



A new leaf, the beginning..

Philippine Cultural and Civic Center Foundation Update

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On behalf of the PCCCF, Inc., we would like to thank the President of the PMA-W, Dr. Lyndon B. Hernandez, and its Board of Directors and officers for their continued commitment to support the Philippine Center and its projects, notably the Free Medical Clinic (FMC).



Free Clinic Patients braving 39 degree weather

In addition to the annual grant, PMAW members continue to volunteer for the FMC 2009 schedule. As the volume of FMC patients kept on increasing, the PMAW volunteers recommended that additional exam rooms be provided and new medical equipment be purchased. The Singson & Singson Building, which the Philippine Center and the Free Medical Clinic is renting from, was retrofitted to add exam rooms and enlarge the FMC pharmacy. There are now 7 exam rooms, with another room convertible as a consultation room when required. An Eclipse Medical Management Software license and new medical equipment such as blood pressure monitors, otoscopes, etc. were purchased in 2008.

Able headed by Dr. Violeta A. Singson, the Philippine Center and the Free Medical Clinic has been catapulted into the limelight through the prestigious awards and nominations she has garnered in 2007 and 2008. Donations have been given to the Philippine Center from these awards. She has been nominated and is now among 100 semifinalists in the 2009 ENERGIZER KEEP GOING® HALL OF FAME CONTEST. Hall Of Fame Grand Prize Contest Winner receives a trip for two (2) to St. Louis, Missouri for induction into the Energizer Keep Going® Hall of Fame plus \$10,000 cash, a Keep Going® Award and a \$5,000 donation made by Energizer on behalf of the winner to a charity of the winner's choice.

Aside from the ongoing Free Medical Clinic, the following community activities and other programs took place at the Philippine Center:

The Philippine Center assisted FEMA in distributing flyers, leaflets and other information to the Filipino American Community, helping to relay info on the available flood assistance programs of FEMA and SBA to victims of the June 2008 floods that hit Wisconsin and the greater Milwaukee area.

The Philippine Center - sponsored "Consulate on Wheels" held November 8, 2008, was very successful. About 75 were served by the Philippine Consulate right here in Milwaukee. Machine readable passports, dual citizenship, authentication of documents, birth and marriage registrations were processed. The applicants did not have to endure the long drive and the

difficulty of parking in downtown Chicago. The Consulate also served applicants from Stevens Point, Madison, Minnesota and Illinois in our Philippine Center.

The Philippine Center was also used by numerous Filipino-American Organizations for their activities, meetings, choir, dance practices, and preparations for the Holiday Folk Fair.

On a broader scale, now that the mayoral election has concluded, negotiations with the City of Greenfield regarding the use of the City's existing library by the Philippine Center and the Health Department facilities by the Free Medical Clinic for a 25-year lease has continued. The 10,000 SF converted building can be named the Philippine Center. The proposed architectural retrofit plan has been approved by the Park and Recreation Department. The approved plan shows 750 square feet of space dedicated to the Philippine Center, and the PCCCF activities will be scheduled with the City of Greenfield Park and Recreation programs on the use of the activity room, dance/exercise studio, computer lab, kitchen and the multi-purpose banquet hall. Details regarding scheduling, usage and other legal matters are yet to be discussed. The Mayor and the Parks and Recreation Department are advising the PCCCF as to the best time to present to the Greenfield Park Board and to the Common Council.



Possible Future Home of the Philippine Center

In 2008, The PCCCF received \$126,964.20 worth of donations. \$7,470 for 2007 donations deposited in 2008; \$77,919.23 for the Building Fund; and \$41,574.97 for the Free Medical Clinic.

Meanwhile, our grant writer is busy requesting for grants. We just received a \$10,000 grant from the Catholic Community Foundation for the FMC operations. Big donors like the Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF), The Forest County Potawatomi Foundation, The Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation, The Windhover Foundation, Northwestern Mutual Foundation (NMF), and others have already sent their donations for credit in 2008. Requests for continuance of the grants have been applied for 2009.

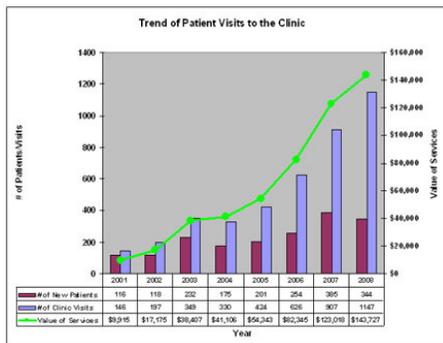
To date, these are donations to the PCCCF deposited in 2009:

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| 1. | Catholic Community Foundation, Inc. | \$ 10,000.00 |
| 2. | Aurora Health Care Fund For Alice Bustos, M.D. For Tracy Lisinski | 510.82 8.04 |
| 3. | Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts For Linda Ramos | 1,500.00 |
| 4. | Marquette University (Mass Collection) | 350.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 12,368.86 |

As of April 14, 2009 the account of the PCCCF, Inc. is as follows:

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| General fund | \$ 203,133.21 |
| Free Medical Clinic Fund | \$ 2,859.29 |
| TOTAL | \$ 239,094.69 |

(This does not include the \$10,000 from the Catholic Community Foundation which was deposited in May, 2009 for the FMC operations)



The graph shows the growth in the number of patients, clinic visits and doctors' equivalent service fees. It does not include the value of the medicines, laboratory, and other diagnostic procedures provided to the free clinic patients, which is presently being quantified and should be included in the next report.