

# COLLABORATION

## *RCSF Fuels Brigada Eskwela with Donation for Wash In School Program*

San Francisco Pilot Central Elementary School, home to a thriving SPED Learning Center, is set to enhance its sanitation facilities thanks to the unwavering support of the Rotary Club of San Francisco. In a significant act of community service, the organization donated 12 bags of cement to aid in the construction of a Hand Washing Facility, an essential component of the school's Wash In School (WINS) program.

This timely contribution comes as part of the annual Brigada Eskwela initiative, a nationwide effort that unites communities to prepare schools for the upcoming academic year. The donation aligns seamlessly with the Department of Education's call to ensure schools are equipped with basic hygiene facilities, fostering a healthier and safer learning environment for all students, including those with special needs.





# SOLIDIFYING BOND

## Rotary of San Francisco celebrates family day

The Rotary Club of San Francisco recently brought smiles and strengthened bonds during its much-anticipated Family Day celebration.

Held at the Panaraga beach resort, members of the club gathered in the occasion to honor the importance of family in building a supportive and united community while reinforcing the club's commitment to service and camaraderie.

The event featured a variety of engaging activities, including team games, a picnic feast, and a storytelling session for children. Members and their families participated enthusiastically, showcasing the strong bonds that define the Rotary spirit.

A highlight of the day was the recognition ceremony, where several families were acknowledged for their active involvement in the club's initiatives.

The Family Day celebration also served as an opportunity to reflect on the club's achievements and inspire more collaborative efforts. As the sun set on a day of laughter and connection, participants left with renewed motivation to contribute to the community while cherishing the support of their loved ones.

The Rotary Club of San Francisco continues to set an example of how fostering strong family values can amplify its mission of "Service Above Self." Through events like Family Day, the club reaffirms its dedication to nurturing both community and family ties.



***Rotary is also about family, It's wonderful to see everyone coming together.***

***-Pres Rowelito Q. Damuag***





# SAVING LIVES

## Rotary Club Members Donate Blood for “Dugong Alay Para Kay Nanay” Program

Members of the Rotary Club of San Francisco rolled up their sleeves to donate blood as part of the program “Dugong Alay Para Kay Nanay.” This initiative aims to ensure that mothers in need of medical care during childbirth have access to life-saving blood supplies.

The program, held in partnership with local health authorities, underscores the Rotary Club’s commitment to addressing critical health needs in the community.

With maternal health a pressing concern in underserved areas, the club’s blood donation drive has the potential to save countless lives.

The Rotary Club of San Francisco continues to champion humanitarian efforts that create lasting impacts. Whether it’s through blood donation, outreach programs, or livelihood support, the club’s initiatives embody their motto: Service Above Self.

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***“For us, donating blood is not just an act of service; it’s a gift of life. Knowing that we can help mothers and their families is a deeply rewarding experience.***

***-IPP Dong Numeron***





# CHAMPIONING WINS

## RCSF handover a 20-faucet 1 unit handwashing facility

In a groundbreaking initiative promoting hygiene and health in schools, the Rotary Club of San Francisco officially turned over a 20-faucet handwashing facility to San Francisco Pilot Central Elementary School on November 16, 2024.

The hand washing facility was made possible through the partnership of the Rotary Club of Central San Francisco. This is also part of the club's flagship program, Project RotaWINS (Rotary Wash In School), which aims to foster sustainable sanitation practices in educational institutions.

The 20-faucet structure is strategically located within the school premises, designed to accommodate large groups of students during peak hours like recess and lunch breaks. It is equipped with modern fixtures and an efficient water system to ensure durability and ease of use.

The initiative also includes an educational campaign on proper handwashing techniques, spearheaded by the Rotary Club and the school's WASH team. Through this program, students are encouraged to champion health and hygiene practices at school and in their homes.

