry coin canisters in their establishments. The Foundation has now five (5) partners in this project which has been a source of funds for our assistance to charity patients.



## **Charity Patients Medical Assistance Program**

January - April 2016		
Pediatrics	-	336,818.41
Internal Medicine	-	261,400.88
Surgery	-	205,128.00
Obstetrics & Gynecology	-	137,114.00
Orthopedics	-	47,530.00
Neurosciences	-	45,100.14
Ophthalmology	-	28,281.00
Rehabilitation	-	17,000.00
Family Medicine	-	6,320.86
Dermatology	-	1,435.11

### TOTAL

Php1,086,128.40

10,000.00

250,000.00

381,200.00

200,000.00

81,000.00

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# **Organizational Meetings**

An organization has to be dynamic to effectively achieve its mandate. During the first quarter, the foundation conducted several organizational meetings and enunciated several administrative reforms.

## Courtesy Call to New PGH Director



A week after the official installation of PGH Director-Dr. Gerardo Legaspi, the PGHMFI Officers paid their courtesy call.

The foundation officers were given the opportunity to apprise the new director of its programs and accomplishments. Dr. Legaspi on the other hand, expressed his program priorities for PGH & its patients. With these sharing, direction has been set for a more synchronized undertaking between the hospital and the PGHMFI.

## **Annual Membership Meeting**



The Annual Membership Meeting was held on 18 March 2016. Eleven (11) new members were inducted during the meeting. Mr. Michael Escaler was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy left by a member whose term expired.

## **Executive Committee Meeting**



The Executive Committee held its monthly meeting in January and February, except in March and April when it gave way for the Annual Membership and the Board of Trustees meetings.

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**



On 27 April 2016, the Board of Trustee held its annual meeting. It confirmed several administrative actions of the President; to wit; Mrs. Dalisay Nodque was appointed as Secretary, vice, Mme. Lolita Mirpuri and Atty. Arnaldo Carino assumed the post of Auditor vice, Mrs. Nodque. Mr. Escaler's election as a member of the Board of Trustees was likewise confirmed. Other organizational changes in the chairmanship and membership in some Standing Committees were affirmed.

### **PGH Medical Foundation, Inc.**





Every time you buy a pack of 100% Whole Grain Bread of The French Baker, PGHMFI receives a one peso (Php 1.00) share.

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