



Bringing help to  
Philippine Children with disabilities

# NEWS

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Keeping you in touch with the work of the Project

## WHAT THE PROJECT HAS ACHIEVED IN 2007

A warm welcome to our supporters and readers to this edition of our newsletter, in which we highlight the events, activities and achievements of the Project during 2007. It is May last year since our last newsletter but the Project has been as active as ever. You will learn in this newsletter some of the ways in which our Partner Committee in the Philippines have been helping to improve the quality of the lives of many children with disabilities. On the administrative front, you will see that we have a new Treasurer. Alan Beavis, who has been Treasurer since 1999 and Laurie Tickner who has acted as Auditor, both resigned at the AGM in June and we thank them both for the efficient and valuable assistance they have given to the Project over that time. We are pleased that Michael Pinto has kindly agreed to take up the position of Treasurer and a profile of Michael appears later in the newsletter. We also welcome Juanito Salcedo to the UK Committee.

It was a year full of exciting events for both committees, working together towards helping children with special needs. We express our sincere and heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the good people who generously support this cause. Without them we would not be able to give help to the children and their families. Please continue to support us and remember us in your prayers as we remember you in ours.

### Raising fresh interest in Florida

Secretary Florencia and Membership Secretary John, paid a visit to Florencia's sister in Florida in 2007, where they had the pleasure of meeting the officers and members of the Filipino-American Social Club. Tom and Gigi Smith, Chairman and Secretary respectively organised a party to welcome Florencia and John who both gave a talk about the Project after which the officers and members of the club pledged their continued support.

Florencia's sister Nena Schwartz and husband Eli, organised a bowling fundraising evening where a sum of \$200 was raised and sent to help the children of the Project. Florencia and John also met an amazing American/Indian couple, Bill and Carol Newell, who in their late 70s are still active in charity work through the Rotary club.

Nena Schwartz made arrangements with the Bambang Rotary Club for Bill to make contact to talk about helping the Project. This is an exciting development and we are sure the commitment of Bill and Carol Newell will ensure it is a fruitful one.



### St Anne's School children support for the Project

One of our members, Eric Concidine, who is also a Governor of St Anne's Roman Catholic Primary School in south London, kindly arranged for Florencia to make a presentation about the work of the Project to the senior classes at the school. Sister Linda Gallagher, the Head of the school has generously included us with other charitable causes the children support and presented the Project with a cheque for £195. The children were very interested to learn about the Project and discover something about the lives of disadvantaged children in a land far away.

### Wet but profitable summer festival at Westminster Cathedral

We were invited to participate at this annual event in the Cathedral Hall in June. We were delighted to receive donations of books and bric-a-brac from many generous supporters. Our penguin display of photos of the children that we are helping created much interest. John, Florencia, Frances Lina, Gigi and Tom took turns in manning the stand and explaining what we do. At the end of a rainy and windy summer's day we raised the sum of £150. Our grateful thanks to our supporters.



### Wonderful result from Hydro Challenge

The number of runners and walkers in this annual fundraising event has gradually increased over the years and twelve women participated in the Hydro Run in Hyde Park on 16th September 2007. Well done to the lovely ladies who did a fantastic job in raising the wonderful sum of £1104.55. Our thanks also to the dedicated men who came along to give their support and to the generosity of the supporters who sponsored the women runners. The Project has been actively involved in this organised run for the last ten years. Florencia collected her tenth medal having participated every year since it started in 1998.



Those taking part:

Ana Dunn and son Philip, Aylne Ibasco, Frances Lina Batten, Hermie de la Cruz, Elizabeth Stacey, Shirley Reyes, Florencia, Perly Richardson, Fe, Corpuz, Rosie Stacey, Hermela Gilmay, Alex Stacey, Remy de la Cruz and Stephen Dunn.

### Come and join Eric walking the bridges

Eric Concidine has volunteered to walk 8 Thames bridges to raise funds by sponsorship for the Project. Why not come along and join Eric on Saturday 23rd February, he would be pleased to see as many supporters as possible. Eric, who celebrated his eighty first birthday last month, has promised that the pace will not be too severe, so there's no excuse for not keeping Eric company and in the process raise some money. For further details regarding the walk, or sponsoring, please contact Florencia on 07875 867 739.

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