



# PCSO

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## PCSO and Philhealth working together

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth) signed an agreement during the Philhealth's 20th anniversary program last February 12, 2015. The signatories were Philhealth President and Chief Executive Officer Alexander A. Padilla and our very own Acting Chairman and General Manager Ferdinand M. Rojas II. The agreement will greatly benefit Filipinos who are in dire need of financial assistance and medical needs.

The special agreement between the two charity arms of the Philippine government is part of the government agencies' attempt towards working together in suitable and remarkable ways to help the people gain a more convenient, trouble-free, and easy access in facilitating the processing of their applications and request for medical and financial assistance.

The main objective of the agreement is to provide a space for an off-site Philhealth office to be known as "Philhealth Help desk". Philhealth



agreed to install and train designated PCSO authorized personnel to access the Institutional Health Care Provider (IHCP) Portal, for the purpose of verifying whether or not the individual/s requesting for assistance under PCSO's IMAP, is a legitimate member or a member's qualified dependent. PCSO's flagship Individual Medical

Assistance Program (IMAP) provides around P18.5 million/ day to qualified beneficiaries nationwide. Indeed, PCSO through its mission to provide "universal health care for all Filipinos" and its partnership with different agencies and health institutions

continuously reaches out to many people and has cemented its reputation and role as a dependable partner in serving the poor, the sick and the marginalized sectors of the Philippine society. The service will soon be available at PCSO's extension office at the Lung Center of the Philippines, Quezon City where the agency's Charity Assistance and Medical Services Departments are located. (Lowela Lupisan and Leila Valencia)

*February is considered the love month, where people around the globe celebrate this moment with the person they love. It is the time to show in a special way their love and affection to someone dear to them and the perfect time to give them what they wish for. Others would wish for material things, chocolates, teddy bears or flowers while others would wish not for themselves but for the person they hold dear to their hearts. They wish they could help them continue their lives and mission in this world.*

As part of this meaningful month, our team scouts for patients with heart conditions requesting medical assistance in PCSO extension office at the Lung Center of the Philippines. Determining patients with such conditions is quiet a task because there are about 400 clients patiently waiting and praying that PCSO could give them the help they need for themselves and for their loved ones. Perla Gonzales who is preciously holding the photo of her one month old grandson, caught our attention.

Perla Gonzales is a 51-year old widower from Dasmariñas Cavite. She came to PCSO as early as 3:00 am and patiently lined up to seek assistance for her one-month old grandson, Mike Andrei Gonzales, who is in dire need of a BALLOON CATHETERIZATION. Andrei is diagnosed with CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE/PULMONARY ATRESIA.

Lola Perla was teary-eyed when she shared the story of baby Andrei. According to her, two days after the birth of Andrei she noticed the baby's lips and skin were blue in color and the baby had difficulty of breathing which the mother dismissed because the baby was declared healthy as indicated in the result of the new born screening test. The alarming turning of skin and lip color into blue and the labored breathing of baby Andrei every time he has an on and off cough made them decide to bring Andrei to the nearest Health Center where they were advised to seek consultation to a specialized hospital. They were referred to La Salle General Hospital where X-ray and 2d echo were done. Results of the diagnostic tests were explained to them and they were informed of the condition of

### The heart warrior

Andrei. When the doctor told them "May butas po ang puso ng bata", Lola Perla pleaded that they do all possible remedies to help her grandson. "Hindi ko na kakayanin pa na mawalan ng isa pang apo." The grandmother burst into tears when she recounts that Andrei's sibling (first child) died because of meconium aspiration.



*Lola Perla holding the picture of her precious grandson, one month old Mike Andrei*

Because of the delicate condition of Andrei, they were referred to the Philippine Heart Center (PHC). The grandmother cries as she continues to tell us how helpless they were during the time they were not accommodated when they first visited the Philippine Heart Center. They were told to come back the next day, but they insisted to stay in the hospital and spend the night along the corridor of the hospital. They cannot afford to go home anymore and be back the next day because they don't have money for transportation.