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***Let us together championing the essence of proper hygiene. May this project be sustained through the help of the school.***

***-Caroline Lee Andrade***

***District Governor***

***Rotary International District 3860***





# CARING ELDERLY

On a mission, RCSF shares smile to Home for the abandoned elderly

In celebration of Elderly Week, the Rotary Club of San Francisco (RCSF), in partnership with its sister club, the Rotary Club of Butuan Highlands, joined hands to spread joy and compassion at the Por Cristo Home for Abandoned Elderly in Butuan City, October 6, 2024.

The Rotarians prepared an array of thoughtful initiatives, including free foods and goods for all, listening to their stories and sharing laughter—a simple but powerful gesture of care.

Rotary Club of San Francisco Charter President Jose -Mari Amador highlighted the importance of community support for the elderly. "This is more than just a celebration. It's a reminder that our elderly deserve respect, care, and love," he said.

The celebration at Por Cristo Home exemplifies how community spirit and collaboration can bring light to the lives of those often overlooked. For the Rotary Clubs and their partners, it was a fulfilling opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to "Service Above Self."

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***-Jose-Mari D. Amador  
Charter President***





# ***RUNNING CAUSE***

## ***RCSF initiates Run to End Polio 2024***

Aiming to raise vital funds to support Rotary International's Polio Plus program, the Rotary Club of San Francisco has once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment by launching the highly anticipated "Run to End Polio 2024."

The "Run to End Polio" invites participants of all ages and fitness levels to lace up their running shoes and join in a day of camaraderie and advocacy. Whether opting for a 5K fun run, or a 10k route, participants will contribute to a cause that has been at the heart of Rotary International's mission since 1985.

With polio eradication closer than ever before, the Rotary Club of San Francisco's "Run to End Polio 2024" serves as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved through collective action. Join the movement, take a stand, and help Rotary International achieve its vision of a polio-free world.



***The fight against polio is not over. We are in the final stretch, and it's events like the 'Run to End Polio' that keep the momentum going.***

***-Rtn Jorim Sanchez***





# ENDING POLIO

## RCSF leads Patak Polio in Brgy Hubang

The Rotary Club of San Francisco (RCSF) continues its fight against polio through the recently held "Patak Polio" campaign in Barangay Hubang, October 16, 2024.

This vital initiative aimed to immunize children under five years old, protecting them from the debilitating effects of polio and supporting the global effort to eradicate the disease.

The "Patak Polio" initiative was conducted in partnership with the Barangay Health Office and the Brgy Local Government Unit.

"Patak Polio" campaign is part of Rotary's broader PolioPlus initiative, which has been at the forefront of global polio eradication efforts for decades. As RCSF leads these localized programs, they contribute to the worldwide mission of eliminating polio once and for all.



***This campaign highlights our commitment to ending polio in all communities, especially those with limited access to healthcare.***

***-Past President Triponio Numeron***





# RIPPLE OF HOPE

## *RCSF extends love Extends Love to Sitio Umayam's Indigenous Community*

In a heartwarming display of compassion and community spirit, the Rotary Club of San Francisco embarked on a long journey to reach the remote area of Sitio Umayam in Kapda, Loreto, Agusan del Sur with a packs full of groceries and foods, November 16, 2024.

The trip was no ordinary endeavor. The Rotarians braved rugged terrain, traveling hours to ensure their mission was fulfilled. "Reaching Sitio Umayam was not easy, but the smiles of the people made every step of the journey worthwhile," shared a Rotary member who participated in the distribution.

The food packs included rice, canned goods, noodles, and other essentials tailored to meet the community's immediate needs. Beyond the tangible support, the club aimed to foster a connection, reminding the Indigenous families that they are not forgotten.

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# LIFE SAVING

## RCSF Promotes Breast Cancer Awareness in Pink October Event for Mothers

Rotary Club of San Francisco (RCSF) marked Pink October by organizing a Breast Cancer Awareness campaign for mothers in Barangay Hubang, November 16, 2024.

