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“HANDANG TUMULONG”

Accepting Donations at the Philippine Center and at FAHSI New York

NEW YORK – The Philippine Consulate General New York urgently calls on the members of the Filipino and American community to support all activities aimed at providing aid and assistance to those affected by the calamity, Typhoon Ondoy.

A list of donor options and activities are posted on our website, <http://www.pcgny.net> with the title “More Ways to Help”.

In addition, the Philippine Consulate General New York also invites the community to support “**Handang Tumulong**”, a project of various Filipino community organizations to build a “Ready Disaster Relief Fund” that can respond instantly in the event of a natural calamity, has made the victims of Typhoon Ondoy the first beneficiaries, through the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Philippine National Red Cross:

- Donations in cash/check: address checks payable to “**Handang Tumulong Fund**” (with “*Typhoon Ondoy*” on the memo line); 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. Checks are also received by Cultural Officer, Marievic Dimaculangan at the Philippine Consulate General New York, 556 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY. **donations will be US tax deductible*
- Donations in-kind - Monday, 2 October, the “Handang Tumulong” Committee, the Philippine Consulate General New York, the Philippine Center and the Filipino American Human Services, Inc. (FAHSI) will begin receiving donations for shipment to the Philippines. Oral rehydration medicines, antibiotics and vitamins are prioritized. Blankets, towels, bed-sheets, canned goods and un-used clothes will also be received at the following drop-off points:

Marievic Dimaculangan Cultural Officer Tel: 212-764-1330 Philippine Consulate General New York 556 Fifth Avenue (btwn 45 th and 46 th st) New York, NY 10036	Rose Ann Ubara-Cunanan Executive Director – FAHSI Tel: 718-883-1295 FAHSI Office 185-14 Hillside Avenue Jamaica, New York, NY 11432
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- Fundraising event: Sunday, October 11 - Join “**Lakad Tulong**”, a 3-mile walk-a-thon starting at Jersey City Hall, 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, 07302, on. 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).

For more information on all the projects of “Handang Tumulong” please contact the project coordinators above or send an email to newyork@pcgny.net. END.