They battled the long line in PHC last January 30, 2015 to be able to enroll the child in the Social Service of the hospital. They believe that specialized hospital like PHC is their only hope for the child to live a long life. Thorough

examination was done to Andrei and was diagnosed of Pulmonary Atresia, a very rare birth defect in which the baby's heart has no pulmonary valve. In babies with pulmonary atresia, the valve which allows blood to travel directly from the right ventricle to the pulmonary artery is absent or the valve does not open. These babies may get some blood to their lungs by a different route. Even so, their bodies do not get the normal amount of oxygen, making them look blue or cyanotic. Symptoms usually begin within the first hours after the baby is born but in some cases it may take a few days for the symptoms to appear. Series of operations such as open-heart surgery are the treatment recommended but the immediate management to improve Andrei's blood flow is the Balloon Catheterization which will enlarge the opening between the atria. Balloon Catheterization costs Php35,000.00, a procedure that will help ease Andrei's condition and will add years to his life but which the family does not have the means to pay.

Lola Perla seeks PCSO assistance because she thinks that the agency's mission to respond and provide for the health and medical needs of the poor will alleviate the family's agony and most of all will prolong the life of his beloved apo. She believes that reaching out to agencies like PCSO will definitely be of great help. One wish she has in mind during that time is that PCSO will grant the full amount of P35,000.00, the amount that would give them the hope of seeing Andrei live longer. "Everyday Andrei's symptoms are getting worst, there are times that he doesn't want to suck his milk bottle, his skin is getting pale and clammy and he always sleeps and I'm afraid if he will not be operated as soon as possible he will die before long. It is very hard to see him and wait of how long his life could possibly last" says the grandmother.

We cannot contain our tears after hearing their story. Our heart breaks for this innocent child whom we know is fighting for his life. Their problems will not stop in seeking assistance prior to operation. With the seriousness of their condition, they will have to deal with the problems following the surgery, the pain, and the long convalescence. (Lowela Lupisan and Eugenio Darcy Geronimo)

# Paying it forward—the daughter's way

In life, most, if not all, people are blessed to have loving and caring mothers who are selfless—always putting the needs of their sons and daughters above their own. They walk hand-in-hand with their sons and daughters every step of the way.

However, there would come a time when their hair strands will turn white and their skin will get wrinkled—signs that they have grown older than they used to be.

In that time, sons and daughters have to pay them forward. They have to give their mothers what they deserve. They have to return, if not exceed, the love and care they have felt from their mothers.

Just like what Maricel Canillas did on the eve of Valentine's Day.

Dressed in a pink jacket and a pair of denim pants, Maricel, 37, arrived as early as 3:30 am at the Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP) to seek financial aid for her mother Julieta who recently had a heart problem.

While holding her green transparent envelope containing the requirements for IMAP, Maricel recounted how she found out about her mother's illness. Upon hearing the news through the phone, she was shocked that her mother, a healthy housewife, suffered a heart attack last January 29, 2015. "Kasama ng papa ko si mama sa Montalban, Rizal kasi birthday ng kapatid niya... doon inatake sa puso si mama," she narrates. Julieta was admitted to the Ospital ng Montalban but was later recommended to be transferred at the Philippine Heart Center (PHC).



*Maricel Canillas (right) shares her story about her mother Julieta, while waiting for her name to be called at the waiting area of the LCP on February 13.*

Upon hearing from the cardiologist, they found out that Julieta should undergo angioplasty to remove the blockage in the artery of her heart. Angioplasty is a procedure where a balloon is passed into the artery on the end of a tube (catheter) and is inflated (blown up) to treat a narrowed or blocked artery. ([www.vascular.co.nz](http://www.vascular.co.nz)). In Julieta's case, the procedure, including the hospitalization bill, costs a total of Php 360,000, in which her family was only able to pay Php 30,000.

Angioplasty costs a hefty amount for Julieta's family who has a meager income. Being a street vendor, Maricel is incapable to pay for all the expenses. She shared that her two older siblings have their own families and are now residing in La Union and Pangasinan respectively. Her estranged husband Miguel does not have a stable job and works part-time as a tricycle driver, while her father Michael does not work anymore due to old age. She also has a 16-year old son who will go to college next school year. When her

mother suffered a heart attack, she stopped selling palamig beside an elementary school in Quezon City to take care of her mother. Because she is the breadwinner of the family, Maricel has to find a way to produce the money her family needs for her mother's sudden illness.

