



2026 Summer Newsletter

THE H.E.L.P. Foundation

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS TO LESSEN POVERTY OF UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN THE PHILIPPINES

Providing Hope and Opportunity

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Notes From the Founder

If someone would have asked me 30 years ago what I would be doing if I reached the age of 82, I would have told them that I would be kicked back in my rocking chair enjoying “the good life”! Well, I am enjoying the “the good life” but I am by no means kicked back in my rocking chair! The good Lord has guided me on a path that I never imagined 30 years ago! During my quiet times, I tell Him that I am ready for a rest because we have educated over 2,000 students, provided over \$2,000,000 in micro-loans to less fortunate women, fed hundreds of children, trained many women in cottage industry skills, provided goats and swine to poor families, built a dental clinic that provides free dental care to children, and drilled a well that provides free drinking



Keith & Pat Hooper with Senior High School Graduates

water to local residents! His immediate answer- “Not yet my son. Just one more small project and quit patting yourself on your back!” So that new “small project” is to build and operate a Dialysis Center in Talakag, Bukidnon. Talakag is a remote landlock municipality where we have our headquarters. There are an estimated 100 people and growing in number who require dialysis 3 times a week. The nearest dialysis center is 37 km from Talakag which makes it physically and economically impossible for the indigent to receive dialysis; therefore, the lack of treatment results in pain, suffering and ultimately death. Initially, I thought that this was an impossible dream because of the cost (\$350,000 - \$400,000) and in the difficulty of working with the government bureaucracy. I contacted many of my donors about my dilemma and I got nothing but positive comments. Additionally, I started receiving donations, so it is too late to do an about face. To date I have received \$75,000 in cash and \$125,000 in pledges so we have achieved 50% of our goal. **The most exciting news is that a donor has pledged \$75,000 as match money for future donors to our dialysis center. That means that if one gives \$500 it would be doubled to \$1,000!** I made a promise to you that I would never solicit but in this case, I think that a little solicitation is justified!!

We have an excellent staff here in the Philippines. All our projects are running smoothly and our outreach to the less fortunate continues to grow in scope as does your generosity, Enjoy the newsletter.

Reminder-School starts in June and for those who sponsor students, it's tuition time again!!



A productive visit at the Department of Health Regulation, Licensing, and Enforcement Division (DOH-RLED) in Cagayan de Oro City.



Meeting with engineers and representative from 99 Commercials, Inc. and discussing of floor plans and site location for a hemodialysis clinic in Talakag, Bukidnon.



A benchmarking visit at a dialysis center in Cagayan de Oro City.

Rotary E- Club members' visit to Philippines



Michael & Bridgette Hooper with their sponsored student, Fredelen Ladra, 2nd year in college major in Business Administration.



Matt & Melanie Williams with son Evan, daughter-in-law Shelby, and their sponsored student, Earl Jemson Valle, 3rd year in college major in Secondary Education.



Laird & Brandy Veatch with their daughter and son, Sydney and Drew, and their sponsored students, Marky John Ypil, 3rd year major in Secondary Education, and Charisse Ann Sengane who recently graduated in college.



Dr. Joseph Harrison, with sponsored student, Azeleah Alison, a 2nd year Accounting student.

This month, 6 Rotarians and their families from our E-club had the privilege of traveling to the Philippines with Help Foundation and Big Hoop Charities. Alongside fellow volunteers, we visited schools, met with families, and witnessed firsthand the impact that generous supporters are making in communities across the country. Everywhere we went, we were welcomed with warm smiles, genuine gratitude, and a deep appreciation for opportunities that many of us often take for granted. One of the most meaningful moments of the trip was meeting students who have been sponsored for years by members of our group. Michael and Bridgette met the young woman they have supported since sixth grade, now a second-year finance student with dreams of starting her own business. Joe Harrison met the student he has sponsored since elementary school and is now a second-year university student. He said it was very rewarding and the highlight of his trip. The Williams family met their student, now thriving in his third year of university. He already is working with local government to give back to his community. Seeing these students succeed was a powerful reminder of how sponsorship can change lives and create opportunities for a brighter future.



Rotarians with Bighoop staff visited the micro loan center in the village of Miarayon.



We also visited women participating in the microloan program and learned how access to small amounts of capital has helped them build businesses and support their families. Their stories demonstrated how opportunity can create lasting change.



Giving of school supplies in the school for the indigenous peoples of Hasaan Hu Katatao Ta Kinulungen in the village of Lirongan.

Our Rotary project was to purchase and distribute 105 book bags and school supplies to the elementary students of Lirongan. Their excitement and joy over such simple gifts were contagious and heartwarming.

Another special experience was watching Tucker and Drew spend a day at a local high school. They attended classes, met students their own age, and learned more about daily life in the Philippines. Despite coming from different backgrounds, they quickly connected through shared interests, laughter, and conversation, creating memories and friendships that will last well beyond this trip.

