Dr. Marilyn Navales, Charter President of the Quota Club of Davao stands out as one who has a clear vision of what Quota is. Through her dynamic leadership, the club has made a mark as one of the chapters of District 41with a vigor to face the challenge of making ours a better community and making a better world for the hearing impaired. Through her gentle steering, he Quota Club of Davao has taken up as its pilot project the establishment of the Mindanao Neonatal Hearing Screening Center, the only one of its kind outside the capital of the Philippines and the only one in Mindanao.

This pilot project started out as a symposium on deafness and its prevention on November 2004. Dr. Navales organized a unique event that gathered significant personalities and leaders of medical societies in Davao. This symposium included the following topics: Neonatal Hearing Screening, Otitis Media as a major cause of deafness in the Philippines, and Congenital Deafness. The event inspired many to help Quota Club of Davao put up a worthy project as a hearing screening. The next four months was a blur. On March 2005, through a partnership with a group of otolaryngologists, the Mindanao Neonatal Hearing Screening Center was inaugurated at the Brokenshire Memorial Hospital. Not only did we have a Club to Club project going on, we had a home for Quota at Brokenshire. Monthly following the launch, we screened babies born in Brokenshire and we went on with many free clinics not only in the immediate community but in the outskirts of Davao as well. In the beginning, and on each of these in town and out of town activities for Quota, Dr. Navales was there. The club continues to promote the services of the center; deeper friendships and camaraderie have developed among its members in the process. Because of Dr. Navales' example, there is a willingness in the membership to assist each other. Her caring attitude and spirit of volunteerism are our inspiration for the accomplishment of our mission. Our tasks in Quota can be difficult at certain times; Marilyn makes it fun and worthwhile. Marilyn has not faltered as a quota member to project its aims and aspirations. She believes, as one author has said that "it is not failure, but low aim that is a crime."

We are very proud and happy to nominate Dr. Marilyn A. Navales as Volnteer of the Year.