On February 11, 2015, Julieta successfully underwent angioplasty; however, she could not go home because of the unpaid bill. "Hindi namin malabas si mama kahit magaling na siya kasi wala pa kaming pambayad... wala na nga siyang swero, pambayad na lang talaga kulang," she shares.

Later that day, Julieta was allowed to leave the hospital through a promissory note to the PHC stating that they will pay for her mother's procedure amounting to Php 197,000. Although it is lesser to the previous bill, her family still could not afford to pay.

For this reason, Maricel eagerly

anticipates the help from PCSO. "Kahit po magkano... basta may maidagdag sa pambayad," she quips. After seven hours of waiting at the LCP, one would still not see any trace of exhaustion on Maricel's face. Despite Maricel's lack of sleep, she still patiently waited for her name to be called by the PCSO's social worker. She was still beaming and hopeful that PCSO, through the Individual Medical Assistance Program (IMAP), could help her mother Julieta whom she loves.

Maricel is just one of the thousands of Filipinos who come to PCSO and seek financial aid for their loved ones.

Truly, the PCSO's IMAP goes a long way to aid Filipinos who are incapable of paying for sudden heart illnesses. Undoubtedly, the PCSO will not only be able to help Julieta's financial problem, but also will make their family closer together after surviving her mother's illness. (Queenie Balita and Roselle Dela Umbria)



*People patiently wait for their IMAP to be processed by PCSO employees at the Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP).*

## PCSO an instrument of GOD

Carrying the burden caused by her coronary artery disease, Luisa Casimiro, 54 years old tries to manage her usual day to day activities though she oftentimes has fearful thoughts of her worsening condition. Plaque builds up inside the coronary arteries and limits the flow of oxygen-rich blood through the artery to her heart.

Luisa lives in Bulacan with her husband who works as a mechanic. Accepting the will of God through her condition and embracing the sufferings caused by the disease. Due to the result of her coronary angiogram, she was advised to undergo coronary bypass surgery immediately to prevent heart attack. The family was greatly troubled since the surgery will incur a huge amount of expenses besides the danger of the surgery.

Loving her husband and hopeful to live more years with him, she courageously took the chance to undergo the surgery at the Philippine Heart Center. They requested for medical assistance from PCSO and was granted P270,000.00.

The third day after the surgery she talked to her son happily, thankful for her second life.

The assistance from PCSO was a great help to the family according to her son. The family recognized how blessed they are. They were given relief from their heavy burden. PCSO is an instrument for them to be thankful to God and to have an open heart for others. Their gratefulness moved them to accept the present sufferings and to be sensitive to others needs. (Elizabeth Singson and Archie Sopenaksy)

## A second chance at life!

PCSO's Medical Assistance Program is making a tremendous difference in many people's lives. Among the millions who benefited from this charitable agency is Mr. Florante Barte Torrano, a 59 year-old, elementary graduate, who hails from Barangay Matala Ibaan, Batangas. He is currently confined at the Medical City Hospital where he was rushed after experiencing difficulty in breathing. An immediate coronary angiogram followed by a bypass operation was performed which he tolerated well.

Mang Florante, as he is fondly called by many, has no means of income. He and his wife solely depend on their only son for daily sustenance but not sufficiently for his medical expenses. His condition was unexpected and true to PCSO's commitment in helping the poor and sick, he was approved of P100,000.00 assistance to defray the cost of his medical expenses incurred at the Medical City. While awaiting for the release of the Guarantee Letter, the family of Mang Florante expresses their sincerest appreciation for the grant extended by PCSO. (Laura Jacinto and Justin Santos)

# My heart will go on...

## An inspiring journey to healing

Afflicting millions of people across the globe, heart diseases continue to pose significant public health concerns. Before we celebrate Valentine's Day, we were asked to delve into a story of a patient asking medical assistance related to any Heart illness at the PCSO extension office in Lung Center of the Philippines. We were very anxious about how we would go about it and identify a specific person with a heart problem who is in need of aid. There were about 400 patients long-sufferingly waiting, most of them looked weary, heavy-eyed and starving because they came as early as 3:00am. You see them standing for long hours, sleeping on the bench or on the ground with mat on it. Leveled eye documents lie on the table of the officer-of-the-day and a very busy atmosphere pervades the area before the process of accepting applications for assistance commences. This is how PCSO looks like everyday. Cognizant that we would be having a hard time determining patients with heart disease, we went directly to the evaluation section of the Charity Assistance Department wherein patients' papers are being evaluated accordingly in terms of authenticity and required assistance. From this section, we were able to pull out documents we were looking for.