The trip concluded with a traditional Talaandig tribal dance performance by the children of the mountain village of Lirongan. Their enthusiasm, pride, and energy filled the room and created a memory none of us will forget.

Throughout our time in the Philippines, one thing stood out above all else: the happiness, resilience, and gratitude of the people we met. We are incredibly thankful to everyone who supports Help Foundation and Big Hoop Charities. Because of your generosity, lives are being changed, dreams are being pursued, and brighter futures are being built.



CONGRATULATIONS graduates of 2026!!!



Your journey has not always been easy, but through determination, hard work, and perseverance, you have successfully completed your studies and are now ready to embrace new opportunities and challenges. Congratulations also to all the sponsors who have walked alongside the educational journey of these students. Because of your support, dreams have been nurtured, opportunities have been created, and futures have been transformed.



Angely Mae B. Bersabal
Top 7, Philippine Nurse Licensure
Examination 2025
Sponsored by:
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Fredelen Baclohan
Bachelor of Science in
Public Administration
Sponsored by:
Harold & Thelma Beam



Justin Española
Bachelor of Science in
Public Administration
Sponsored by:
Marianne Schlatter



Carolme Josoy
Bachelor of Science in
Business Administration
Sponsored by:
Douglas & Nancy Brown



Charisse Ann Sengane
Bachelor of Science in
Business Administration
Sponsored by:
Brandy & Laird Veatch



Grace Ivy Licut
Bachelor of Science in
Nursing
Sponsored by: Debra &
Demetre Evangelides



Ian Kienneth Babeda
Bachelor of Science in
Public Administration
Sponsored by:
Douglas & Nancy Brown



Johnny Lucero
Diploma in Mechanical
Engineering Technology
Sponsored by:
Chuck Nielson



Ricson Luardo Jr.
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Engineering Technology
Sponsored by:
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Diploma in Mechanical
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2026– 2027 College Scholarship recipients



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Community Women



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Sciences
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David & Karlun Callanan



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Tammy Windscheffel



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Engineering & Mathematics
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Gondales Maata



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Sciences
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Franc Wagner



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Engineering & Mathematics
Sponsored by: Martin &
Ingeborg Teasley



Kier John Dinal-ag
Technical–Vocational
–Vocational Sciences
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Jolene Beckman



Congratulations

1st Anniversary of the Free Dental Clinic for children



Keith and Pat Hooper with the dental team, volunteers, and BigHoop staff.



Domisa Cayton and Darwin Manrique were given Certificate of Appreciation during the 1st anniversary.



Children in line waiting for tooth extraction, cleaning, or tooth filling.

Bringing Smile and Hope: Celebrating the 1st Anniversary of the Free Dental Clinic for children.

On March 22, 2026, the Russell, Kansas Rotary Club Children's Free Dental Service, together with volunteer dentists, provided free dental care to 130 beneficiaries from Barangay Dagundalahon and neighboring communities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteer dentists, Dr. Sergie Salazar and his team; Dr. Louise Vegelio; Dr. Jon Calonia, whose dedication and commitment made our dental anniversary celebration a meaningful and successful event. Through their service many individuals were provided with quality dental care which included dental fillings, extractions, and cleaning. Their willingness to share their time and expertise reflects the true spirit of community service and compassion. More than a healthcare outreach, this humanitarian mission brought hope, restored smiles, and improved the well-being of many children from marginalized families in Talakag, Bukidnon.

Feeding Program



Feeding program beneficiaries from the village of Indulang and Basak were given milk, donated vitamins, food packets with dehydrated vegetables, rice, and monggo beans which helped augment their weight to normal status.

BigHoop Charitable Institution, Inc. successfully carried out a Supplemental Feeding Program in Barangay Indulang from March 2 to May 6, 2026, in support of the Municipal Nutrition Program for the identified malnourished kids in the municipality. The project helped 23 children aged 0-6 years old who were identified as underweight or severely underweight and needed nutritional support. During the program, feeding sessions were conducted where children received nutritious meals, food packs, vitamins, weight monitoring and basic health check-ups. Parents and caregivers also attended health education sessions that discussed proper nutrition, hygiene and sanitation and disease prevention. All planned activities were completed successfully. The program not only provided nutritional assistance to the children but also increased community awareness about the importance of child health and nutrition. Through the support of Barangay Officials, Barangay Nutrition Scholars, Barangay Health Workers, health personnel and the community, the initiative helped improve the children's health and overall well-being.

Basic Life Support Training



BigHoop staff received a certificate for completing the 3 day training for Basic Life Support.