The event, aimed at empowering women with knowledge about breast cancer, was a heartfelt effort to promote early detection and prevention.

With breast cancer being one of the leading causes of death among women, the campaign focused on educating participants about its risks, symptoms, and the importance of regular self-checks and medical consultations.

The RCSF's Pink October campaign reflects their dedication to improving community health. By prioritizing education and early prevention, the club hopes to reduce breast cancer-related deaths and create a ripple effect of awareness across families in Barangay Hubang.

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***Breast cancer is treatable when detected early. Through this campaign, we hope to equip mothers with the knowledge and confidence to prioritize their health.***

***-Rtn Tita Prado***





# LEADING THE WAY

## RCSF Offers Free Docker Training Through Career Mentorship Program

Rotary Club of San Francisco (RCSF) continues to empower local communities by offering a free training on Docker Learning Tracks Repository notes through its career mentorship program.

The initiative aims to provide participants with valuable skills in containerization technology, boosting their career prospects in the competitive tech industry.

This program was made possible through the help of the Club IT support Rtn Vincent Caday.

The training, designed for beginners and tech enthusiasts alike, focused on equipping learners with practical knowledge about Docker—an essential tool for modern software development and deployment.

This mentorship program underscores the club's commitment to fostering education and professional development in underserved areas.



***Docker is a crucial skill for today's tech workforce, and we're thrilled to help participants gain confidence in using this tool.***

***-Rtn Vicent Caday***





# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

## RCSF Free Birth Registration Brings Hope to Sitio Pudlosan

Sixteen individuals in Sitio Pudlosan, Barangay Borbon, have taken their first official step towards a brighter future through Bright Beginnings, a free birth registration initiative that aims to ensure every individual's legal identity and access to basic rights.

With the partnership from the Local Civil Registry of the municipality of San Francisco, the program addressed a long-standing challenge in remote areas where many residents face difficulties in securing proper documentation due to financial constraints and geographical isolation.

Without a birth certificate, access to education, healthcare, and other government services often remains out of reach.

Through Bright Beginnings, local leaders and volunteers worked tirelessly to process and deliver birth certificates to the 16 beneficiaries, providing them with not only a piece of paper but also a key to opportunities.

"This initiative is about giving everyone the dignity and rights they deserve," shared [Insert Organizer/Spokesperson Name], one of the program's coordinators. "A birth certificate is more than just a document—it's an entry point to education, employment, and the full benefits of being a citizen."

For many parents, this event marked a significant relief, as the program eliminated the bureaucratic hurdles often associated with birth registration. By collaborating with local government offices, Bright Beginnings streamlined the process, making it accessible and efficient for the beneficiaries. One mother, [Insert Name/Optional], expressed her gratitude, saying, "It's a big burden lifted from us. Now my child can go to school without worrying about requirements we couldn't afford before." The success of Bright Beginnings was a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives and partnerships. By bringing these services directly to Sitio Pudlosan, the program bridged gaps and empowered families to claim their place in society.

**16** beneficiaries





# EMPOWER

## RCSF brings manhood to less fortunate children

A transformative initiative unfolded in Sitio Pudlosan, Barangay Borbon, as 45 boys became the proud beneficiaries of Project TULI (Transforming Uncircumcised Children to Leveled-up Individuals).

This outreach program, aimed at promoting both physical health and cultural growth, was held in partnership with local health workers, volunteers, and community leaders.

Circumcision, a rite of passage deeply ingrained in Filipino culture, marks an essential step towards manhood for many young boys. However, in remote areas like Sitio Pudlosan, access to healthcare services can often be limited.

Recognizing this, the organizers of Project TULI provided not only the medical procedure but also a nurturing environment to ensure a holistic experience for the boys.

The program went beyond the procedure itself, incorporating health education sessions for both the boys and their parents. Topics covered included post-procedure care, general hygiene practices, and tips for maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Families were also provided with post-operative kits containing essential supplies such as antiseptics, bandages, and pain relievers, ensuring proper recovery.

