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Meals, Masks, and Shields for Frontliners Program Committee Report



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Program Summary



The Meals, Masks, and Shields for Frontliners Program was created under the Bayanihan Project to support and thank our local frontline heroes for their hard work and sacrifice during the COVID-19 pandemic. We mobilized in early April and began distributing meals and much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) to nurses, doctors, and staff at hospitals and other health care facilities in the Las Vegas area. Through donations from various organizations, businesses, and individuals, we have been able to successfully reach frontliners at more than a dozen facilities.

Committee Members: Minda Banaria, Doris Bauer, Gloria T. Caoile, Luz S. Micabalo, and Dr. Rhigel “Jaei” Tan



Hospital Implementations

Hospitals	Items Distributed
Univeristy Medical Center (first visit)	130 meals; 40 masks
Spring Valley Hospital Medical Center	100 shields
Valley Hospital Medical Center	100 meals
University Medical Center (second visit)	50 masks; 50 shields
Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center	125 meals; 50 masks; 50 shields
Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center	100 meals; 75 masks; 100 shields
Centennial Hills Hospital Medical Center	60 snacks; 40 masks
Henderson Hospital	55 meals; 50 shields
Stein Forensic Unit	40 mask; 10 shields



Transitional/Rehabilitation Facility Implementations

Transitional/Rehabilitation Facilities	Items Distributed
Avamere Senior Living	50 meals; 100 masks; 13 shields
Las Vegas Post Acute & Rehabilitation	50 meals; 100 masks; 16 shields; 13 care bags
St. Joseph Transitional Rehabilitation Center	50 meals; 100 masks; 16 shields; 13 care bags
Torrey Pines Rehabilitation Hospital	50 meals; 100 masks; 20 shields; 14 care bags

We received requests for meals, masks, and shields from these four facilities, each of which have Filipino American administrators. Amie Belmonte, ably assisted by Cynthia Deriquito, took charge of the implementations and distributed the requested aid. They were met with overwhelming gratitude.



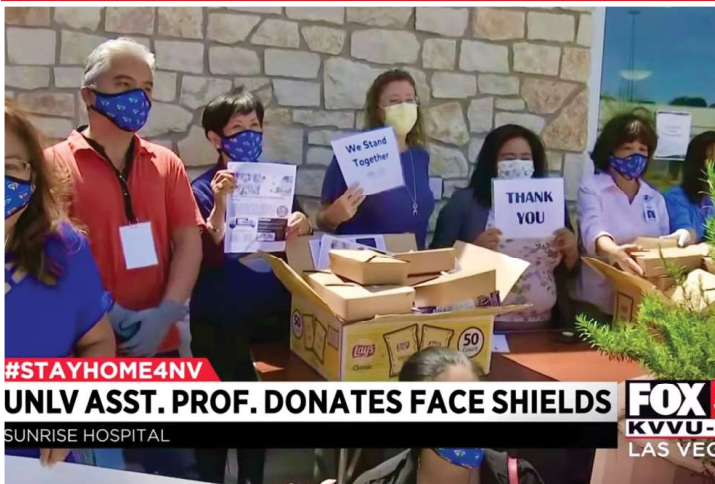
JT's Face Shields

Face shields became an important part of the Meals, Masks, and Shields for Frontliners Program after we invited Dr. Rhigel “Jaei” Tan, DNP, RN, APRN, GNP, ANP, PMHNP, FAAN (fondly called by “Dr. JT” by most), to join the committee. JT, who is an assistant professor at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as well as a nurse, came up with an easy-to-assemble design for face shields using pool noodles, headbands, garters, hot glue, and transparency film. He has made over 600 shields, 450 of which we have distributed to local hospitals. Not to be forgotten, his 80-plus-year-old aunt has made more than 500 masks herself, of which 330 have been distributed to local hospitals.

These shields are simple but effective. We found many of the materials at Dollar Stores in the Las Vegas area. Employees and shoppers at the stores were very curious about what we were doing, and when we told them, they were supportive. Someone even gave JT \$20 to go toward materials, and another person gave Gloria \$5. However, the transparency films were not readily available in LV, so we reached out to family and friends in Seattle and Maryland who helped us get them.

Not only were medical workers in the Las Vegas area happy to receive these shields, but JT’s “how-to” video spread widely in the Filipino American community. It reached Houston, Texas; Denver, Colorado; New York, New York; Seattle, Washington; Washington, D.C.; and London, England. JT’s shields are bringing smiles and security to frontliners!





Jay Tan, a local licensed nurse practitioner and assistant professor at UNLV is making face shields and masks for

Shields in the news



Shields in use at hospitals



Shields around the world

Project Impact

“We salute our frontliners. May God protect you all.”
- Priscilla Santayana, retired RN

“Great job for all your effort-less project for our frontline responders. Stay safe.”
- Maribeth Miller, pre-K teacher

“Excellent community works. ... Proud to be Filipino. Thank you to all!!!”
- Flor Nawrocki, community donor

“I’m very proud of you Filipino heroes.”
- Elizabeth Cusi, former UMCRN, retired



“Dr. Tan, thank you. You and the Bayanihan group are really our 911.”
- Maggie D., CNA UMC IMC Staff

“Great Job!!! God Bless all of you!!!”
- Vivian Lindsey

“Thanks for this PPE, thanks to Bayanihan Group!”
- ih Daianne G. BSN, RN UMC, CDI



