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2015 PCSO INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

by: Lowela Y. Lupisan

Charity makes the world a more beautiful place to live in. It gives a sense of pleasure when you help someone who is in real need. The amount of satisfaction it gives at the end of the day is worth more than anything else. The seed of charity should be sown early in the minds of children so that when they grow up, this world will be a place where there is no need to offer anything to others as there will be no takers.

~Anonymous~



Every day hundreds of Filipinos from all walks of life flocked as early as 5 o'clock in the morning to the PCSO Extension Office in Lung Center of the Philippines to seek financial assistance for theirs and their loved ones'

medical needs. They would patiently wait for their names to be called while enduring the scorching heat during summer and braving the lash of typhoons during rainy days. While others seek PCSO assistance to stay alive, others do it to prolong the life of their loved ones. On May 23, 2016, **Araceli Delos Reyes Macadangda** – a beneficiary of PCSO assistance since 2012, **Rolando Ablaza** – a caring husband from Atimonan, Quezon who despite his own daunting medical conditions put the need of his wife first for an implant that will help cure the large mass on her left jaw and **Joel Sanchez** – first time father who kept his mourning for his one month old daughter at bay to seek assistance, were among the many hopefuls who lined up at PCSO Extension Office for financial help through the Individual Medical Assistance Program (IMAP) of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO).

PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE

Individual Medical Assistance Program (IMAP) CY 2014 - CY 2015

REGION	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES		AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE GRANTED (PHP)	
	CY 2015	CY 2104	CY 2015	CY 2104
• CAR	2,064	2,281	71,628,943.00	65,440,170.00
• REGION 1	8,290	5,873	225,499,081.32	146,798,305.26
• REGION 2	8,682	7,324	172,451,273.26	133,886,061.70
• REGION 3	40,845	34,592	1,162,255,551.20	874,007,016.48
• NCR	62,613	62,317	2,704,145,112.64	2,333,689,734.31
• REGION 4A	47,594	36,854	1,381,566,538.90	969,471,742.80
• REGION 4B	4,940	4,648	82,523,750.79	70,110,685.02
• REGION 5	12,492	11,817	210,175,059.78	174,123,618.87
• REGION 6	14,499	9,576	297,034,087.12	187,862,290.99
• REGION 7	11,586	8,350	195,612,285.65	128,695,920.10
• REGION 8	3,343	2,228	79,596,787.76	54,071,529.20
• REGION 9	4,098	2,915	49,787,333.89	33,667,705.16
• REGION 10	7,803	3,722	120,882,610.03	73,496,320.48
• REGION 11	6,693	4,116	111,711,673.40	87,924,035.75
• REGION 12	4,018	3,064	52,326,000.38	44,796,618.00
• REGION 13 (CARAGA)	10,167	8,374	77,344,117.36	55,388,416.65
• ARMM	35	38	2,085,900.00	1,947,900.00
TOTAL	249,762	208,089	6,996,626,106.48	5,435,378,070.77

In 2015, a total of 249,748 individuals with various medical conditions sought financial assistance from the PCSO. The PCSO earmarked a total of P6,996,626,106.48 worth of financial assistance to cover the health and welfare-related needs of its mandated beneficiaries. The amount is 29% more than the P5,435,378,070.77 financial help given to 208,089 beneficiaries in 2014. A total of P2,704,145,112.64 worth of financial assistance was allotted to 62,613 patients from the National Capital Region (NCR) who sought financial support from the Agency for their health and medical needs such as hospitalization, chemotherapy drugs, diagnostic and laboratory needs. While beneficiaries from regions 4A and 3 received the 2nd and 3rd highest amount assistance, the clientele from the Visayas (Region 6 – 8) and Mindanao (Region 9 – 13 and ARMM) regions received financial assistance for their health and welfare-related needs amounting to P572,243,160.53 and P414,137,635.06, respectively. The top five (5) most requested assistance include the following: (1) Hospitalization/confinement; (2) Dialysis (Hemodialysis/Peritoneal); (3) Chemotherapy; (4) Medicines; (5) Laboratory and Diagnostic Procedures.

PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE

Individual Medical Assistance Program (IMAP) January – December 2015

Nature of Request	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount Assistance Granted (Php)
• Confinement/Hospitalization	107,510	3,304,828,468.83
• Chemotherapy	34,885	1,478,773,658.85
• Dialysis (Hemodialysis & Peritoneal)	57,512	1,033,714,759.90
• Medicines	21,709	418,639,697.35
• Implant/Prosthesis/Medical Devices	6,497	402,713,358.00
• Laboratory & Diagnostic Procedures	15,340	146,913,484.60
• Surgery/Operation	2,284	74,030,463.17
• Radiation Treatment	814	49,731,880.00
• Laser Treatment	162	4,936,300.00
• Medical Appliances	677	11,705,043.38
• Cobalt/Radiotherapy/Brachytherapy	1,410	39,339,442.00
• Hearing Aid	211	2,759,752.00
• Blood	517	2,907,788.40
• Transplant	34	12,701,800.00
• Others	200	12,930,210.00
TOTAL	249,762	6,996,626,106.48

The PCSO Individual Medical Assistance Program or IMAP, launched in 1993, aims to provide timely and responsive financial assistance to individual patients with health-related needs through guarantee letters addressed to hospital, diagnostic laboratories/centers, pharmacies and other health care facilities. The program covers the cost of hospitalization, medicines, medical supplies, diagnostic procedures, chemother-

apy drugs, dialysis, hearing aid/implant, implants and prosthesis among others. It is being implemented by the Charity Assistance Department (formerly Fund Allocation Department) and partly by the PCSO branch offices.

Charitable work is central to our culture

For as long as there are Araceli, Rolando and Joel who placed their hopes on a charitable agency to ease their difficult financial situations due to illnesses and help improve their health conditions to prolong their lives and thankful for the assistance extended to them, PCSO will remain steadfast in its mission to provide timely and responsive charity programs and services and will continuously re-design, diversify and enhance them to help improve the lives of the millions of Filipinos seeking PCSO assistance.

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“You will find as you look back on your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments you have done things for others.”

~Henry Drummond



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A Father’s Love for his Daughter

by Queenie Balita/Leila Valencia

“To a father growing old, nothing is dearer than a daughter.”
--Euripides

Usually, the parents are the first people to leave the earth due to old age, leaving their children; however, sometimes, God allows the children to leave their parents to be with Him in heaven, devastating the parents who are filled with grief. This is the case of Joel Sanchez, 31, who was left by his one-month old daughter Czarinah Jane, because of Neonatal Sepsis.

Sanchez was elated when he became a father on April 16, 2016 at the East Avenue Medical Center; however, he learned shortly that Czarinah Jane was diagnosed with Neonatal Sepsis. Czarinah Jane was discharged on May 6, 2016, but was confined again after 10 days because of difficulty in breathing, fever, reduced sucking, vomiting, and having yellow skin color. Three days after, Sanchez’ angel went to heaven to be with the Lord.



Joel Sanchez poses at the waiting area of the PCSO Extension Office at the Lung Center of the Philippines. (photo by Eric Delos Reyes)

On May 20, 2016, Sanchez, who hails from Montalban, Rizal, went to the PCSO Extension Office at the Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP) to submit the documents needed in getting a Guarantee Letter (GL) for the payment of his daughter’s hospital bill at the Philippine Children’s Medical Center. For a father, it is difficult to handle the grief of having a daughter who died; moreover, it is also difficult to get the financial assistance needed for a deceased baby, knowing that even if he gets the GL, his little angel will not come back from the dead.

Sanchez shared that the body of his daughter is still in the morgue because they still cannot pay the remaining Php 15,000 at the hospital. For an ordinary laborer, Sanchez found it hard to pay the hospital bill since he only earns for his everyday living such as food, rent, and electricity and water bills. Also, Sanchez and his wife were not prepared for the condition of Czarinah Jane since they expected that their baby would be healthy.

“Sana mapagkalooban niyo po kami ng tulong para po sa anak ko na namatay... para maiburol na po namin at makahimlay na po (siya),” he sadly said.

