

Club-to-Club World Service Projects
2007-2008 Accomplishments
(Summaries of Year-End Reports)

These world service accomplishments were made possible by generous donations from Quotarians around the world through the Club-to-Club Program, a We Share Foundation program.

Quota International of Ba, Fiji

Audiograms, HART Village Support, and Medical Clinic

In addition to longstanding assistance to disadvantaged residents of HART Village and audiogram and hearing aid services provided to low-income seniors, Quota International of Ba added a new component to their Club-to-Club World Service project: the renovation of the maternity ward at Ba Mission Hospital, a ramshackle facility suffering from years of neglect. Donations allowed the club to paint and tile the ward and purchase new mattresses, pillows, bed linens, and drinking glasses for maternity patients. The club also created an outreach program for women in two remote areas, offering free pap smears plus seminars on cancer, breast self-examination, weight control, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Patients whose pap smears indicated problems received medical care funded by Club-to-Club donations.

Quota International of Cebu, The Philippines

Sawang Calero, Guba, and San Jose Daycare Centers

Renewed vigor, gratitude, and hope shone in the eyes of hundreds of pre-school children served by Quota International of Cebu's three daycare centers as their academic year came to a close in May. Children from three impoverished baranguays began preparing for elementary school while receiving regular meals and medical treatment to combat malnutrition. Many of the children achieved significant weight gain this year through the ongoing nutrition and de-worming programs. While all three centers have received awards from the city government and national Department of Social Welfare and Services, the Sawang Calero center was singled out by DSWs as a model daycare center in the Philippines.

Quota International of Davao City, The Philippines

Mindanao Hearing Screening Program

After establishing neonatal hearing screening at a regional hospital, Quota International of Davao used this Club-to-Club World Service project to expand their outreach. A comprehensive publicity campaign, including an informative DVD, persuaded local lawmakers to mandate hearing testing for all newborns in Davao City. In 2007, over 160 newborns were screened at the hospital. Quota donations also provided hearing screenings for 688 local schoolchildren, lectures on hearing health for 1,248 expectant mothers,

and free health clinics and hearing screenings in two remote locations. In 2008, the club begins to press officials throughout Mindanao to mandate hearing screening in all communities on the island.

Quota International of DLF City, India

Sunday Health Camps

More than 200 children and approximately 50 senior citizens from slums and shantytowns on the outskirts of New Delhi received regular medical care and nutrition at the Sunday health camps provided by Quota International of DLF City's Club-to-Club World Service project. In an area where family income totals less than U.S.\$50 per month, children anxiously awaited the arrival of Quota volunteers each Sunday morning, especially the distribution of lunch and vitamins. Twice last year, Quota volunteers also distributed clothing. A physician provided free medical check-ups; when serious problems were diagnosed, the club paid for further treatment. In 2007, the club provided one child's cancer treatment and another's open heart surgery. Unfortunately, Club-to-Club donations did not meet expenses for this life-altering, hands-on service project, but, the club successfully raised funds to cover them.

Quota International of Iloilo, The Philippines

Educational Fund for the Leganes Resource Center for the Deaf

After a decade of service to the Iloilo deaf community, the Leganes Resource Center created by Quota International of Iloilo was due for some repairs. Through Club-to-Club donations, the center was renovated, treated for termites, and received a new computer monitor. In addition, the club financed student transportation, uniforms, and nutritious lunches and paid a teacher aide's salary. With assured transportation, 14 students were able to attend the center regularly, which enhanced their class participation and socialization.

Quota International of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Empowerment Development Program for Disadvantaged Women

In collaboration with the Women's Aid Organization, Quota International of Kuala Lumpur's Club-to-Club project provided skills training and social activities for women living in a WAO shelter for battered, abused, and trafficked women. The club provided classes in bead-crafting, yoga, computers, and personal health as well as parties and gifts for Christmas, Lunar New Year, and Mother's Day. Donations also supported interest-free loans to two women; one mother of four invested in equipment and supplies to operate a food stall, while the other, a mother of three recovering from ovarian cancer, purchased a van to replace her dilapidated car and augment her existing taxi service for schoolchildren. Club members networked to help place other women in jobs after their shelter stays ended. Club-to-Club donations to this project are crucial because the club cannot advertise the existence of the refuge for women in crisis in Kuala Lumpur in order to protect the residents.

Quota International of Las Piñas, The Philippines*Building Bridges for the Deaf*

Life changed dramatically for 36 children when Quota International of Las Piñas created the city's first free class for deaf and hard-of-hearing elementary students. In its second year of service, this Club-to-Club project provided schooling and life-skills training to children whose families lack the resources to provide deaf education. In 2007, the club installed air-conditioning in the stifling classroom along with blinds, storage, a mini-library, and a kitchen so students could learn to prepare meals and become more self-sufficient. In addition to books, school supplies, uniforms, and athletic gear in 2008, the club hopes to provide a television for the classroom and institute a feeding program to improve students' nutrition.

Quota International of Legazpi-Mayon, The Philippines*Stitch for a Living*

Thirteen high school students learned to sew last year through Stitch for a Living, the Club-to-Club World Service project run by Quota International of Legazpi-Mayon. Ten of the young women have speech and hearing impairments, while the other three, all hearing persons from dire economic circumstances, served as deaf interpreters throughout the program, taught by professors from the local state university Industrial Department. All 13 graduates are now self-employed seamstresses, commissioned by the university to sew scrubs for nursing students as a career-launching project. The club extended small business loans to the women to purchase sewing machines for their businesses. A new class of 10 disadvantaged women recently began training in hopes of becoming empowered, productive members of the community.

