



## NANAY PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009



It certainly has been a challenging but rewarding year for everyone involved in NANAY's mission of improving the lives of our elders and youth. NANAY continues to serve our community with pride despite the financial constraints brought about by economic crisis.

A total of 424 active elderly clients were served in the last fiscal year, 326 clients were registered with CIRT, 68 caregivers were counseled, 189 elders underwent screening and assessment, 152 clients participated in 1,363 hours of Center-based socialization, 111 received early intervention (including 68 home visits plus 375 hours of counseling), 55 North Miami residents received supportive services including free computer classes, and 126 availed of 7,263 special one-way trips made to and from the Center, field trips to Haulover Park, Sawgrass, Aventura Malls, grocery shopping and medical appointments.

On August 15, 2008, with assistance from the Alliance for Aging, a **SHINE** (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) presentation was given to 28 elders and caregivers who learned about Medicare, Medicaid, Prescription Assistance, Long-Term Care Planning & Insurance, and other health care issues. On October 3, 2008, NANAY Health Board volunteers administered flu shots to 105 clients, in collaboration with Maxim Health Care. On December 4, 2008, a breast cancer health awareness workshop was held in collaboration with AmeriGroup, and was attended by 35 participants. Two diabetes health workshops were conducted on April 10, 2009 and May 1, 2009 at Dr. Leung's Health clinic, attended by 28 and 24 elders respectively. Eight (8) screening sessions were held during the year by NANAY Health Board volunteers, in addition to four (4) health clinics provided to 89 elders by Dr. Jerry Ciocon from the Cleveland Clinic. In August 2008, NANAY received a grant from Aetna Foundation that supported its program on Diabetes and Care giving.

The seniors entertained patients at Villa Maria Nursing Home in August 2008 and at Watercrest Rehabilitation Center in February 2009 by performing dances that they learned at the Center. Volunteers led by the NANAY Health Board had a booth at the Asian Arts Festival in Fruit and Spice Park (March 8, 2009), Chinese New Year Festival in Miami Dade College (February 2009) and the North Miami FACT Festival and Health Fair on March 28, 2009 (co-sponsored by the North Miami Police Department), in addition to coordinating the Flashback Disco at the Parrot Jungle (March 7, 2009), NANAY's 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala (November 8, 2009), NANAY's Halloween Party at Gwen Margolis Center (November 2008) and Mother's Day Celebration at Jungle Island on May 8, 2009.

On September 14, 2008] NANAY and OCA-South Florida Chapter invited political aspirants and surrogates of presidential candidates from all political parties for a successful first-ever Voters Education, Candidates Forum and Presidential Debates at the NANAY Community Center to promote Asian American Pacific Islander participation in the political arena. The forum was very informative and the interactive discussion covered issues from education, health, economy, Fannie Mae, abortion, veterans affairs, state tax to property tax.

Sixty-two (62) clients participated in 144 computer classes that were held at the Community Center. The computer class schedule saw an increase in the number of clients and in the number of services offered.

There was an obvious need for a class to accommodate the absolute beginner. This class was originally offered for one hour on Wednesday afternoon. There was such a demand that the class has now expanded to three one hour classes held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

At the NANAY Housing Resource Center (NHRC), 6 homebuyer education classes were held, which were attended by 35 newly registered first-time homebuyers, and 156 clients received homebuyer counseling last year. NHRC assisted in getting subsidy for 8 first-time homebuyers who closed on their new homes, one who acquired a section 8 housing unit, and one who received support under Single Family Rehabilitation program. In addition, seven (7) low- to moderate-income first-time homebuyers were pre-approved for subsidy/loan, and are now actively looking for their new homes, while 10 North Miami residents have been pre-approved for single-family rehabilitation program subsidy.

NHRC participated in numerous community events including the HOPE Alliance Foreclosure Intervention Workshop (April 22 & 23, 2009), City of North Miami Affordable Housing Fair and First Time Homebuyer Workshop (April 2009), Miami Dade Section 8 Homeownership Program and Church of the Resurrection First Time Homebuyer Workshops (Sept 2008), Holy Family First Time Home Buyer Workshop (August 2008), North Miami Police FACT Festival (March 2009), Obama Administration Making Home Affordable Workshop (June 26, 2009), and Dept of Treasury/HUD Sponsored Foreclosure Intervention Event (June 30, 2009). NANAY also hosted a Job Fair that was organized by the Organization of Chinese Americans-South Florida Chapter on January 19, 2009, with 50 attendees.