On May 23, 2016, he went again to the LCP to finally get the GL needed to pay the hospital, thus finally laying his little angel to rest.

Fighting to Live: Enduring Hemodialysis

by Queenie Balita/Leila Valencia

Every one of us in this world bears a problem—big or small, deep or petty, can be solved or cannot be solved. While some of us are fortunate that we can handle and solve the difficulties we face, some people are not as lucky as we are since they cannot solve the problem, but can just prevent it from getting worse—just like people who have been sick for years.



Macadangda waits for her guarantee letter at the PCSO Extension Office at the Lung Center of the Philippines on May 23, 2016 (photo by Eric delos Reyes)

On May 23, 2016, Araceli Delos Reyes Macadangda, 57, visited the PCSO Extension Office at the Lung Center of the Philippines alone to request assistance for hemodialysis. This is not new to Macadangda since she has been seeking assistance from PCSO since 2012.

For four years, Macadangda, who lives in Caloocan City, has been undergoing hemodialysis twice a week due to Chronic Kidney Disease. For some people, spending roughly Php 20,800 for hemodialysis is too much to add in a household's budget—just like Macadangda's monthly income of Php 5,500 from her husband's salary as a security guard. Because of this, PCSO's assistance for four years has been an enormous help for her to sustain her hemodialysis, thereby improving her health and prolonging her life.

After getting the GL for her hemodialysis, she said, *“maraming maraming salamat dahil binibigyan niyo ako ng tulong.”* She shared that if not for PCSO, she could not have lived a meaningful life with her family. Further, she hopes that PCSO would continue helping her as long as she needs the assistance.

Truly, Macadangda is one of the many Filipinos who have become hopeful because of PCSO's aid in their medical needs. Through PCSO, Macadangda's life is being prolonged, thus letting her continue to enjoy quality life with her loved ones.

A Husband's Selfless Love

by Queenie Balita/Leila Valencia



Rolando Ablaza poses at the PCSO Extension Office at the Lung Center of the Philippines while waiting for the guarantee letter for his wife Olivia. (photo by Eric delos Reyes)

Just by looking at Rolando Ablaza, 53, one would notice that he has cataract in both eyes. Wearing a green checkered polo shirt, Ablaza was waiting at the PCSO Extension Office at the Lung Center of the Philippines on May 23, 2016. Because of the condition of his eyes, one would think that he was seeking assistance to PCSO for himself; however, that is not the case—he was seeking assistance for his 53-year old wife Olivia.

Hailing from Atimonan, Quezon, Ablaza said that he and Olivia went to Manila for Olivia’s check-up at the Las Piñas Doctor’s Hospital on April 15, 2016. The doctor said that Olivia has a left mandibular mass and ameloblastoma, and referred them to the East Avenue Medical Center for a thorough check-up. After an x-ray and a CT scan, Ablaza and his wife found out that Olivia needs a masticatory implant to cure the enlarged mass on her left jaw. *“Nalaki po ang bukol sa bandang kaliwa ng panga (ng asawa ko)...ooperahan po siya tapos lalagyan ng bakal,”* he shared.

Being a carpenter who earns Php 300 per day only when he has work, he admitted that he could not earn the roughly Php 130,000 for his wife’s implant. Thus, he sought PCSO’s assistance. After visiting the LCP thrice, he came back on May 23, 2016 to finally get the Guarantee Letter (GL) needed for Olivia to undergo an implant at the East Avenue Medical Center.

Ablaza believes that PCSO would help his wife to get well. *“Naniniwala po ako (sa PCSO) sa dami ng natutulungan nila. Lubos po akong nagpapasalamat, kahit kami ay malayo e nabiyayaan pa rin po ng tulong,”* he said. Further, he said that he is grateful to PCSO because even though his wife is from the province, PCSO did not hesitate to help them. He said that going to Manila is worth it since he was able to seek assistance for his wife.

Finally, Ablaza’s efforts to seek help for his wife prove that there is still selfless love in the world. Despite his condition, he prioritized his wife’s needs before his own. Truly, PCSO continues to give hope to Filipinos like Ablaza who needs medical-related assistance.

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