Drawing focus from its mission to improve the health status of the Filipino community, the Filipino American Community Health Initiative in Chicago (FACHIC) is again offering seniors and their families social work consultations free of charge. Consultations are held by an Illinois Licensed Clinical Social Worker who can provide information in the following areas: housing, home safety modifications, tax breaks for seniors, social programming, prescription medication, Medicare/Medicaid, medical referrals, estate planning, social programming, and Social Security/Public Aid.

Drop-in consultations are held on a rotating basis between the Jose Rizal Heritage Center during its monthly food pantry distribution (1332 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago), Pilipino American Social Services (PASS) (1551 W. Irving Park Rd., #1, Chicago) and the Levy Center where the Filipino American Grandparents Association of Chicago (FAGPAC) meet (2019 W. Lawrence, Chicago). A schedule of dates and times is available at http://www.fachic.org/socialwork. Due to demand and staffing changes, the schedule is subject to change. Walk-ins are accepted but appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please contact FACHIC by calling 312.962.7748 or via e-mail at swreferral@fachic.org. This service is free and available to all.

FACHIC is also in search of volunteers with social work or casework backgrounds as well as social work students to assist with consultations and other projects. Please contact Sam del Rosario, LCSW at swreferral@fachic.org to express interest.

The Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago (FACHIC) is a collaborative of community, health professional, and academic leaders united to address Filipino health issues in the Chicago area. The mission of FACHIC is to increase awareness of Filipino health disparities and to implement health interventions and educational programming to improve the health status of the Filipino community. FACHIC is a 501(c)(3) Illinois nonprofit organization. All programs and services are free and available to all. For more information, visit http://www.fachic.org.

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