Our 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in November 2008 was attended by 219 guests, enabling us to raise a net income close to \$20,000 including capital campaign donations of about \$5,000. The highlight of the event was a formal induction of the officers - the first time in 14 years of NANAY's existence. NANAY was honored as one of the five ABS-CBN Gawad Geny Lopez Jr. Bayaning Pilipino Awardees for 2009, during a formal ceremony held at ABS CBN International in Redwood City, California on April 18, 2009. The event was



televised nationwide in the Filipino Channel, and was highlighted during NANAY's Mother's Day Celebration that was held in May 2009.



In December 2008, the Miami-Dade Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) approved a \$100,000 budget for NHRC to embark on its new initiative that will provide assistance to homeowners who are seriously delinquent in their mortgage payments and are at risk of having their homes foreclosed. The program will enable NANAY to provide up to \$5,000 rescue loans for 20 low-moderate income families who are in danger of losing their homes. The NHRC counselors are certified by the NeighborWorks® Training Institute, the national standard for homeownership counselor training throughout the country. On June 2, 2009, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners also approved a

grant award of \$183,162 from CDBG-R to NANAY, Inc as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to provide at least 24 qualified homeowners with foreclosure prevention rescue funding of up to \$7,500 on a first come, first eligible, first served basis so that they can retain their home and prevent foreclosure action on their property.

In addition to the \$486,640 grant that was approved by the Miami-Dade County Building Better Communities General Obligations Bond (GOB) Program, NANAY was approved for up to \$240,000 funding from the North Miami CRA to renovate its 54-year old two-story building in North Miami. A Challenge Grant of \$125,000 was likewise approved by Kresge Foundation although actual receipt of funds is still dependent on NANAY's ability to document community support through matching donations that are now being solicited through NANAY's Capital and Endowment Campaign. NANAY is currently holding its activities three blocks away from its Community Center, and will be staying in this temporary facility while its building is being renovated.

The move to the new premises presented quite a challenge in that the entire computer network needed to be dismantled and rebuilt with new cabling at the new site. The move resulted in a smaller space for the computer lessons. Instead of 16 available computers there is now only limited space for eleven. With much reduced seating space for clients. This has had a negative effect on the number of clients served since March, although Paul continues to offer a varied and broad range of computer subjects, including: E-Mail, Internet Searching, Excel, Word-processing, Access Databases. Each class has a life-learning aspect to it as it pertains to computers and computer applications. On the technical front the telephone system has now been transferred to a VoIP service necessitating the installation of a T1 line which is a more robust direct connection to the Internet Hub. The internet connection to the "NANAY Network" is now faster and more reliable.

The youth program, previously directed and coordinated by Dr. Rosemarie del Rosario, has been subsequently taken over by NANAY's IT Officer, Paul Leach, who ran a mentoring and after-school computer access program for 15 middle and junior high school students from July 2008 through February 2009. Paul continued his role as Science Fair Project Mentor, assisting several successful research projects, although the computer lab access program for youth was temporarily suspended in March because of the ongoing building renovation.

In March 2009, *Dr. Joy Bruce*, NANAY's Founding President and Chair represented the South Florida Filipino-American community, and was among the diverse, 45-member 2010 Sunshine Census Complete Count Committee appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to ensure an accurate count of every resident in Florida. NANAY, Inc., NANAY Housing Resource Center, and NANAY Health Center, Inc. officially signed up as organizational partners for the 2010 Census initiative.

During a development workshop that was conducted for the officers and members of the NANAY Housing Resource Center in July 8, 2008, *Al Pina*, Chairman of the Florida Minority Coalition for Revitalizing Communities (FMCRC) introduced the concept of setting up a for-profit entity to help NANAY achieve self-sufficiency. This was further discussed at the annual board retreat that was later held in October 2008, attended by officers, staff and board members of NANAY Inc, NANAY Housing Resource Center and NANAY Health Center. The by-laws of NANAY, Inc. and NANAY-CDC were amended, assigning the duties of the Board Chair to the President, and eliminating the position of Chief Executive Officer in lieu of the Executive Director.

