

In this season of giving, share some of your time to spread holiday cheer to our manongs and manangs.

They need our help!

The Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago (FACHIC) is seeking volunteers and donations for our upcoming Parol Program. Established in 2009 with support from the Filipino American Network (FAN), the Parol Program addresses the needs of seniors in the Filipino community during the holiday season. To bring holiday cheer to seniors in need, the Parol Program includes a Christmas card mailing with community health resources, well being calls, and for those in most in need, home visits with gift baskets of necessity items or gift cards to local stores. The Parol Program is also an opportunity for younger generation Filipino Americans to honor and serve their elders in the community.

FACHIC is hosting two Christmas card-making events where volunteers can help make Christmas cards. These cards will be sent to underserved Filipino seniors in the Chicago-land area. The card-making events are as follows:

1. **Saturday, December 10, 2011** from 2-5 pm at Uncle Mike's Place, located at 1700 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL

Facebook Event RSVP page: <u>http://www.facebook.com/events/227727813964467/</u>

2. **Sunday, December 11, 2011** from 9-11 am at Marigold, located at 5752 N. California Avenue, Chicago, IL

For the Marigold site, please RSVP by December 5 via email to <u>parolvolunteers@fachic.org</u> since seating is limited.

Facebook Event RSVP page: http://www.facebook.com/events/293217240710674/

Please feel free to bring any unused Christmas cards, card-making supplies and postage stamps to the Christmas card-making events.

Volunteers also needed to help with other Parol Program events this holiday season. Specifically, volunteers are needed to participate in well-being checks and to assemble and deliver Christmas baskets to isolated seniors. If you are interested in any of the events or opportunities listed above, please contact us via email at <u>parolvolunteers@fachic.org</u> for more information.

Finally, FACHIC is also distributing \$20 gift cards to certain isolated seniors. Please visit our website, <u>http://www.fachic.org</u>, for more information or contact <u>parolvolunteers@fachic.org</u>. You may also donate using PayPal through our website at <u>http://www.fachic.org/donate</u>

. Please make a note that your donation is restricted for the "Parol Program." All donations are 100% tax deductible under Section 501(c)3 of the IRS code.

Please contact us for more information if you are interested in helping a senior this holiday season!

Thank you!

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