

KASAGIP News



The official Newsletter of KASAGIP Charitable Trust

KASAGIP OUTLINES KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

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- **Christchurch Earthquake Appeal**— A simple effort to fund raise and contribute to a small group of Filipinos in Christchurch was undertaken in March 2011 coinciding with the second regular quarterly Garage Sale.
- **Cultural Exhibit**— In June and in cooperation with the Upper Hutt Library, a mini-exhibit featuring Philippine tourist attractions and some memorabilia were put on display for a week coinciding with celebration of Philippine Independence observed every 12th of June overseas.
- **Second Anniversary—July 2011** The simple celebration focused on providing recognition to its roll of volunteers, the “Blue Angel Brigade” and the installation of new volunteers. We are now growing in number but hopeful to get more volunteers and donors next year. Members of the FKC (Friends of KASAGIP Club) joined in the celebration.
- **Capacity Building and Development**— Enrolment of the Board of Trustees in a 6-week Online Volunteer Course to gain more understanding of volunteer management, including their participation in Legal Seminars organised by the Wellington Community Law Centre (every Monday 6PM).
- **Various Institutional Tie-Ups**— KASAGIP became project sponsor to a group of students at WELTEC, Petone that prepared a management paper focusing on KASAGIP’s mission and vision and how the Charitable Trust can overcome some of its organisational issues. Mimi Laurilla attended the presentation/defence session in October 2011. In addition, KASAGIP is now an outreach partner of the Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council. KASAGIP donated some pre-loved furniture and household goods and will remain to be in the register of donors for the Chaplaincy.

Greetings of Love, Peace and Joy during this Christmas Season!— from all of us at KASAGIP Charitable Trust



Jesus is the reason for the Season! Rejoice!

GOING LEAN IN 2011...

Last December 2010, KASAGIP launched its very first major community event, the KASAGIP Community Children’s Party and Christmas Fair at Heretaunga College Hall, Upper Hutt. This was well- attended and was a very successful undertaking. Although there were requests to hold another event for this year, KASAGIP decided to go LEAN and simple. While fund raising last year focused on “PAROL” or Christmas lantern making, this year fund raising focused on selling limited copies of the 2012 calendar .

Going lean is an executive decision in order to utilise the remaining quarter of 2011 to plan and re-prioritise the focus for 2012. This is preparatory for more and bigger projects lined up.

Going lean is also cost-efficient, so that funds can be channelled to the appropriate activities. Next year will be more dynamic and active. This year is the brewing period so that next year can kick off with a bang!

KHP News

- Good news— About 5 of our beneficiaries received their Permanent Residence status this year. Congratulations!
- There are about 6 new beneficiaries (both individual and family applicants) that are being assisted by the Trust.
- Less than 10 individuals are still in the roster for on-going support.
- Support for new beneficiaries included CV writing, advise on job interview preparation, potential employment leads, housing/settlement, and some immigration queries.
- Some cases are now closed due to the resolution of their issues and end of the assistance required.

BAB Updates

- Preparation for the First BAB General Assembly early 2012 — announcement on the venue, time and agenda papers will be sent closer to the date of the meeting. All BABs are encouraged to attend.
- Monthly Friendship Meetings will be revitalised next year hoping to target other suburbs in Wellington.
- A group of Filipinos in Palmerston North and Wanganui have requested KASAGIP to visit and hold a Friendship meeting within the area.
- Wainuiomata Friendship meeting also being organised for next year.

Golden Club Corner

- About 3 new Golden Club (GC) members joined the donor club in 2011.
- GC members are entitled to receive receipts at the end of the Tax year and these may be submitted to IRD for rebates.
- KASAGIP is inviting those wishing to donate on a regular basis to consider KASAGIP as a recipient of their planned giving. For more information about the Golden Club, email Allan Gierran at allan.gierran@gmail.com or via KASAGIP's email address below.

Announcements

QUARTERLY GARAGE SALE

Summer or Spring Cleaning

options: If you have some good quality re-usable pre-loved household furniture items, electrical items, clothing that you wish to donate for our Garage Sale, kindly contact Mayette Gierran at

mugierran@gmail.com.

These items will benefit others who may be in need, or sales

contribute to our fund raising efforts.

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FROM THE KHP Director:

Many ask us whether our beneficiaries are limited to Filipino migrants. To set the record straight we also help migrants from other cultures. We continue to support a Kenyan family, and have recently concluded our support to an Indian fami-

ly. We started providing some support to a South African beneficiary.

We have recently received a request to assist a Chinese lady but this has yet to be finalized.

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WE WANT YOU! If you want to make a difference to someone else's life, join us! We will welcome all volunteers!

KASAGIP MEANS:

Kapatirang

Kabalikat SA

KaGIPitan, a Filipino

phrase which means

Community Partners in

Times of Need.

KASAGIP refers to

people who help, deriving

from the Filipino word

SAGIP (a verb which

means "rescue").

Contact Us!

- To make a donation or ask for a receipt
- To become a member of the Golden Club (Donor Club)
- To become a volunteer (join Blue Angel Brigade)
 - If you know of someone who needs help
 - If you have skills that you can share

If you know of organizations who can support KASAGIP as a sponsor, donor or partner institution

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