



# PHI KAPPA MU International, Inc.

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To all our friends:

I am writing to beg for your help.

My native country, the Philippines was recently devastated by tropical storm Ketsana (locally named "Ondoy"). The rainfall of 410 mm. outdid the 380 mm. from the Katrina flood. The Philippines is regularly hit by storms but, this has been the most serious since tracking was started 40 years ago. At least 240 are confirmed dead, more than 30 are missing. Property damage is beyond description as thousands are left homeless or lost all their worldly possessions.

We urgently need your help. I make this appeal as the President of Phi Kappa Mu International, Inc. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 organization of physicians originally from the Philippines who settled in the US. The organization is the charitable arm of our medical fraternity, the Phi Kappa Mu. Our ongoing activities include: surgical repair of cleft lips and palates, distribution of free wheelchairs provided to us by Free Wheelchair Mission, facilitating the repair of other surgical defects e.g. hernias in children who otherwise can not afford treatment. Over the years, we have sponsored building renovation projects in our alma mater, the University of the Philippines College of Medicine. We are currently in the middle of sending 175 used but still useful flat screen computer monitors to the UP College of Medicine, the Philippine General Hospital and it's outreach clinics.

Our fraternity brothers in the Philippines have mobilized to help the flood victims. Within a few hours of this appeal to our membership, we raised over a thousand dollars and immediately released this for use in a severely affected community that was targeted for help, Barangay Silang, Quezon City. With additional funds, we would also like to help another community that is serviced by the UP College of Medicine's outreach clinic in

Pasay City. The immediate task is to insure survival by providing food and safe drinking water to the victims since these will be in acutely short supply.

The work ahead is monumental and will hopefully be addressed by many charitable organizations. In the meantime, we are trying to do our share with whatever resources we can provide to the victims. Since we operate as a purely voluntary organization, we do not incur any overhead expenses. Thus, 100% of your contributions will go directly to the flood victims. We have participated in a similar effort a few years ago when we raised over \$10,000 to help the victims of a mega typhoon that struck the Bicol region in the Philippines. The relief operations from the funds we raised were conducted by the Missionaries of the Poor in Naga.

Please write out your tax-deductible contributions to "Phi Kappa Mu International", (Memo: Philippine Flood Relief Fund) and mail your check to our treasurer:

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To pay by PayPal, please send money to phikappamu@yahoo.com.

Please feel free to forward this appeal to all your contacts who you think might be willing to help PHI International help the victims of this catastrophe.

Thank you very much in advance.

Gratefully yours,



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