



**PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL
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**JOIN “LAKAD TULONG”
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To help victims of Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana)

NEW YORK – The Philippine Consulate General New York is heartened by the response from both the Filipino- and American communities in supporting efforts to provide aid and assistance to our kababayans affected by Typhoon Ondoy.

In light of this, the Consulate General and the Filipino community in the Northeast Region reiterate our call for the members of the community who wish to send financial assistance to the Philippines that they course their donations through “**Project Handang Tumulong**”, a joint venture adopted by various Filipino community organizations to build a “Ready Disaster Relief Fund” that can respond instantly in the event of a natural calamity. It is fortunate that this mechanism was already in place and is now able to address the emergency situation posed by Typhoon Ondoy, which will be the first beneficiary of the Project.

To donate by check: address checks payable to “**Handang Tumulong Fund**” (with “*Typhoon Ondoy*” on the memo line), and send to Mr. Steve Parrado, Filipino American Association of Fair Lawn, Inc. (501-c3 status; Tax ID No. 223-353-102), PO Box No. 1362 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

To participate in fundraising events: join “**Lakad Tulong**”, a 3-mile walk-a-thon starting at Jersey City Hall, 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, 07302, on **11 October 2009, Sunday**. Registration starts at 8:00 AM, followed by the start of the walk at 9:00 AM. Proceeds will go to the Project Handang Tumulong fund. For more information please contact Nelsie Parrado (212-794-7321) Ledy Almadin (201-755-3084) or Lita Pena (201-432-2144).

OTHER WAYS TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON ONDOY:

| PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT RELIEF AGENCIES | |
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| <i>National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC)</i> | |
| NDCC Donated Funds Current Account (Philippine peso) #0-00149-435-3 Swift Code: DBPHPHMM Account #36002016 Development Bank of the Philippines Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo Branch Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City Philippines | |
| <i>Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)</i> | |
| Imee Rose Castillo / Rey Martija - (632-9312101 local 506-507 or 63-9517119) <u>DSWD Foreign Donation</u> Account No. 3124-0055-81 ZIP Address: TLBPPHMMXXX LBP Batasan Branch Constitution Hills, Quezon City | |
| PHILIPPINE-BASED NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS | |
| <i>Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC)</i> - http://www.redcross.org.ph/Site/PNRC/Default.aspx?S=48&SS=972 | |
| <i>Metrobank</i> Port Area Branch, Anda Circle, Manila Acct Name: The Philippine National Red Cross Acct. No. 151-2-151-00218-2 Swift Code: MBTC PH MM | <i>Bank of the Philippine Islands</i> UN Branch, Ermita, Manila Acct Name: The Philippine National Red Cross Acct. No.: 8114-0030-94; Type of Acct: Savings Swift Code: BOIPHMM |

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| <p>ABS-CBN Foundation – you may send funds directly to Acct Name: ABC-CBN Foundation Inc. Bank: BANCO DE ORO Peso Account Number: 55630060113 Branch: BDO Mother Ignacia, Quezon City</p> |
| <p>Ayala Foundation USA Online: http://www.af-usa.org/donate_now_form.Asp and select "AF-USA Typhoon Relief Fund" from the drop down menu marked "<i>Donations For</i>". Check donations may be sent to Ayala Foundation USA (put "flood victims" on the memo portion of your check) and mail to: Ayala Foundation USA 255 Shoreline Drive Suite 428 Redwood City CA 94065 Ayala Foundation USA is coordinating with Ayala Foundation, Inc and other groups conducting major relief efforts. Donations will be brought to areas where the need is greatest and areas that have not yet been reached by groups doing disaster relief mobilization.</p> |
| <p>Gawad Kalinga (through ANCOP USA) To donate directly to GK Typhoon Relief Fund, go to : http://www.ancopusa.org/donation/ Donation will be processed via PayPal and is subject to a PayPal transaction fee of 2.9% plus \$0.30. The amount of your donation is tax-deductible. ANCOP Foundation (USA), Inc. is a registered, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit w/ tax ID 68-0463495</p> |
| <p>GMA KAPUSO Foundation– you may send funds directly to Acct Name: GMA Kapuso Foundation, Inc. Bank: METROBANK Peso Account Number: 3-098-51034-7 Dollar Account Number: 2-098-00244-2 Type of Account: Savings Swift Code: MBTC PH MM</p> |
| <p>US-BASED COMPANIES</p> |
| <p>Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI-New York) Remittance fee waived for donations credit to BPI Foundation account # CA0011-1530-89. BPI Foundation is working closely with the Corporate Network for Disaster Response (CNDR)</p> |
| <p>Philippine National Bank (PNB) Remittance fee waived for donations to GMA Kapuso Foundation</p> |
| <p>Western Union USA 50%-off on remittance fees for <i>ALL transactions from the US to the Philippines</i> on the following Wednesdays: September 30, October 7 and October 14 Western Union has already donated \$50,000.00 to the Philippine National Red Cross</p> |

The Philippine Consulate General New York will provide information on fundraising and other assistance projects being organized by the Filipino community organizations in the Northeast USA for victims of Typhoon Ondoy as details becomes available. Updates will be posted on our website. Organizations that wish to have their schedule of activities included on this list may contact the Vice Consul Elena Maningat at 212-764-1330 ext 312 or by email at newyork@pcgny.net.

The list of aid-recipients in the Philippines for all projects proposed for inclusion in the list will be requested.
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