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How far we've come.....

Running a non-profit organization is definitely a challenge, but well worth all the hard work. After months of waiting, the IRS finally approved our request for tax-exempt status. Bundles of Joy is now exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions to our organization are tax deductible. This opens a lot of doors for us as a non-profit group. We can now go full blast with our fundraising efforts. Our team has lots of bright ideas and we are looking into partnering with other local and international agencies to further our cause. So look out for exciting new developments from this group.

- Sondra Suazo, President

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- Rabbi Hillel

Now is the time to make a change

Rabbi Hillel was a Jewish scholar who lived in Jerusalem during the time of King Herod and the Roman Emperor Augustus. He is well known for saying, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I? And if not now, when?" The time to act is now. With this in mind, we will not postpone spreading the word to as many people as we can reach. The Internet and online social networks are an excellent tool for this.

Bundles of Joy has joined the social network www.change.org. This organization is a social networking website for non-profit organizations based in San Francisco, California. Their mission is to spread the word about social and environmental problems. They encourage people to get involved and make a difference. The company was founded in the summer of 2005 and launched the first version of its website in 2007. Bundles of Joy is one of the many non-profit organizations featured on their website. People can become a supporter of our cause online, make cash donations, and write testimonials.

To become a Bundles of Joy supporter on Change.org:

- (1) Log onto www.change.org/bundlesofjoy
- (2) Click on the “JOIN” link at the top of the page on the right-hand side.
- (3) Fill in your name, address and e-mail address, then click on “SIGN UP.”
- (4) You can also make a monetary donation online. Donations are tax deductible.

Bundles of Joy now has 21 supporters on Change.org and has raised \$130 in cash donations. Thank you to all our supporters. Together we can improve the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Please become a supporter and spread the word to your friends and families.

Thank you to our supporters...

Bundles of Joy would like to whole-heartedly thank each of the families and individuals who made donations this quarter:

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*Hector C., Natalie D., Tim T., Loren P., Julia S.,
Kamaile C., Marjon A., Maripi A., Jasmine H.,
Mark S. Danielle P. & family, Mo J., Andrew F.,
Sylvia C., Joe R., Tom V.B., Monchito & Ros G.,
Kaveh N., Stephanie H., Kuna C., Tessa K., Zeny C.,
Sharon S. and Vanessa B. & family*

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With your generous support, we sent **TWELVE** more boxes to the Philippines this quarter. These boxes contained donations of used clothing and shoes, children’s books, toys, non-perishable food items and school supplies. We shipped 960 lbs. of donations (Each box weighed about 80 lbs.) You have truly opened up your hearts and together we are making a difference in many lives.

We have partnered with Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Parañaque City, Metro Manila. The parish has 16 mission areas. Many families in their community live in poverty and desperately need our help. Your donations of school supplies will be used in the parish’s elementary school. Your donations of used clothing, shoes, toys and books will be distributed by the parish’s Home Life Ministries team to needy families.

Some of the items of clothing that we collected in our Used Clothing Drive are not appropriate for the tropical weather in the Philippines. Articles such as coats, gloves, ski jackets and heavy winter clothing are not needed in the Philippines, so we set these items aside for our local charities. Last September we donated approximately \$1,000 worth of used clothing to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of San Mateo. These items will help needy families in our local community.



Recipient Family Spotlight:

*Berto & Candida Eborda of Carcar City, Cebu have 6 children.
This picture was taken last May in front of their home.
For more on recipient families, see our website:
www.givebundlesofjoy.org*