This heartwarming story is all about a patient diagnosed with MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE. Accompanied by his brother who lives in Quezon City, Mr. Victor



Pasco, 48 years old from Iloilo City, married with three children ages 12, 11 and 5 years old, came to PCSO. He was wearing green jacket, eyeglasses, and bull cap, Mr. Pasco looks skinny due to losing weight and sleepless nights. Mr. Pasco needs to undergo an operation

for MITRAL VALVE REPLACEMENT which costs P280,000.00. Since it was his first time to seek assistance from PCSO, he fervently prayed for a positive outcome. He believes that if PCSO would grant his request, he could live a longer life for his family.

Apparently, he was referred to the Philippine General Hospital for his operation because the hospital in Iloilo City is not fully equipped to handle his case. Fortunately, he was able to get a blue card from PGH on which some of his laboratory procedures such as 2D Echo were availed for free. According to him, he started experiencing series of unusual symptoms during the early 90's. During his teenage years, he experienced shortness of breath, easy fatigability, on and off chest pain for 10-30 minutes, heart palpitations and even fainting spells. He was a government employee for 10 years at the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) but was unfortunately laid off due to Rationalization process. Amidst these symptoms, he worked as a security guard to sustain the needs of his family. However, the symptoms progressed and he resorted to monthly consultation with a cardiologist. He was then advised by the latter to avoid strenuous activities. This led him to decide to stop working. As of this moment, his wife and three children were left in Iloilo and are being taken care of by his in-laws.

Mr. Pasco also shared his story when he first knew about his health condition. He recalled that his attitude toward his sudden and life-threatening heart illness was characterized by negative behavior, - his refusal to accept the situation and constant arguing with and rebelling against his doctors and their recommended treatments. While his wife trusts in the infallible wisdom of physicians, Mr. Pasco constantly questions why this has happened to him. It took a while before he managed to control the situation and learned that he needs to survive for his family. The intense defiance that initially seems to be self-defeating later appears to be part of his indomitable fighting spirit, probably one of the main reasons why he is still alive and fighting.

Mr. Pasco's condition is considered life-threatening because the valve between his heart's left upper chamber (left atrium) and the left lower chamber (left ventricle) does not close properly; thus, a Mitral Valve Replacement is badly needed in order to replace the damaged mitral valve with an artificial (prosthetic) one. As of today, he has no definite schedule yet for the operation at the PGH because he needs to raise the amount of P280, 000.00 to start the procedure.

"A jobless man cannot generate that huge amount that's why I am very willing to sacrifice, battle the long line seeking assistance here in PCSO, contend with the sadness of being away from my family, and cope with the everyday uncertainty of how long my life can possibly last. I need to get better for them and I am certain that PCSO will grant my request to start my operation" says Mr. Pasco. He counts himself among the growing number of PCSO's different success stories.



PCSO stays true to its mandate of providing medical assistance, services, health programs and charities of national character. Thus, four days after Mr. Pasco's interview, he received the guarantee letter granting the amount of P100,000.00 - a substantial aid that can help him in raising the amount he needs for his operation.

PCSO's role in the Philippine health sector remains essential. We cannot discount the task it assumes in providing and financing health services. For typical Filipino families, PCSO is here to assist and help them withstand sudden onset of diseases that prove to be life-changing. Amidst the difficult situations, few people like Mr. Pasco, bear up with the challenge. Indeed, his outward journey to healing has been an inner journey to life appreciation and gratitude. (Leila Valencia and Antoinette Escario)

## EDITORIAL

### RA 10653

"Higher Income Tax Exemption"



*P'Noy Cares*

## Additional income tax exemption under RA10653

February is globally known as the "Love Month". We feel the love of our special someone especially during Valentine's Day. Flowers, chocolates and other material gifts are traditionally given to us by our special someone. But for President Aquino and the legislators, there's more way to show love and care especially for the civil servants. Before Valentine's Day, President Aquino signed into law RA 10653, "An Act Adjusting the 13th Month Pay and Other Benefit Ceiling Excluded from the Computation of Gross Income for purposes of Income Taxation, amending for the purpose Section 32 (B), Chapter VI of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, As Amended". The new law amending Section 32 of the National Revenue

Code increases the tax exemption ceiling on bonuses from the current P 30,000.00 to P 82,000.00. It is a vibrant positive step of like-minded government seeking reforms to simplify tax structure and reduction of tax rates which have been weighing down the taxpayers. The new law is set to benefit the state workers especially the low to middle-income employees who have been incessantly burdened with imposed taxes taking significant portion of their earnings.

