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# PAGA'S ONGOING RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Note: Due to health protocols, interactions between PAGA staff and beneficiaries is being facilitated by Zoom teleconferencing, cell phone calls and text messages, and social media messaging.

The 3rd tranche of COVID-19 financial assistance of ₱2000 was approved and released to 62 PAGA beneficiary families through remittance providers.

PAGA social workers facilitated psychosocial intervention, as necessary, to those experiencing anxieties related to their income loss, and fears for the school enrollment of their children. The social workers helped them plan and explore possible resources available.

## **EDUCATION**

For SY 2020-2021, there are 81 PAGA students expected to enroll in a new 'new normal' educational system with no face-to-face instruction. The majority of students have enrolled through online registration.

Schooling will be done through blended learning, including online, via television broadcasts, and by printed course modules.

## THANK YOU LETTERS FROM PAGA BENEFICIARIES

Thank you for all the help that you gave us, thank you for those blessings, we are happy because we are lucky to have all of that while we're one pandemic situation. Thanks again because we used all the money to buy some food, vitamins, and disinfectant for us to be safe every day. Thank you for unstoppable help PAGA. You are a big blessing to us.

#### Salingay Family

Our family is flowing with gratitude despite of the pandemic because you continue to extend your helping hand to us who are in low. With your financial help, we have food to eat and essentials to keep us provided in this trial times. You did not only helped us in terms of money, we are also happy that you still cared and keeping tabs to us, you are all so kind. Our family is eternally grateful to you, Board of Directors, and staff. May God bless you all and keep you safe and away from the virus.

#### **Borromeo Family**

In this time of pandemic, PAGA continues to support its beneficiaries financially when we most need it. My family and I are forever grateful to PAGA, its Board of Directors and staff. May God bless you all and keep you safe.

#### **Combs Family**

Lubos po kaming nagpapasalamat sa lahat ng tulong na ipinaabot niyo po sa amin lalo na ngayon may pandemic sa atin bansa. Maraming Salamat po and God bless you all.

Tagarao Family

Please help PAGA - paga.ph/donations THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN GUARDIAN ASSOCIATION, INC. 3/F Unit 310 Cattleya Condominium Building, Salcedo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City 1229 Email: paga@paga.ph Website: www.paga.ph Facebook : https://www.facebook.com/PAGAINC/ License No. : DSWD-SB-RL-000213-2018; DSWD-SB-A-1921-2018 This covid-19 pandemic has really brought an unprecedented shift in global economy. For many across the planet, this situation is bringing challenging thoughts and emotions to the surface, whether experienced as anxiety, fear, panic, relational struggles, or a sense of existential crisis. Although there is much disruption, many are losing lives, crashing economies in our country and across the world, the negative impacts felt both individually and collectively, we sense there is also something significant and beautiful that has been born through this situation – It is when PAGA, acronym for Philippine American Guardian Association came to our aid.

For the past decades, our heartbeats have been kept alive by PAGA. From summer outings to youth camps, back to school assistance and Christmas parties, our families have been well cared for. PAGA has always been there for us in the past as it is now as we go through a great deal of ongoing fear and uncertainty in our families and in the world. Having faced many challenges over the years, we witnessed how PAGA taught us that adversity is often followed by significant growth, provided we take responsibility, learn and take action. Passing this extremely difficult times have been eased by the support provided by PAGA.

With this, my children and I wish to convey our deepest appreciation to all of you for the love and support you have given us. With all our hearts, we appreciate the officers and staff, the people whom we have grown so fondly attached to as our PAGA family. Thank you for sending a powerful message through your services that WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, and that our overall well-being is also a big part of your success.

Charlie, Jonathan, Daniel, and Forrest

First we want to thank GOD for protecting me and my family and for keeping us safe from the virus. Its been 2 months since the ECQ here in Bulacan and there's a lot of things that affected. The class suspended and the incoming graduation are cancelled also workers are stranded in their workplace, I think we are still lucky because we're were in our house and we're safe. A big thank you to PAGA for giving us a big support which is giving us financial assistance during ECQ, since my mom who work in abroad can't send us money and I can't go to my work, because of the pandemic we were so worried about our life and where we could find money to buy foods. But as expected PAGA. Always there for helping us. Thank you so much PAGA for your continuous support to me and to my family we really appreciate it.

## **Duenog Family**

I wrote this letter to thank all what you did for all of your beneficiaries, among the many problems that we experienced with covid19. For the people that committed in your association, so many help that you did and didn't forget the responsibility for us. Also, I'm thankful because you didn't forget us. You do to help us in many ways even its hard because you need to make assure our safety. And also, it's a big help for me because my parents stop working, no income and no food to eat while we in a pandemic, and also the relief goods in our barangay is late to give for us. In that so, you solve our problem and gave us opportunity to save our lives with your help. Thank you for everything PAGA!

