

2008 ANNUAL REPORT



A new leaf, the beginning..

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statement

"As citizens of this community, we have partaken of its material and spiritual wealth. Through its benevolence, we have shared with its greatness and now enjoy a way of life that allows us to help alleviate the sufferings of this largely impoverished and troubled world. Therefore we, Filipino-Americans and our friends of this community, have established the Philippine Cultural and Civic Center Foundation, Inc. Through this foundation, which aims to construct a building to house some activities of the community, we hope to bring to the American consciousness the richness of our background, as well as the significance of our contributions to this country. In addition, we also aim to provide services of a civic nature, which would otherwise be difficult or too costly for some people to obtain. Above all, it is our fervent hope that through this foundation, we will help raise generations of citizens who will continue to contribute to the greatness of America and help mold its moral conscience."

**Despite the economy,
PCCCF funds still total
more than \$230,000.
A big SALAMAT PO
(thank you) to our
faithful supporters!**

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With a Little Help from Our Friends...



Milwaukee's "Woman of the Year" Dr. Violeta Singson accepts a check from Macy's and Heiser Chevrolet in May 2008.

2008 was a busy year for PCCCF Executive Director Gerry Ramos. His position was funded by a generous grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, enabled him to attend activities, relaying what he learned to the PCCCF Board. He also represented the PCCCF in meetings and discussions with possible grant providers and partners, and gave tours of the FMC and the Philippine Center to prospective donors.

As a result of PMA-W committee recommendations, the existing FMC has been retrofitted to allow for 2 more exam rooms, for a total of 7. 1174 visits were made to the Clinic—including services for 344 new patients—in 2008.

Meanwhile, the PCCCF continued applying for grants. 212 proposals were sent, and donations were received from numerous new supporters. Despite being rained out on September 14, the Annual Golf Outing raised more than \$11,000 for the building fund.

The PCCCF is now part of the GoodSearch and GoodShop programs, which award money to user's designated charities for using their search engines.

The PCCCF distributed flyers, leaflets and other information to the Filipino-American community, helping to relay

info on available flood assistance programs of FEMA and the SBA to victims of the June 2008 floods that hit Southeast Wisconsin.

The PCCCF-sponsored Philippine "Consulate on Wheels" was held November 8. Machine readable passports, dual citizenship, authentication of documents, and birth and marriage certificates were processed. About 75 were served, including applicants from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois.

The PCCCF was the beneficiary of The Marquette Bayanihan Student Organization (MBSO) fund raising event which was held Nov 15.

The center was used by numerous organizations for activities, meetings, choir and dance practices, and preparations for the Holiday Folk Fair.

**Total Raised in 2008 for the
Free Medical Clinic:**

\$44,494.97

**Total Raised in 2008 for the
PCCCF Building Fund:**

\$82,469.23