

LBC offers free sea cargo services for in-kind donations to Ondoy victims

Donations will be distributed to typhoon victims by LBC Hari ng Padala Foundation

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO – Donations of relief items to victims of Typhoon Ondoy (international name: Ketsana) can now be shipped for free through LBC Mundial Corporation (LBC USA), Hugo Bonilla, the company's president and CEO, announced on October 1.

As an international company servicing the *padala* needs of Filipinos worldwide, LBC joins in the global efforts to provide assistance to families in the Philippines devastated by Typhoon Ondoy.

All donated items coursed through LBC USA will be sent to only one recipient in the Philippines, LBC Hari Ng Padala Foundation (LHPF).

LHPF will in turn distribute the goods to various non-profits that are conducting relief efforts in the affected communities in Metro Manila and Luzon provinces.

"As of October 1, all LBC branches in the US are now drop-off points for in-kind donations to the victims of Typhoon Ondoy in the Philippines," Mr. Bonilla said.

This development follows the partnership inked last September 29 between LBC USA and ABS-CBN's Sagip Kapamilya for cash donations.

In addition to waiving service fees for cash donations remitted directly to the Sagip Kapamilya project, LBC has decided to offer its sea cargo services for free after LHPF has committed to sorting and distributing the donated items coming from donors in the US.

"Before deciding on offering this free service, we wanted to make sure there is one non-profit recipient in the Philippines who will take on the daunting task of sorting the big volume of donated items," explained Mr. Bonilla.

Rules, box sizes
All donated items must be boxed and sealed in standard-sized balikbayan boxes. LBC will not accept open boxes or unpacked items.

Donors in California, Oregon, Washington State, Nevada and Hawaii can only use the 24x18x18 box size while donors in New Jersey, New York, Illinois and Virginia can only use the 28x18x17 box size.

In Saipan, only box size 18x20x22 is accepted while LBC in Canada's British Columbia will only accept the 18x18x30 box size.

All boxes must state the shipper's name and address. Consignee information is as follows: LBC HARI NG PADALA FOUNDATION, c/o Jose Garcia with address LBC HANGAR, General Aviation Center, Domestic Airport Compound, Pasay City.

Preferred items
Donors are encouraged to send the following items: canned goods, rice, clothing, footwear, towels, blankets, cookware, utensils and other daily consumables.

For a list of the LBC branch nearest you, please visit www.lbcexpress.com or call 1-800-338-5424. ■

'Unity' for Ondoy

Typhoon Ondoy, the need for this kind of show has clearly been revealed.

Kuh Ledesma along with the other artists of *Unity Tour* would like to encourage all Filipinos in the United States and Canada to unite with them and join them in this great cause, to help the Victims of Typhoon Ondoy. Kuh added that part of the proceeds of the Concert will be donated to the afflicted. The Concert will also serve as a channel for our *kabayans* who would like to send their donations, may it be in cash or in kind.

Those who will be watching the show may bring their donations at the venue. All donations will be packed and shipped to Manila through the help of one of its sponsors, FOREX Cargo. The *Unity Tour* Concert starts

on October 17 at Lodi, New Jersey, followed by Oct. 20 at San Jose California, October 24 at Long Beach California, and October 25 at Vancouver, Canada.

Come and be entertained by the Pop Diva, Kuh Ledesma, Asia's Pop Idol Christian Bautista, Singer- Comediennes Nanette Inventor and Jograd Dela Torre, Stage Actor Carlo Orosa, Up and Coming Songstress Isabella, and the young balladeer from the hit reality TV show Britain's Got Talent Charlie Green.

Remember that a Ticket bought may be equal to a life saved. Let us all Unite in this effort to help the Typhoon Ondoy Victims in Metro Manila.

For ticket inquiries please call 1-877-KUHL-777 (1-877-584-5777) or Visit WWW.unitytourconcert.com. ■

A Family's reunion after 17 long years, on this Sunday's 'Citizen Pinoy'

REDWOOD CITY, —The Malabed children—Joanne, Jean, James, Joseph and Judith—had a wonderful childhood growing up in the Philippines. Eventually, Jean was able to take her medical practice to the United States, and she then started a new life away from her family.

Bernard—the octogenarian patriarch of the Malabed family, was a veteran of World War II, and by virtue of this, was able to come to the US in 1991, and granted US citizenship shortly thereafter. He filed a petition for his remaining children in the Philippines. His wife, Gloria followed him to the US to be with him too.

Years passed, and while the family patiently waited for their petitions to come through, Bernard and Gloria's health started to deteriorate. Bernard underwent triple by-pass surgery, and then he also suffered a stroke. Gloria was discovered to have cancer. It was a very difficult and trying period for the family. Aside from the fact that they were far apart, they were also uncertain as to the outcome of the pending petitions of Daddy Bernard for the remaining children who were still in the Philippines. Their father's deteriorating health was cause for worry, because if anything happened to him while the petitions were

pending, then the petitions could also "die."

Time was running out, and Jean and her parents were trying to figure out the best way to get her siblings to the US soon. A realization hit her, when she considered getting the services of the Law Offices of Michael Gurfinkel. Jean debated in her mind the pros, cons, and costs. She realized that the fees for the leading US immigration attorney could be high, but she also considered the benefits—the peace of mind in the knowledge that everything will be done so that their family can be reunited sooner than later.

This Sunday, meet the Malabed family, and learn about their story of faith and hope, when they join "attorney-of-last-hope" Michael J. Gurfinkel, on the most popular immigration show on television—*Citizen Pinoy*—this Sunday, at 5:40 pm (PST) with a replay on



A FAMILY'S REUNION ON THIS SUNDAY'S 'CITIZEN PINOY.' Bernard Malabed (right)—octogenarian patriarch and petitioner of his remaining adult children in the Philippines—discusses a parent's pain of 17 years of separation, and joy of finally having his family under one roof on this week's 'Citizen Pinoy.' Join "attorney-of-last-hope," Michael J. Gurfinkel (left), who also provides answers to your immigration questions and concerns on this week's 'Citizen Pinoy,' which airs on TFC: every Sunday at 5:40pm (PST), with replays on Wednesdays at 12:15am (PST). ANC-US: every Sunday at 1am, with replays on Sundays at 9am and Thursdays at 8pm, all PST; and on ANC in the Philippines: every Sunday at 4pm, with replays at 12 midnight on Mondays.

Wednesday, at 12:15am (PST) on TFC. *Citizen Pinoy* also airs on ANC-US every Sunday at 1am with replays on Sundays at 9am and Thursdays at 8pm, all PST; and on ANC in the Philippines every Sunday at 4pm, with replays at 12 midnight on Mondays. *Citizen Pinoy* is made possible with the support of friends who are committed to giving back to the Filipino community: *Asian Journal*—with circulation in Northern and Southern California, Nevada, and in the East Coast; and Arko Foods. *Citizen Pinoy* is also supported by ABS-CBN Global's key product offerings: Star Kargo, Starry Starry Store, ABS-CBN Telecom and TFCDirect. ■

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