



National Alliance for Filipino Concerns

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Dear Ms. Nina Camacho and the Co-Sponsors, Chefs, and Volunteers for "NOLA Chefs' Aid,"

Congratulations on organizing a tremendous event in such a short amount of time in support of the relief and rehabilitation of victims of Super-Typhoon Haiyan which devastated the Philippines on November 8th. "NOLA Chefs' Aid" truly represents the heartfelt concern of the people of New Orleans for the people and families of the Philippines, even while New Orleans approaches its own full recovery from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The chefs, organizers, and volunteers for this event are giving of their time and talents to uplift the Filipino people in this time of need, and the Filipino community in New Orleans, across the country, and around the world truly appreciate your support of our homeland. With Filipinos living in Louisiana for centuries - from the time of the Manila Village community in St. Malo and the bayous of Lafitte - the well-known hospitality and generosity of New Orleanians will live on in your event this December 16th.

The National Alliance for Filipino Concerns (NAFCON) has conducted its "Bayanihan" (or "Community Cooperation") Relief and Rehabilitation Program for several years, sending hundreds of thousands of dollars in monetary donations, cargo containers full of medicine and other relief goods, and medical and solidarity missions to the Philippines. As the country has suffered from increasingly intense typhoons on a yearly basis now, NAFCON has partnered with a powerful Philippine network of churches, non-governmental organizations, schools, and health organizations called "BALSA" ("Raft") or Bayanihan Alay sa Sambayanan. BALSA ensures that 100% of all proceeds will reach some of the hardest hit areas of the country, as soon as possible, and in an organized, transparent, and effective manner.

We welcome your donation to NAFCON from the proceeds of your event, as part of our campaign to raise an unprecedented \$1million in relief aid from grassroots efforts like NOLA Chef's Aid. When everyday people marshal their talents, resources, and personal networks, we can truly mount a people-to-people and community-to-community relief campaign that quickly gets donations where they are needed most.

We know that your event will be a huge success, and should you need any further information or support from NAFCON, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please, also visit our website (nafconusa.org) for updates on our relief campaign and the impact of your donations. Thank you again for your generosity.

Long Live New Orleans! and Mabuhay ang Pilipinas! (Long Live the Philippines!)

Sincerely,

Terrence A. Valen, MPH
NAFCON President 2010-2014

NAFCON is the National Alliance for Filipino Concerns, with over 25 member organizations throughout the United States. NAFCON has been at the forefront of grassroots relief support to the Philippines from the U.S. with its ongoing Bayanihan Relief and Rehabilitation Program, through annual fundraising, medical, relief and rehabilitation missions, and constant education on environmental issues in the Philippines.

The St. George - Fontana Church, a unit of The Roman Catholic Bishop of San Bernardino California, A Corporation Sole, (Federal I.D. #95-3293901) is a member of NAFCON and is the fiscal sponsor for NAFCON's relief campaign. Your tax-deductible donation can be made payable to "St. George - Fontana," and please write "NAFCON Bayanihan Relief" on the memo line to clearly allocate it for this purpose.