“Thanks for all you do! Stay safe and God bless!”
- Arlene Soriano Gordon, RN from the Philippines

“You are an inspiration and truly bayanihan of Las Vegas!”
- Bambee Quijano, retired RN



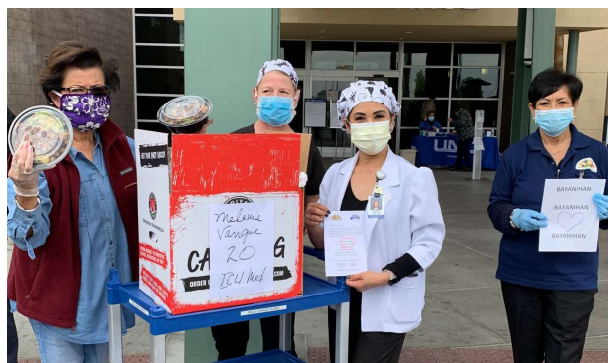
“We fed everyone! Thank you frontline committee of NaFFAA, Bayanihan and Ate Minda.”
- Elena May Cruz, UMC Hubert Augustine IMC Unit

“Thank you, salamat po! God bless you all!”
- MICU, IMC, SICU, 2NMS staff Alvin Estrellado Manager—Valley Hospital

“Great job by the organizers and the collaboration!! Kudos to the healthcare frontliners and support group all over the community. You’re the unsung heroes!!”

- Christy Sampal, PNANV board advisor

“Thank you Bayanihan Project. Stay safe.”
- Agnes Duremdes Luzano, BSN, RN UMC, Clinical Dedicated Instructor



“Great job everyone! Keep safe and stay healthy always! God bless!”
- Angie Lantin

Messages from the Committee



Gloria

Dear Luz, Minda, Doris, and JT --- to me the best Fearless Foursome!

Thank you for trusting me to take a lead role in bringing our vision to life, from brainstorming implementations to negotiating with meal partners. Let me unequivocally express my deepest respect for each one of you – together you have created a team second to none! Each one of you brought to the MMSF Program Committee your leadership; creativity; professionalism; unselfish giving of your time; and absolute passion to make this special program a tremendous success. Your candidness in addressing how to execute our program is honesty beyond reproach. I take with me more than you will ever know.



Minda

Frank and I were greatly honored to be of service and assistance to this inspiring and challenging Meals, Masks, and Shields for Frontliners Program Committee of the Bayanihan Project • NaFFAA • Covid-19. We fully engaged and worked together with the Committee as it was in line with our goals and annual missions to the Philippines.

The group in encouraging efforts, coordinated with different hospitals, for delivery of meals, masks, face shields to health care frontliners. It's our way of showing our love and appreciation for all they do during these difficult times.



Doris

It was a pleasure to have been part of the Bayanihan Project, serving in the Frontliners Committee. The Frontliners committee, under the direction of Gloria Caoile, set a goal, created a plan, and executed it perfectly. It was an honor to serve with my committee members - Luz Micabalo, Minda Banaria, and Jaei Tan. Our project benefited the health care workers who served as the frontliners in this pandemic. The Bayanihan Project showed the community engagement of our Filipino community to help those who are in need. For that, I am very proud.



Luz

The Frontliner's Meals, Masks, and Shields committee was created by the Bayanihan COVID-19 humanitarian project of community leaders in Las Vegas to provide assistance to hospital nurses, doctors, and other health care professionals in dire need of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

It was indeed a rare opportunity and honor for me to be involved with the Frontliner's committee. The Frontliners worked as a committed and dedicated team who were able to successfully accomplish its goals and objectives of providing MMFS to 13 Health Care Facilities in Las Vegas.



Jaei

Joining the Bayanihan Project's MMSFL Program has been a wonderful giving-back experience for me. Creating the shields was from my heart because I knew as a medical professional how useful they would be. To see the shields be so well received has been incredibly fulfilling. And, most of all, working with four wonderful rockstar titas was a super blessing. They are unbelievably inspiring.

Nurses Week Message



This year's Nurses Week came at a time when it was particularly clear how much our extraordinary nurses do for our community. These heroic frontline responders are bravely battling COVID-19, putting themselves at risk to save others. Thanks in large part to their selfless work, we will make it through this an unprecedented crisis.

Nurses Week also falls during May, which is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. As such, the Bayanihan Project shined a spotlight on the many members of our great Filipino American community who serve as nurses. We are so proud to be so powerfully represented. Our nurses are one of the finest examples of bayanihan (camaraderie)!

We thank our community's nurses for all that they do for us. They deserve to be recognized, not just this week but every week, for their compassion, care, and sacrifices. Maraming salamat!



Flyers



MEALS, MASKS AND SHIELDS FOR FRONTLINERS

PROGRAM:

The Meals, Masks and Shields for Frontliners under the Bayanihan Project provides the much needed assistance to Frontliners who are risking their lives to fight COVID-19. To date, hundreds of meals, masks, and shields have been distributed by volunteers for the heroic Frontliners of several hospitals. More are planned with the help of our generous supporters.



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FOOD AND NECESSITIES PROJECT**

**Many in dire need during these challenging times will
benefit from your kindness**

YOU ARE AN ENTITY WITH A BIG HEART

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!!!

Thank You