

PRESS RELEASE

FIL-AM COMMUNITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

December 3, 2012 – North Miami, Florida

Each year since 1990, on or near December 21st, the National Coalition for the Homeless has sponsored National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness in the nation. In 2012, over 150 communities representing 40 states participated in this Annual event to help commemorate the lives of homeless people and to increase awareness about the serious implications of homelessness, particularly among youth who are exiting the justice system, transitioning from foster care, or living on their own without family or governmental support. According to the latest information from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, there are 633,782 homeless people in cities throughout the United States. In 2012, 55,000 Floridians were living with no permanent residency.



In the Philippines, the effects of the devastation caused by the strongest and worst typhoon ever in the history of the planet also have created a state of homelessness and despair that will be felt for years to come. According to United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the number of people made homeless in the Philippines by the devastating Super Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda had risen to 1.9 million

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/philippines-homeless-from-typhoon-hits-1-9-million-1.2429083>)

and 3 million people have been displaced, with 371,000 people currently living in 1,086 evacuation centers and 2.7 million people displaced elsewhere. The Philippine government says 9.8 million have been affected in 44 provinces, 539 municipalities and 56 cities. Of those affected, 4.9 million are children; 1.5 million are children under the age of five; 3,637 have died, 12,501 have been injured and 1,186 are still missing

<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/11/17/21496134-typhoon-haiyan-a-crisis-by-the-numbers?lite>).

On December 21, 2013 NANAY Community Economic Development Corporation (NANAY CEDC), Drewmarc Mulligan Ministries and South Florida Filipino-American Fellowship will be holding a special memorial service beginning at 11:30 am to celebrate the National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day; to remember those homeless Floridians who have died on our streets or in our emergency shelters from illness or conditions directly related to their homelessness; and to pray for the safety, health and wellbeing of those who were rendered homeless by the catastrophic Super Typhoon Haiyan/ Yolanda in the Philippines. The event will be held at NANAY Community Center located at 659 NE 125 Street, North Miami, Florida, and will be followed by a lunch reception to also celebrate the Christmas holiday season and the spirit of gift-giving.