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Officers of the Ayala High Kaibigan (Filipino) Club hold some of the items they collected to help victims of the super typhoon in the Philippines. Pictured are Kyle Sam, president; Justin Cortez and Matthew Carreon, vice presidents; Charlyne Lee, secretary; and Emily Su, United Club Council representative. Not pictured is Alex Tran, treasurer.

Filipino club rides to rescue

By Brenda Dunkle

For at least one member of Ayala High's Filipino Club, the recent typhoon in the Philippines was personal.

Club co-vice president Justin Cortez said distant family members live in Iloilo, which experienced flooding from Typhoon Haiyan, but not the mass destruction experienced by other towns in that nation. Iloilo is more than 11 hours west of Tacloban, the town that has been the central focus of the disaster.

Haiyan smashed into the Philippines Nov. 8, destroying villages and causing the death of thousands.

The Philippine government's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said 3,982 deaths had been confirmed as of Tuesday and at least 1,602 people were still missing.

More than 4 million people have been displaced by the typhoon, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Since Nov. 13, Ayala's Kaibigan (Filipi-

no) Club has collected a few large bags and boxes of bottled water, hygiene supplies, blankets, towels and canned goods in Ayala's front office.

Club president Kyle Sam said the group did not collect clothing because the Red Cross said much has been donated. Kyle also said the students did not accept medications "because this is school," he said.

Club members delivered the donations Friday to the LBC shipping company's West Covina site. LBC, a Philippine based company, is offering free shipping of relief supplies to the Philippines in November.

If shipping isn't too expensive in the future, the club members plan to continue collecting items for the typhoon victims, Kyle said.

In addition to the collection for the Philippines, students, staff members and parents at Ayala have collected more than 63 boxes of food and 57 turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets for the Chino Valley school district's CARE (homeless student) program. Ayala receptionist Sue Buttriss coordinated that project.

Typhoon relief donations sought

Residents who would like to contribute to the Philippines typhoon relief may bring donations from 2 to 5 p.m. today (Nov. 23) to The Commons at Chino Hills parking lot near Lowe's at the southeast corner of Chino Hills Parkway and Ramona Avenue, or to Crossroads Marketplace in front of the former Best Buy store at Chino Avenue and the 71 Freeway.

Chino Hills residents Lou Alfonso and Daniel Gumarang are coordinating the effort with Girl Scout Troop 9044 of Chino Hills, led by troop leader Raquel Tellez.

Participants may donate first aid kits, canned goods, non-perishable food, plastic kitchen utensils, hand soaps, hand sanitizers, toiletries, rubbing alcohol, flip flops and sandals for adults and children (most common footwear), thin blanket sheets, and anything else that fits into the shoebox.

Participants should seal the box with tape. Donations will be shipped to the Philippine Red Cross through Philippine cargo and courier service LBC.

Information: Mr. Gumarang at (323) 207-0676.

Exhibit revisits 2008 fire

By Marianne Napoles

Like the word "fire" shouted in a movie theater, the Freeway Complex Fire on Nov. 15, 2008, woke up the community.

Hills for Everyone is displaying an exhibit from 9 a.m. to noon today (Nov. 23) and Sunday at the Chino Hills State Park Discovery Center, 4500 Carbon Canyon Road, to recall the fire's lessons and losses.

The exhibit coincides with the five-year anniversary of the fire that charred more than 30,000 acres in six cities, burned 95 percent of the Chino Hills State Park, and destroyed or damaged 300 homes.

The Brea community teamed up with Chino Hills to expand the Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council into a thriving group whose meetings are attended by fire officials from Chino Valley, Brea-Fullerton, and Cal Fire.

The major feature of the exhibit is the 100-year fire study presented by Hills for Everyone in which fire scientists conclude that the best predictor of where a fire will burn is where fires have already burned.

More than 100 fires have burned inside and around the Chino Hills State Park.

Factors influencing the frequency of fires are roadways, the growing interface between range and urban lands and the growth of flammable non-native vegetation



Photo courtesy of Hills for Everyone

An observer looks over a fire exhibit at Chino Hills State Park Discovery Center.

such as palm trees and arundo.

"If there are lessons to be learned, it seems that jurisdictions should revisit how their communities grow and where the most appropriate place for housing developments should be located," said Claire Schlotterbeck, executive director for Hills for Everyone, the group that founded the State Park.

She noted that three new hillside developments, one in Brea and two in Yorba Linda, are proposed on lands that have burned numerous times over the past three decades.

Information: hillsforeveryone.org.

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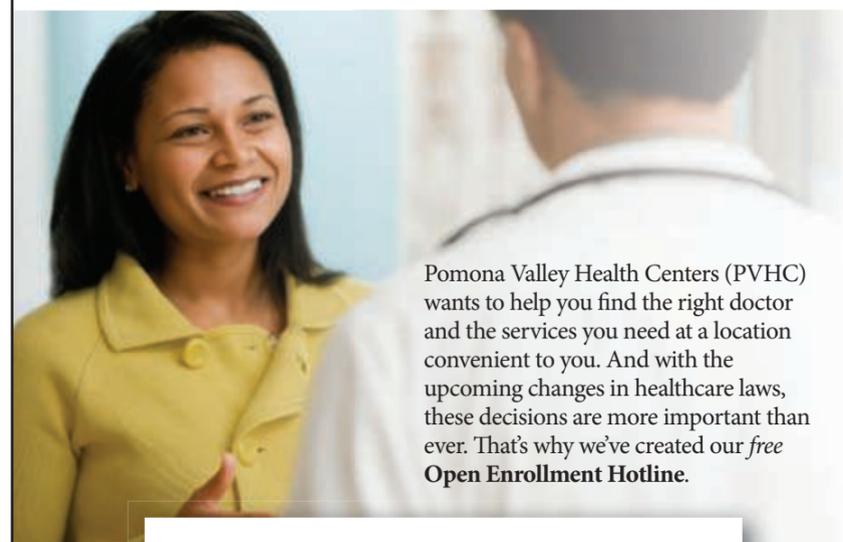
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