Quota International of Mandaue, The Philippines*Skills and Livelihood Training for Hearing Impaired Students*

Over 30 graduates of the Special Education Center at Mandaue City Central School entered the workforce this year with skills to earn a living, thanks to Quota International of Mandaue's Club-to-Club World Service project. In 2007, donations allowed the club to renovate and equip a classroom for vocational training in baking and candle-making for hard-of-hearing students. In 2008, the club added courses in floral design, hair styling, and cosmetology. The first 15 beauty school students graduated in May 2008, when Mandaue club members presented them with tools to practice their trade. In addition to viable job skills, project graduates exhibit more confidence and self-reliance as a result of their new competencies.

Quota International of Manila, The Philippines*Educating and Feeding Disadvantaged Children*

The indigenous Aeta people of Bataan and a marginalized Muslim community received life-changing assistance through the Club-to-Club World Service project run by Quota International of Manila. In Bataan, the club established two reading centers and a feeding program and provided needed equipment,

supplies, and snacks at elementary schools, attracting the attention of several newspapers in 2008. Through their Muslim Outreach, the club maintained five scholarships for students to continue their education, provided weekly math and English tutoring for 35 children, took children to the ballet and to storytelling, and worked together with the Hindu community to offer holiday gifts to 200 Muslim people.

Quota International of Manila South, The Philippines

Improvements at the Philippine School for the Deaf

On December 1, 2007, Quota International of Manila South received the Centennial Award from the Philippine School for the Deaf for generous contributions to the 100-year-old institution. Through Club-to-Club World Service, the club replaced the school's antique mimeograph machine with a new copier. Through on-site service, club members noticed other pressing needs that they met with their own club funds, including daily snacks, vitamins, and a party for the pre-school, daily transportation for five students, library books, clinic supplies, a television, and help with centennial celebrations. Clinic staff reported marked improvement in the pre-school students' physical condition and a significant decrease in illnesses since the nutrition program began. In June 2008, donations provided new computers for the school. Future Club-to-Club funds will support existing programs and provide upgrades to computers and sewing machines used in vocational classes.

Quota International of New Delhi, India

Diagnostic Centre at the Quota Home for Destitute Women and Children

Throughout 25 years of service in the Faridabad slums outside New Delhi, the Quota Home has expanded its scope to meet more needs and lift innumerable women and children out of poverty. The vocational centre, serving 200 women per term, now includes jewelry-making among its skills-training classes, along with sewing, knitting, embroidery, beauty culture, and computers. The fully-staffed elementary school serves 160 children with quality education, nutrition, uniforms, shoes, and supplies. The club proudly sponsored 13 recent graduates to further their education and empower them to change their futures.

In 2007, the club added a diagnostic centre to the Home, offering regular dental checkups, cancer screening, eye exams, and testing and treatment for anemia. In addition, ten children received corrective surgery and prostheses for deformities caused by polio. In its 25th Anniversary year, Quota's first Club-to-Club World Service project remained a dynamic source of hope and inspiration for people in dire need.

Quota International of Sainik Farm, India

Pre-School, Eye Camp, Home for the Aged, and Muskan

Of the many services covered by the Sainik Farm Club-to-Club World Service project, club members consider the annual eye camp their top priority. Held in Punjab over three days in January, the 2008 camp provided eye exams, blood work, mammograms, ultrasounds, and knee surgery. The club provided for

patients who needed glasses, cataract removal, or other medical procedures indicated after exams. One lady was diagnosed with leukemia, while 12 suffered ovarian cysts and 15 had severe infections.

The project also encompasses a pre-school for 45 youngsters, a Home for the Aged, and Muskan (meaning "Smile"). Club-to-Club donations provided uniforms, supplies, food, medicine, transportation, and a teacher's salary at the school, plus food, clothing, medical treatment, and facility repairs at the Home. For Muskan, a service to persons with Down's syndrome, donations helped the club provide complete financial, physical, mental, and educational support for two children, cancer treatment for one, and marriage necessities, in the form of household goods, for two young ladies.

Quota International of Suriname

Stuka Prisiri ("Learn with Pleasure")

Children are learning to love learning through Quota International of Suriname's Club-to-Club World Service project, which recently completed its third year-long session. The program, called *Stuka Prisiri*, which means "Learn with Pleasure," provided 25 disadvantaged youth, aged 11-12, with a variety of experiences to broaden their horizons. The 2007-2008 group worked on study, organizational, and social skills and took eye-opening field trips, including a tour of the Suriname River and visits to the presidential palace and a computer company. Quota volunteers observed positive changes among participants, including assertiveness, creative problem-solving skills, friendships, and mutual respect.

Quota International of Talisay, The Philippines

Service to the Atis of Antique

Unexpected events this year urged Quota International of Talisay to expand the focus of their project. Planned service to 72 families from the indigenous Atis tribe began in January 2007. After installing a clean water system in the squalid settlement, club members taught the settlers hygiene, provided free tetanus shots and de-worming, and helped them establish a viable soap- and candle-making business.

Meanwhile, in Tabunok, where the club has served students with visual and hearing losses for more than five years, donations provided new chairs, bookshelves, electric fans, and a restroom in the classroom and sent the teachers to a seminar in Manila. The club provided audiology services and, in April 2008, helped distribute hearing aids from a donor in the U.S. Then, when fire ravaged Tabunok, the club used remaining funds to provide food, clothing, and sleep mats for nearly 1,300 displaced victims.

In 2008, the club received two significant donations that inspired future plans for Club-to-Club World Service projects. The gift of a 310 square meter lot inspired the club to establish a daycare center and club office. Then, after receiving a set of sewing machines from a donor in Papua New Guinea, the club envisioned a skills training center for women as well. They plan to construct a two-story building that would house all three services as soon as funds become available.