



# NANAY

## President's Annual Report July 2020 – June 2021

The Covid pandemic forced NANAY to temporarily cancel its program activities and protect the elders by closing the Community Center in March 2020. While the Center was officially closed for service, NANAY continued to connect with the community mainly through social media. In September 2020, personal solicitation and FREE Zoom workouts were started by Anthony Cunanan, with donations sent to NANAY through GoFundMe.



After months of inactivity, the Governing Board met on November 21, 2020 and celebrated NANAY's 26th Anniversary and Thanksgiving celebration with the elders who were urged to wear masks and observe social distancing. NANAY celebrated Christmas on December 19, 2020.

In December 2020, NANAY sent \$700 to help build houses in Albay, a Bicol region, for poor families who were devastated by the onset of Typhoons Rolly and Ulysses in the Philippines.



On January 21, 2020, a total of \$1300 restricted contribution was sent to the Advocates for Children and Elders- International Philippines (ACEIPI), a Philippine-based brainchild and affiliate organization of NANAY, to provide for the essential needs of more than 200 families who were temporarily sheltered at Sta Teresa College in Bauan, Batangas following the devastating Taal volcano eruption.



NANAY also helped provide educational assistance to 72 college and 65 high school students in the Philippines. In the light of the new learning system and modalities (i.e. online study program), the educational assistance benefit package (e.g., tuition fee & fare-support) was converted into support for school related expenses like prepaid load/data and other expenses incidental to the use of gadgets, laptop and internet connection.

The NANAY YOUTH Council through Dr Marion Faldas sent \$1,000 to ACEIPI which helped provide Christmas package each containing 5 kilos of rice, Milo chocolate & Birch Tree milk, summer bag with toys, multi-vitamins and surgical mask and packed lunch that were distributed to 52 children whose parents lost their jobs during the pandemic. Many thanks to the dedication and commitment of our affiliate organization, the Advocates for Children and Elders - International Philippines (ACEIPI), its indefatigable President Virgie Bruce, and its officers Tessie Gomez and Amy de Leon.



On January 6, 2021, NANAY was officially acknowledged as a nominee for the Banaag Award by the Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO). The nomination was submitted by Florida's Honorary Consul Henry Howard and endorsed by the Philippine Embassy – Washington D.C. Banaag Award is one of four awards given every two years to honor and recognize the immense contributions of Filipino individuals and organizations overseas in promoting the interests of the Filipino diaspora or advancing the cause and interest of overseas Filipino communities. The other three awards are Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (Linkapil) Award, Pamana ng Pilipino Award, and Kaanib ng Bayan Award.

On March 28, 2021, Eric Lachica, a prominent lobbyist from Washington DC visited the NANAY Center and gave updates on Medicare for expats in the Philippines, Covid vaccines, Census 2020, and Philippine governance.



Marc-Eli Medina Faldas, Chair of NANAY Youth Council, Governing Board member of NANAY, Inc. and charter member of The South Florida Filipino-American Fellowship was also selected to join The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS). GHHS is a national honor society that distinguishes senior medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.



On April 23, 2021, Andrew Faldas, a NANAY Youth Council member was interviewed by TFC News in light of the recent shootings and the recent data showing that nearly 5.5 M guns were sold in the US in the last 3 months, up 13% from 2020 in States including Florida.

On May 3, 2021 NANAY got a generous donation of masks, wipes and hand sanitizers from JOSH JABRICA, a Senior High Student who collected the PPEs on his own for his Thinking of Others project and hoped that he was able to help fight Covid through his donations especially to our elderly Filipino community.

With a \$20,000 donation from an anonymous member of the South Florida Filipino-American Fellowship, our kitchen was renovated and later commemorated by Senior Pastor Larry Starkey during the celebration of Mother's Day at the Center on May 8, 2021.





The last fiscal year was also marked by sadness for losing NANAY’s much loved elders and much valued staff. On January 15, 2021, NANAY Florentina Molina who had been with NANAY since its inception passed away while Mommy Dory Dayao left us on May 27, 2021. Marielen Barcelona, who served as NANAY CEDC’s Homebuyer Educator and Housing Counselor for years passed away on November 22, 2020 after a valiant 18-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Her husband, Joe Barcelona, Jr. who worked at the front desk and helped seniors with their documents, followed Marielen within two months and passed away after a short illness on January 29, 2021. Mommy Julita Paguio went back to the Philippines shortly after celebrating her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. We miss them all.



We would like to welcome CJ Gregorios who will be serving as NANAY’s Program Director/ Chief Operating Officer, and Sheenly Moreno as an incoming member of the NANAY Board.

Through last year’s fundraising activities, Gala ticket sales and generous donations from friends and families, NANAY was finally able to fully pay its payroll obligations to IRS, and still have enough funds set aside to buy an 8-seater van that will be used to transport our seniors to and from the Center once it opens for service. Special thanks to the Acenas Foundation, Florida Minority Community Reinvestment Coalition (FMCRC), the South Florida Filipino-American Fellowship, NANAY Youth Council, and the Bruce Family for making things happen. NANAY couldn’t have done it without you!

*As we venture to improve and expand our programs, we continue to envision our elders being fully empowered and productive members of society*

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