The success of Project TULI was made possible through the collaboration of the local barangay council, medical professionals, and dedicated volunteers. Residents of Sitio Pudlosan expressed their gratitude for the initiative, noting how it addressed a significant need in their community.

"This program shows that even in remote areas like ours, we can access quality health services and feel connected to a larger network of care," shared Analisa Cataluna in bisaya whose son underwent the procedure.

**45** beneficiaries





# BOLSTERING HEALTH

## On advocating health, RCSF shares hygiene kits and vitamins to Borbon

To advocate the importance of proper hygiene, the Rotary Club of San Francisco conducted the Share a Health Year 2 initiative on July 6 2024, in Sitio Pudlosan, Barangay Borbon. The project distributed hygiene kits and vitamins to 50 beneficiaries, reaffirming the organization's commitment to health and community welfare.

The serene village of Sitio Pudlosan came alive with smiles and gratitude as beneficiaries received the much-needed supplies. Each hygiene kit contained essentials such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and hand towels, thoughtfully assembled to promote better personal hygiene practices. Additionally, multivitamins were distributed to bolster the recipients' health and immunity, especially crucial during the ongoing challenges posed by global health concerns.

RCSF President Rowelito Q.

Damuag, expressed the club's dedication to continuing initiatives that uplift marginalized communities. "The Share a Health program is more than just a distribution drive; it's our way of ensuring that families in remote areas like Sitio Pudlosan have access to basic health necessities," he added.

The beneficiaries, a mix of children, adults, and seniors, were carefully identified based on their need. Among them was Nanay Maria, a 65-year-old resident who shared her gratitude. "Salamat sa Rotary sa pagdala ng tulong sa amin." (In our area, it's hard to buy these items, especially when we have no income. Thank you to the Rotary for bringing help to us.)

50 beneficiaries





# BRINGING SMILES

## ***Bundles of joy reaches Sitio Pudlosan in its Year 2 implementation***

In an inspiring mission of generosity, the Rotary Club of San Francisco reached the remote village of Sitio Pudlosan distributing Bundles of Joy filled with clothing, slippers, and other basic necessities.

The delighted less fortunate children warmly received the donations, their gratitude shining through smiles and heartfelt words.