NANAY's executive officers *Bennie Trinidad* (Executive Vice-President and COO), *Evelyn Bruce* (Executive Director) and staff *Mike Gozon* (Housing Director), *Sony Trinidad* (Social Services Director), *Waleska Yip* (Housing Counselor), *Paul Leach* (IT Administrator), *Joe Barcelona* (Program Assistant), *Alan Coreus* (Transport Personnel) and *Lamercie Desir* (Social Worker) never ceased to show their commitment to NANAY's mission of providing the much needed services to our elders. It is because of their hard work that the Miami Dade Board of County Commissioners authorized the renewal of our grants, based on our excellent evaluation scores in Elderly Services & Specialized Transportation (98 %, Grade A), Center Based Socialization (Score 98 %, Grade A) and Early Intervention (98%, Grade A), validating the effectiveness of our programs.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to *David Dial*, *Dr. Piyush Agrawal* and *Dr. Tony Wong* who had stepped down from the Governing Board, after years of serving in that capacity. In their place, I would like to welcome *George Yap*, *Igor Ellis* and *Pat Motro* as new members of the Governing Board. I also would like to acknowledge the contribution of *Juan Rojas* who served as Board Chair of NANAY Housing Resource Center for two years prior stepping down from his position for personal reasons. I wholeheartedly welcome *Rosa Talero* as a new member of the NHRC Board, and *Nini Balauat* as the newly appointed Corporate Treasurer. Our Policies and Procedures manual has been reviewed and amended, to distinguish between NANAY Inc, NANAY Housing Resource Center and NANAY Health Center, to further delineate the responsibilities of the Board, to incorporate a Whistle Blower policy, and to establish a trust fund for the Capital Campaign funds separate from NANAY's general account, for better accountability.

These various activities of the NANAY Community Center, NANAY Housing Resource Center and NANAY Health Center would not have been possible if not for the commitment, dedication and support of the volunteers: *Tony Abiera*, *Esther Alfau-Compas*, *John Balauat*, *Nini Balauat*, *Karen Balauat*, *Rino Balauat*, *Marilen Barcelona*, *Franlie Bautista*, *Rosario Bongato*, *Eva Bruce*, *Ross Bruce*, *Kevin Burns*, *Nick Bustos*, *Nieva Cacayan*, *Yolanda Calizaire*, *Jo Carpio*, *Jose Casas*, *Pinky Chance*, *Dr. Jerry Ciocon*, *Daisy Ciocon*, *Dan Dalmacio*, *Techie Dalmacio*, *Igor Ellis*, *Joey Fidel*, *Bening Forneste*, *Nena Forte*, *Tessie Garcia*, *Ric Garcia*, *Chad Gauntlette*, *Josephine Gordy*, *Sally Gozon*, *Robin Holley*, *Gail Hoyer*, *Gilbert Jean Baptist*, *Malika Kabouchi*, *Helen Kranzel*, *John Little*, *Badette Llurba*, *Debbie Lowe*, *Mike Mcdearmid*, *Elaine Milton*, *Dr. Dario Moreno*, *Pat Motro*, *Flor Moya*, *Dennis Murasaki*, *Thelma Navarro*, *Annie Nanowsky*,

*Arlene Pascua, David Perez, Bobby Prachayasatierkul, Joy Prachayasatierkul, Robin Prachayasatierkul, Hiram Quinones, David Ramos, Ernie Ramos, Nida Recabo, Rev. Jean Ricot, Juan Rojas, Milton Rubin, Rosa Sabater, Rosa Talero, Winnie Tang, RJ Trinidad, Mike Upright, Beny Valde, Bing Valde, Sol Valencia, Dolores Villamar, Apryl Washington, Marvin Weinsten, Sang Whang, Heidi Wong, Dr. Tony Wong, George Yap, Tom Zuniga* and many others whose names I may have missed. My special thanks go to the NANAY Health Board, co-chaired by *Badette Llurba* and *Helen Kranzel*. The mission of NANAY, Inc. (National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and the Youth) is to promote the welfare and well being of elders, youth, and community. Our specific goals are aimed at (1) improving the personal, health and home environment of the elders and youth; (2) promoting the involvement of elders and youth in arts, culture, community activities and external affairs; (3) reducing the loneliness and isolation of the elders; (4) improving their ability to handle psychological and emotional stress; (5) increasing their self-confidence and social interaction; and (6) providing greater economic stability.

As we seek to improve and expand our considerable array of programs, we continue to envision our elders and youth together – being fully empowered and productive members of society.