Indeed, for civil servants this is a gift from the Aquino administration that will be treasured for life and worth celebrating this "Love Month".

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# GAMING NEWS

## Isang Pagtitipong Pinamagatang: "Ika-80 Anibersaryo ng PCSO...Sa Aming Munting Pamamaraan"



Ang PCSO Board kasama ang matataas na opisyaes ng ahensya at mga Managers ng NCL Department

Masayang ipinagdiwang ng tanggapan para sa Hilaga at Gitnang Luzon, (NCL) ng PCSO ang ipinagpatuloy na Ikawalumpung Anibersaryo ng nasabing ahensya na pinamagatang, "Sa Aming Munting Pamamaraan." Ito ay ginanap sa Bulwagan ng Manor Hotel sa lungsod ng Baguio, noong ika-7 ng Pebrero, taong dalawang-libo't labing-lima. Ito ay pinasinayaan ng labing-tatlong probinsiya na bahagi ng naturang departamento na pinamumunuan ni Ginoong Romeo S. Rigodon. Sila ay nasa ilalim ng Sektor ng Branch, ni Bb. Remeliza Jovita M. Gabuyo, Ikalawang Punong Tagapangasiwa ng PCSO para sa mga Sangay ng Opisina.

Ang nasabing okasyon ay dinaluhan ng mahahalagang opisyaes ng PCSO sa pamumuno ng mga kagalang-galang na Pinuno at Lupon Tagapangasiwa ng nasabing ahensiya na sina Atty. Jose Ferdinand Rojas II, Pansamantalang Tagapangulo at Punong Tagapangasiwa ng PCSO, Hon. Francisco "Pancho" Joaquin III, Hon. Mabel V. Mamba, Hon. Betty B. Nantes, Hon. Florencio Noel at ang Sekretaryo ng lupong tagapangasiwa na si Atty. Ramon Rodrigo. Kabilang din sa panauhing pandangal ay mula sa hanay ng mga kagalang-galang na Ikalawang Punong Tagapangasiwa ng PCSO na sina AGM Conrado C. Zaballa ng Gaming, Product Development and Marketing Sector, AGM Julieta F. Aseo, Management Services Sector, AGM Lauro Patiag, Administrative Sector at AGM Larry R. Cedro Charity Sector at ilan pang bilang ng mga pinuno ng nabanggit na ahensiya.

Ang programa ay sinumulan sa pagbabasbas ng bagong lokasyon ng opisina sa Benguet, na lumipat mula sa maliit na espasyo na may sukat na 73.35 metro kwadrado tungo sa mas malaking lugar na may sukat na 234 metro kwadrado, sa loob din ng compound sa Post Office Loop, Upper Session Road, Baguio City. Ito ay sinundan ng maikling misa bago isinilbi ang tanghalian.



AGM Conrado C. Zaballa (Nakasuot ng dilaw na jacket) kasama ang mga Branch Managers ng NCL

Ang pagdiriwang ay sinimulan bandang 6:00 ng hapon sa pamamagitan ng pambungad na pagbati mula sa tagapamahala ng nasabing departamento na si G. Romeo Rigodon, "Malaking karangalan ang binisita tayo ng buong Lupon ng Tagapangasiwa ng ating opisina. Ang kanilang pagdating ay dagdag lakas para sa ating lahat, sa tulong ng ating pinagkakapitangang AGM Liza Gabuyo," ayon kay G. Rigodon.