Last April 20-22, 2026, our staff participated in Basic Life Support (BLS) Training aimed at enhancing our preparedness and response during medical emergencies. The training provided the participants with essential knowledge and hands-on skills in recognizing life-threatening situations, performing CPR, First Aid, and responding effectively until professional medical assistance arrives. Through demonstrations and practical exercises, staff members learned the importance of quick action, teamwork, and proper emergency procedures. The activity not only improved individual confidence, but also reinforced our commitment to maintaining a safe environment for our colleagues, beneficiaries, and community. We extend our sincere appreciation to our trainer Randy Baiños, Reydan G. Gayao of the Talakag Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, and all participants including the sponsored students for their active involvement.

Project Kasaligan



Razel Adolfo harvests on average 90 kilograms of bitter gourd and string beans every week which she sells for 50 pesos per kilo to retailers.

Razel Adolfo, 34 years old, a mother of three elementary-aged children, joined Project Kasaligan in April 2019 with an initial loan of ₱ 5,000. Through years of dedication and responsible borrowing, she gradually increased her loan amount to ₱ 70,000, which she invested in their vegetable farm business. With the support of her husband, Razel achieved a successful bitter gourd harvest that provided additional income for their family. Encouraged by this success, she is now cultivating string beans and has also used part of her earnings to establish a sari-sari store. Her journey demonstrates how perseverance, hard work, and access to financial opportunities can help families improve their livelihood and create better opportunities for their children.



Irish Mapano's catering business is popular for its savory lechon (roasted pig) that costs around 8,000 to 12,000 pesos or \$130-\$190 each.

Starting with a modest loan of ₱ 5,000 in March 2021, Irish Mapano, 39 years old, transformed determination into opportunity. A mother of three, she steadily grew her business with the support of Project Kasaligan and recently availed a ₱ 30,000 loan as additional capital for her catering business. With the assistance from her husband, they prepared each dish thoroughly and became known for their delicious *lechon* which turn first-time buyers into loyal regulars. Through hard work and perseverance, the couple built a stable source of income that enabled them to provide for their family's needs and secure a brighter educational future for their children.



The new microloan members from the village of Tagbak with Loan Officer, Lemren Layonon. Tagbak is located 15 kilometers east of Talakag town proper.

Center #17 of Barangay Tagbak, Talakag, Bukidnon was officially launched on March 12, 2026, initially with 20 members. This center is handled by Loan Officer Lemren Layonon and Lane Jane Palangga, who was voted unanimously as the center chief. Composed of agar tree plantation workers, vegetable farmers, the members of this group work hard to provide for their children's education. Their determination and perseverance reflect the resilience and community spirit that Project Kasaligan continues to promote.

Livelihood Project



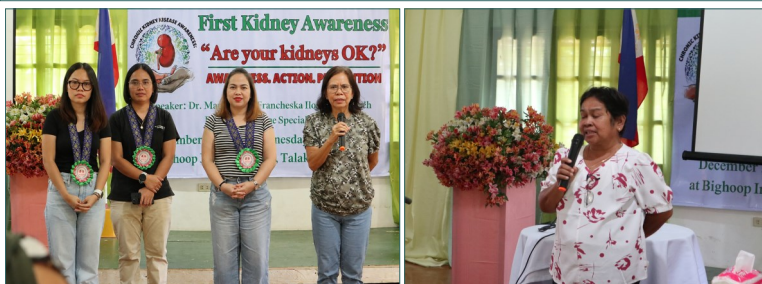
1st from right: Ronilo Fausto, our designer, together with Mayor Renz S. Sulatan Jr.; Vice Governor of Bukidnon, Clive D. Quiño, and Marie Elaine Salvaña—Uchuan, DOT-X Regional Director, visited our booth during the celebration of 109th anniversary of the Municipality of Talakag, Bukidnon.

As part of promoting our handmade products, the Department of Agriculture in Talakag, Bukidnon, showcased our bayong bags during the Kaamulan Festival in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon last March 19, 2026 to April 23, 2026. The event provided an excellent opportunity to display creativity and craftsmanship of local designers. A variety of handmade items were exhibited, attracting the interest of festival-goers and visitors from different places. The Kaamulan Festival highlighted the importance of supporting community-based initiatives that help improve skills, generate income, and promote community growth.

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Kidney awareness



(3rd from right) Dr. Maria Renee Francheska Ilogon, the invited speaker, discussed treatment and prevention of kidney diseases. Among the participants are dialysis patients who shared testimonials and their journey on physical and emotional hurdles – many patients find strength through supportive communities, advocacy, and discovering flexible treatment options.

Blood Donation Drive



First blood donation drive held at BigHoop Charities in partnership with Philippine Red Cross, Misamis Oriental chapter was well participated by the 2nd Special Forces Company— 1 SFRB, SFR, (A), SOCOM, PA, 1004th Maneuver Company—Regional Mobile Force Battalion 10 and Philippine National Police—Talagag Municipal Police Station.

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