## Jesha R. Banzon

We are Gullas Family that wanted to thanks PAGA for helping us in times that we have nothing. We very thankful to God that he gave PAGA to us. We always thankful to PAGA because PAGA always lending us a hand when it's hard time just like helping us just like scholarship that always helpful to us because education is very important to us. And now that have a corona virus they still by our side to give us a hand. Thank you PAGA for a countless help to our family and we are very thankful to be part of PAGA. I hope PAGA will have a long time for more people to help. Thank you very much, may God bless you all and keep safe everyone Very thankful.

**Gullas Family** 

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#### Garcia Family

First of all in the half of my family would like to thank the Philippine American Guardian Association (PAGA) for the financial assistance that the association gave to our family during this pandemic. Because as of now our father has no work because until now city government is not allowing tricycle drivers to operate and we are hoping that the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) placed to Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), and that's all. God bless and Keep safe!

**Reed Family** 

We would like to express our sincere thanks for your generous support to Lorenz Devera. We deeply appreciate everything you are doing to help Lorenz Devera and family this difficult time. The money that you have given will be enough to buy foods and other living expenses. Again, thank you very much. We are blessed to have you with us.

## Lorenz and family

Thank you for the Financial help to Greason Family. We Appreciate that it's a Big Help From our Family. Somehow We Have a Grocery Thank you for your Kindness and Helpful to your all Members of PAGA. We all safe here in Bulacan, we wear a mask if we go outside and go to a Market. We are Affected to the no Work, no Pay but because the help of PAGA somehow, the big help of the Assistance is a help to my Family somehow just a little, and my Father is stuck in Saudi Arabia he has no work for almost 2 Months, he is Fine there we talk here, Thank you So much po maam/sir from Greason Family and Josephina. God Bless and Keep Safe po to All.

Mikaela Greason & Marjorie Greason & Marion Greason & Josephina

Hello to all members; most especially to our President Terry Haas; Frank Holz n mam Dianna Bajar. Sa inyo pong lahat maraming salamat po sa suporta na ipinabot nyo po sa aming lahat. Napakalaking tulong po ang inyong ginawa during lockdown cause of Covid-19. Sa financial assistance na pinadala nyo aming lahat sobrang thankful po kmi sapagkat natugunan nmin ang mga pangangailangan ng aming pamilya. Sa mga bumubuo ng PAGA maraming marami pong salamat .dalangin po nmin naway gabayan at palawigin pa ng Poong Maykapal ang PAGA upang marami pa silang matulongan na pamilya na tulad nmin. To mam Dianna Bajar thank so much napaka buti nyo po sa aming lahat. sa pagmamahal at pag tulong na pinaaabot nyo sa amin . Thank you so much from d bottom of my heart...

#### Johnson Family

Thank you so much PAGA for helping my family. We are so lucky and bless that we have you. The support that you give to us is very helpful, we've bought a lot of foods that we can eat for almost 2 weeks. We can survive this kind of situation with your help. God bless the foundation. We promise that we will take care of ourselves, so that your help will not go to nothing. We'll help each other for safety. Take care also PAGA! So lucky and bless to have you in our life! Thank you so much! God bless!

Lising Family

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Javier Family

Dear Paga. Thank you so much for your financial support we helped us in this crisis we have buy rice dish and other food. And the board thank you for giving help to all and god bless

Dalinsel Mortalla & Ashane Mortalla

Thank You for financial maraming maraming salamat sa binigay po ninyong tulong at nakakain kami ng maayos at Hindi niyo po kami pinabayaan. Thank You Po.

Mhel Ching, Jayjeann Buttones, Joey Jackson

Magandang umaga po sa lahat ng bumubuo ng PAGA. Mr. President Terry Haas, Chairman Frank Holz, Executive Director Ma'am Deanna Bajar at sa mga staff. Sa kasulukuyan pong sitwasyon ang ating bansa ay nakakaranas ng crisis kaya't sana ipagpatuloy lang po natin ang ating pagdarasak upang matapos na itong pandemic na kinakaharap natin. Sa mga kapwa ko pong benepisyaris ng PAGA, kami po ay lubos na nagpapasalamat sa mga patuloy na makakatulong ngayong nagaganap na Enhanced Community Quarantine. Kayo ay gumagawa ng paraan sa abot ng inyong makakaya kahit napakahirap ng sitwasyon nating lahat. Kami po ay nagpapasalamat sa patuloy ninyong pagsuporta sa panahon ng pangangailangan ng mga beneficiaries ng PAGA.

Monaliza Laudit

I would like to say thank you for helping us and giving us Financial Assistance during this Enhanced Community Quarantine because COVID-19. Your Financial Assistance help us to buy foods and all we need during this ECQ. We appreciate all the love and support you have extended to us during this ECQ. Thank you for the generosity and effort to help PAGA Beneficiaries.

Jericho R. Ignacio

Salamat po sa financial na binigay niyo po sa amin ng anak ko. Malaking tulong po ito sa amin. Lalo na po ngayon na nawalan po kami ng work dahil po sa quarantine, kailangan po kasi stay at home. Kaya malaking pasasalamat ko sa financial ng PAGA na binigay sa amin. Na-survive po naming ang pagkain po naming sa araw araw.

Jollybib Ortega & Precious Jade Ortega



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