Ito ay sinundan ng ilang pananalita at pagbati mula kay GM Rojas at mga direktor. Ayon sa kanila ang pagdiriwang ay ginawa upang bigyan daan ang kahilingan ng marami sa sektor na sila ay maging bahagi ng ika-80 Anibersaryo ng PCSO. Ayon din sa pamunuan ng PCSO ang ganitong klase ng paghahanda ay gagawin din sa mga departamento ng Visayas, Mindanao at ng tanggapan ng para sa Timog Katagalugan at Kabikulan (STBR).

Bahagi rin ng palatuntunan ay ang pagtatampok at pagbabahagi ng kakaibang mga talento mula sa 13 sangay ng sector na naghati-hati sa apat na grupo; may sumayaw, kumanta, at umarte. Nagkaroon din mga raffle at habang lumalalim ang gabi, patuloy ang alingawngaw ng halakhakan at palakpakan mula sa nasabing bulwagan. Bawat palatuntunan ay nag-iwan ng di mababayarang mga ngiti at masasayang alaala na nagambag sa 80-taong tagumpay ng PCSO. (Lowela Lupisan and Eugenio Darcy Geronimo)



Ang Branch Manager ng Benguet na si Bb. Ern Dancel kasama sina AGM Cedro(kaliwa) at AGM Patiag(kanan).

Dir. Francisco Joaquin kasama ang mga Branch Managers ng NCL.

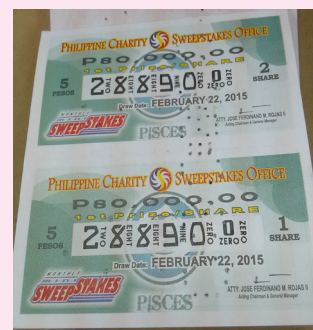


## Mini Sweepstakes Draw

All the ten thousand (10,000) printed booklets were sold in the latest Mini Sweepstakes Draw conducted last February 22, 2015, the first draw for this year. The Board Resolution No. 25 series of 2014 approved the conduction of the Mini Sweepstakes Draw. The first draw was held on April 27, 2014. Thereafter, the draw is conducted every month usually on its last Sunday.

A variation of the Traditional Sweepstakes Game, the Mini Sweepstakes Game offers a total major prizes of Php500, 000.00: first prize of Php80, 000.00 per ticket share or Php400, 000 per whole ticket; second prize of Php15, 000.00 per share or Php 75,000.00 for whole ticket; and a third prize of Php5, 000 per share and Php 25,000 per whole ticket. A total of Php50, 000.00 seller's prizes are likewise rendered. It also provides "ambos" (free ticket) every draw for the winning last digit number.

Five (5) shares consist the one whole ticket number, and 10



whole tickets consist the one booklet and with retail price of Php5.00 per ticket share and two hundred fifty pesos (Php250.00) per booklet and a wholesale of one hundred eighty seven pesos and fifty centavos (Php187.50) per booklet.

Ten thousand (10,000) booklets are printed every draw and renders a Php 2,500,000.00 gross sales/receipts. After deducting the 2% (Php50,000.00) printing cost from the gross sales of the draw, the total net receipts of Php2,450,000.00 is allocated to 55%Prize Fund, 30% Charity Fund and 15% Operating Fund.

In the sales and distribution of the Mini Sweepstakes product, the PCSO explores possible partners such as multi-national companies with chain outlets, mini stores and groceries, NGO's/ civic organizations, government agencies, cooperatives and private individuals who wish to become entrepreneurs. (Elizabeth Singson and Laura Jacinto)

# PCSO IN ACTION



**USHER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH ACTS OF CHARITY.** Employees of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) joined the Filipino-Chinese Community in welcoming the year of the Wood Sheep with acts of charity last February 20, 2015. Indigents seeking financial-medical assistance at the PCSO-Lung Center of the Philippines Extension Office were treated to a hearty breakfast of chicken porridge (*arroz caldo*) and soya pudding (*taho*). A special dragon dance to invite prosperity, harmony, and health was performed to the delight of employees and indigents clients. (Photos by Arnold Ramos)



**PCSO MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION IN BRGY. IBAYO, TIPAS, TAGUIG CITY.** The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) conducted a free medical and dental mission on January 30, 2015 at Barangay Ibayo, Tipas, Taguig City. The free clinic served 200 adult patients, 176 pediatric patients and 36 dental patients. Above photos show PCSO personnel and volunteers attending to patients.



