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The Cararoo Foundation

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Meet Our Chair Person:

Eliseo C Miranda (Eli), a native of San Antonio, Nueva Ecija is a Certified Public Accountant. At present, he heads Li & Fung (Philippines) Inc., a locally based company from Hong Kong. An active member of the prestigious Management Association of the Philippines and company representative to the American Chamber of Commerce. Eli is an active Rotarian of Rivercity Marikina Rotary Club, where he served as Auditor and the current Treasurer and Paul Harris fellow. He was also awarded in 1994 as an outstanding alumni of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (formerly Philippine College of Commerce) where he graduated in 1971

COO – Treasurer and Founding Member Maurie Schokman says, we are fortunate to have Eli as Chair Person on the Cararoo Foundation Inc. Board, his local and International experience will be critical to the success of the Foundation. As part of the School Sponsorship Pilot Program Eli is looking into opportunities for developing “livelihood” projects so the families can be more self-sufficient. More information will be released in the coming months.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM CARAROO BOARD

Education and helping the less fortunate is the main driving force of the Foundation. Our goal for June 2010 is to have in place a School Sponsorship Program that would allow the Foundation to send at least 100 children to school. As part of establishing this Sponsorship Program the Board has launched a Pilot program that will run over the next 6 months. In the Pilot phase the Foundation will endeavour to select 20 children of varying ages from the list of 387 children identified in the Merville Paranaque Mangahan Area, to be part of the Pilot process.

The aim of the Pilot Program is to establish a process whereby the parents of the sponsored child can be empowered to manage the wellbeing of the child. It is important that our Informal Settlers retain their self worth and be part of the education process. The Board feels very strongly that in order for the Sponsorship process to be a success we must get the full support of the parents. With this in mind the Board is in discussion with the Psychology department at De La Salle University Manila to seek their help in designing an interview form that will be used in the Sponsorship process.

The Pilot process will also establish the documentation requirements for establishing a successful Sponsorship Program as well as the requirements for each child being sponsored. Items such as school fees, travel, daily nutrition requirements, school books etc. need to all be identified and costed as part of the sponsorship process. We need to say a special Thank you to Mr Craig Burrows from the Asian Students Christian Foundation for all the help provided to us. See Page 2 for more information on the Sponsorship Program.

Thank You For Donations

Special Thanks to Freemasons Korea for your generous donation of php33,000 and Northlakes Toukley Rotary Club for php34,000. This money will be well spent on our Pilot Sponsorship Program.

In these difficult times donations are always welcome.

Certificates Of Appreciation

Gerrard & Associates
Tony Gerrard



LakesPodiatry
Torin O'Grady



Piggies Bicycle Club
Christian Villarroel



Cararoo developing long-term relationship with Rotary International

Non-Profit Organizations such as Cararoo can only survive with the help of Private Donations and with the help of International service organizations like Rotary. We are pleased to say Rotary District 9680 Australia and Rotary Makati Dasmaringas are both supporters of Cararoo Foundation.

NEWS FLASH

Rotary Club Northlakes Toukley
Australia & Rotary Club Makati
Dasmaringas Sign Sister Club Agreement

This is a major achievement for the Cararoo Foundation as we will now have 2 Rotary Clubs working with us.

Rotary Clubs in Australia On Board—Helping

Following the Booth display at Rotaries Annual Conference in NSW Australia, we are now starting to get some interest from Rotary clubs on the East Coast for presentations on the Cararoo Foundation. Very Positive for our Sponsorship Program.

Cararoo Donate php5,000 to Rotary Club Makati Dasmaringas (RCMD) For Supplementary Feeding Program.

For php60,000 RCMD support Kabisig ng Kalahi volunteers who carry out a massive “supplemental feeding program” for malnourished children six years of age and below. Featured in Kabisig ng Kalahi’s program is a unique four-way tie-up among the foundation, the government, business, and NGOs such as Rotary. The program runs for six months with 30 children in each module. The parents of the malnourished children are trained to run the program as well as how to provide the correct nutrition for the 30 children in the module, the rule is 1 child per family. We understand that following the six month training/feeding program that 90% of the families continue to follow the feeding program.

- The Philippines is No. 5 in the world in the incidence of hunger
- Four out of 10 Filipinos have little or no food on the table
- Some four million children are malnourished.

As part of our Pilot School Sponsorship Program Cararoo will learn a lot from this program. Discussions are currently taking place with the organisers of this program.



School Sponsorship Program—Continued from Page 1

As detailed on page 1, the Foundation has commenced a six month Pilot program to establish the frame work for operating a School Sponsorship Program. The Board believes that given the track record of some of the large charitable organizations where large amounts of donated money is spent on Administration cost, we believe in some cases this figure can be as high as 80%, that it is our intention to keep the cost of Administration to 15% or less. The Foundation is going to manage the Sponsorship program with an “open book” policy, we want our supporters to be involved in the program and see where their contributions go. Having Rotary International involved we have a registered Project Code and Taxation Number with Rotary, so all donations in Australia or USA will go via Rotary and only transferred to the Foundation in the Philippines when requested by the Board. This should give our supporters confidence that the funds will be well managed. The Foundation is currently trying to raise US\$15,000 for the pilot and also register anyone interested in Sponsoring a child commencing June 2010 to please register your interest via email to—Maurie Schokman at schokma@attglobal.net And if you can help in any way with the Pilot program also send email to Maurie

Meet Our Company Secretary

Mr Maverick “Mav” Evangelista, born in 1969, Mav is the youngest member of the Board. He is currently the Vice President and Country Manager of a software development company in Manila with head office in California, USA. Mav is known for his unconventional management style which he applies to both the company he manages and other organizations he actively participates in.

Inspite of his extremely hectic schedule, Mav makes time for his social duties. Some of the projects he has led include Christmas parties for street children, assistance programs for orphanages and homes for the aged, blood-letting programs for the Red Cross, and fund raising programs for calamity victims. Mav is married with 1 child and lives in Makati City.

The Mayonnaise Jar

When things in your life seem, almost too much to handle, When 24 Hours in a day is not enough, Remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students, if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open Areas between the golf balls.

He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full.

The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand.

The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - family, children, health, friends, and favourite passions – Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained,

Your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, house, and car.

The sand is everything else --The small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' He continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life.

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, You will never have room for the things that are important to you.So...

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play With your children. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your partner out to dinner.

There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal.

'Take care of the golf balls first -- The things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

**The professor smiled.
'I'm glad you asked'.**

It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.'

Please share this with other "Golf Balls"

I just did.....