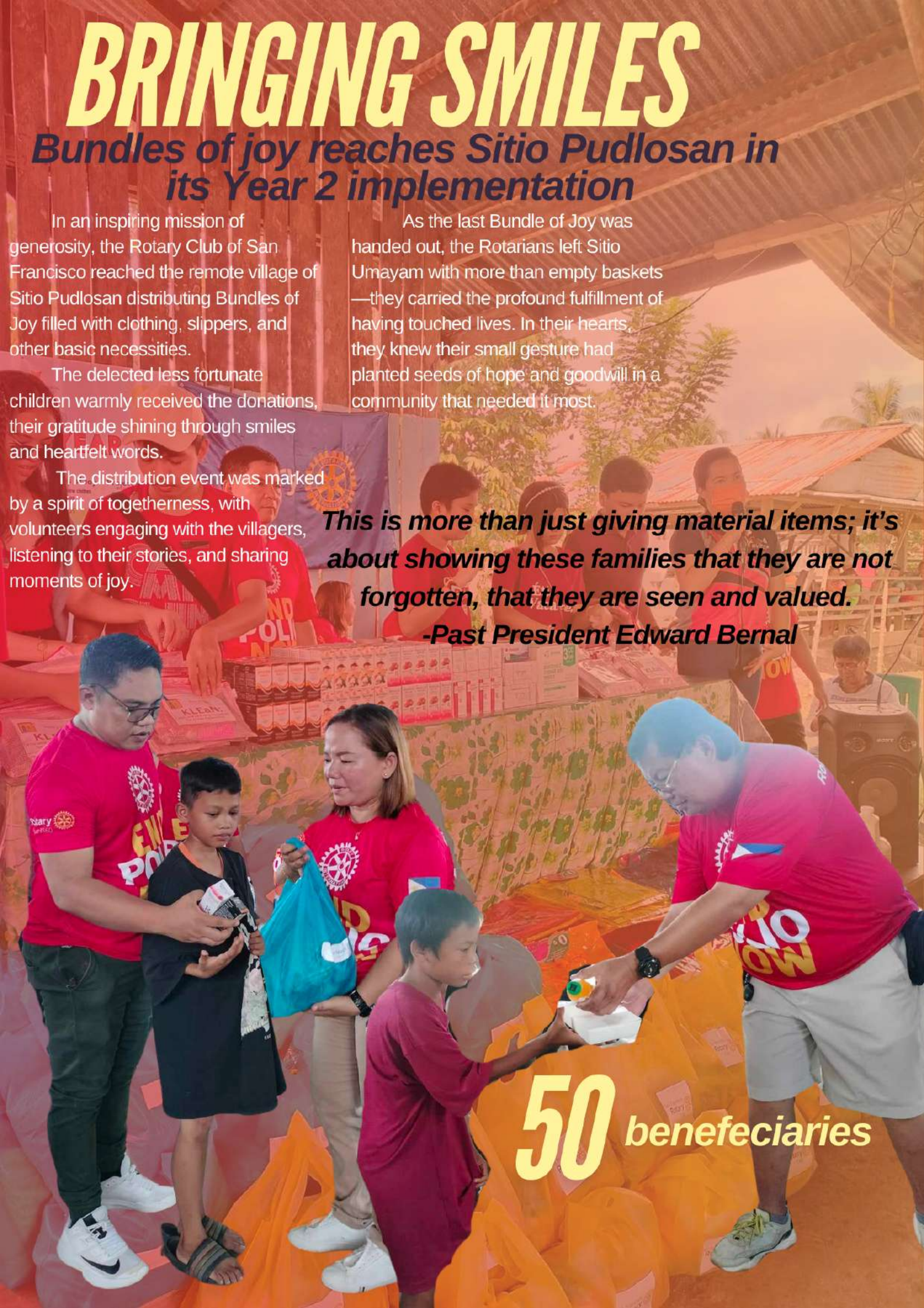
The distribution event was marked by a spirit of togetherness, with volunteers engaging with the villagers, listening to their stories, and sharing moments of joy.

As the last Bundle of Joy was handed out, the Rotarians left Sitio Umayam with more than empty baskets—they carried the profound fulfillment of having touched lives. In their hearts, they knew their small gesture had planted seeds of hope and goodwill in a community that needed it most.

***This is more than just giving material items; it's about showing these families that they are not forgotten, that they are seen and valued.***

***-Past President Edward Bernal***

**50** beneficiaries





# SECURING FUTURE

## ***RotaEd delivers educational kits to children***

Rotary Club of San Francisco launched Project RotaEd (Rotary for Education) on the same day, providing educational kits to 50 young beneficiaries in Sitio Pudlosan, Barangay Borbon. The project underscores the club's belief in the power of education to create lasting change.

The educational kits included notebooks, pencils, erasers, crayons, rulers, and other essential school supplies, ensuring that students have the tools they need to succeed in their studies. For many families in the area, such materials are often out of reach due to financial constraints.

The event also included motivational talks for the children and their parents, emphasizing the importance of education in overcoming poverty and building a brighter future. Volunteers from the Rotary Club facilitated engaging activities that inspired both the young learners and their families.

As the Rotary Club of San Francisco continues to champion both health and education, their efforts in Sitio Pudlosan stand as a testament to the profound impact of service and solidarity. With every kit distributed—whether for health or education—the Rotary Club brings hope and opportunity to the hearts of those who need it most.

**50** beneficiaries