**PCSO MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION IN SILANG, CAVITE.** The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office conducted a Medical and Dental Mission in Silang, Cavite on February 16, 2015. A total of 511 patients were served by the medical and dental team. The medical and dental mission program is one of the many pro-poor programs of PCSO geared at making the health care accessible for all. (Photos by Jaime Jacinto)



**PCSO MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION IN LANAY RESORT, TANAY, RIZAL.** About 600 patients participated in the free Medical and Dental Mission conducted by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) in collaboration with DZMM last February 6, 2015 in Lanay Resort, Tanay, Rizal. The free Medical and Dental Mission is just one of the many pro-poor programs of PCSO geared at making medical services available in depressed areas. (Photos by Eric Delos Reyes)

# EMPLOYEES CORNER

## “Isang bukas na liham para sa aking pinakamamahal na asawa”

*Pinakamamahal kong Honey Ge,*

*Sa pagdating mo sa aking buhay, labing walong taon na ang nakakalipas, ika'y nagbigay liwanag sa aking daan, para kang “cheatcodes” na nagbigay kasagutan sa lahat ng aking katanungan kung saan ako patungo at kung paano ako makakarating sa paroroonan. At di nga nagtagal ay nakamit ko ang matamis mong “Oo”, noong Ika-23 ng Mayo mil nueve sientos nubenta y otso.*

*Mabilis ang mga pangyayari. Ang ating pagmamamahan sa isa't-isa at determinasyong ipaglaban ang ating pag-iibigan ay parang iskinitang nagdala sa atin patungo sa pangarap na buhay. Ang ating mainit na pagmamahal ay animo'y eroplano ng PAL na sa tuwing b'yahe ay parating may extra MILES.*

*Sabay at dahan-dahan nating sinagupa ang mga problemang kinaharap, na animo'y naka-enroll sa unli promo to all network kung magdatingan. Sa kabila ng mga ito ay patuloy nating binagtas ang mga iskinitang salu-salungat. May maliwanag, may madilim. Ngunit sa pamamagitan ng ating matibay na pagmamamahan at tiwala sa isa't-isa ang dating sali-saliwang iskinita ay marahang naging matuwid at unti-unting lumapad hanggang sa ang mga ito'y naging kalsada at malinaw na nating natatanaw ang ating mga pangarap. Mahirap isa-isahin ang ating mga pinagdaanan, pero sa haba ng mga ito, maluluma ang traffic ng EDSA at pila sa MRT tuwing uwian.*

*Makalipas ang siyam na taon ng umaaatikabo at nagbabagang pagmamamahan tayo ay pinagkalooban ng isang napakagandang anak. Mahaba man ang naging paghihintay, ang ating pagkainip ay napalitan ng nag-uumapaw na kasiyahan nang masilayan natin ang ating panganay na si Clency Marie. Siya ay muling nasundan ng*

*dalawang simpatikong mga bata na sina Darge Daniel at Edge Darci. Tatlong naggagandahang mga bata ang biyaya sa ating ng Maykapal, mga batang nagbibigay ng lakas ng loob sa atin. Ang kanilang mga nagkikislapang mga ngiti ay nagbibigay tanglaw ng pag-asa sa tuwing tayo ay mapapdaan sa madilim na bahagi ng kalsada.*

*Matapos nating gawing libangan ang pagkakaroon ng anak, ay nagpatuloy ang buhos ng biyaya sa ating buhay. Ang bawat ngiting itinatapon ng ating mga anak ay animo'y bitaminang nagbibigay lakas sa ating dalawa upang harapin ang bawat araw at kabanata sa ating buhay pamilya, kung pwede nga lamang huwag ng maubos ang kalsada...kahit gaano man ito kakipot at kahirap tahakin, masaya natin itong tatahakin ng sama-sama.*

*Mahaba man at mahirap ang pagtahak natin sa makipot na kalsada ng ating pangarap, ako'y nakangiting nagpapasalamat sa ating Maykapal dahil ikaw ang aking naging katuwang sa buhay. 'Di man ako simpatiko, at madalas pa nga ay natatawag na antipatiko, ang iyong taglay na aura ay siyang nagpapanatili ng aking katinuan...Maraming salamat sa lahat, Mahal ko!!*

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