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Honorable Consul General Cabrera,

On behalf of the Filipino Community in the Chicago Area, we would like to provide your office the progress of the **Emergency Relief Program for Infanta, Gen. Nakar and Real**, province of Quezon, spearheaded by **The Quezonian Foundation, Inc., (QFI)** a not-for profit organization under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3) and The Quezon Association of the Midwest (QAM).

As of December 21, 2004:

Number of Boxes Shipped to the Philippines via Balikbayan Boxes 48 boxes

Medicine and supplies from **International Aid** of Spring Lake, MI.

The Medicine and Supplies were part of the accompanied Luggage of Mr. & Mrs. Apolinar Derilo- Delivered to **Sagip Buhay** 2 boxes

Medicine and Supplies from **MAP International of Brunswick, GA.**

Accompanied Luggage of Almira and Blaine Gilles 1 box

Accompanied Luggage of Rosalinda Cavida 1 box

Both were delivered to **The Philippine National Red Cross, Manila Philippines**

The accompanied luggages were limited to 70 pounds each.

The 48 boxes that were shipped via Balikbayan Boxes- Door to Door were addressed to Infanta, Quezon and will be divided between the three towns that were affected by the flood. The boxes contained medicine and medical supplies, new and slightly used apparel (shoes, pants, sweater and others for children and adults), canned and non-perishable goods and **six (6) boxes of**

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bed sheets/linen that were donated by Crowne Plaza Resort and Hotel, Rosemont, IL.

Appreciation and Acknowledgement:

TBAR International, a freight forwarding company in Illinois have donated their services in picking up some donations from other parts of the City and in shipping the boxes to Infanta, Quezon, Philippines at very reasonable price.

The response from the Filipino Community in the Chicago Area and beyond is overwhelming and reason why we were able to accumulate 48 boxes and able to purchase the most needed medicine and supplies from **International Aid and MAP International**, two not- for profit organizations that serve the countries that are most in need. Only handling fees are charged for the medicine and supplies that were shipped to the Philippines.

Due to the number of donors, we will not be able to mention all of their names on this letter, however, a separate record had been set up for this purpose and available for examination upon request for anyone interested. We would like to mention the various organizations that have donated for this Relief Program. Quezon Association of the Midwest: Council of Presidents- Kalayaan; Sigma Home Services: Lucena Association of the Midwest; Downers Grove Pediatrics Clinic; Mauban USA; Samahan sa Baryo; Pagbilao Medical Association in America; Tuy USA and Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort, Rosemont, IL.

An accounting of all monetary donations and expenses will be published to Chicago Area Filipino News Papers once we have accumulated all the expenses related to this program.

The assistance given by The Philippine Consulate General and The Philippine Department of Tourism- Chicago Offices and The Philippine National Red Cross, Manila Philippines are very much appreciated. Without their assistance, we will have difficulties shipping the medicine and other medical supplies to the victims of the most recent calamity.

Future Plans:

Since there are more donations being dropped off, it will be suggested to the Board of Trustees of the (QFI) to continue the relief program for these three towns.

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We would like to express our sincerest appreciation to the Filipino Community in the Chicago Area and others who opened their hearts for this cause. This is an example that we can work as one for the benefit of those who are most in need.

MARAMING SALAMAT PO.

Very truly yours,

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