



FIL-AM CANCER GROUP TAKES ACTION DURING WORLD CANCER DAY 2021: RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT AND CARE FOR CANCER PATIENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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In support of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), the Filipino American Cancer Care (FACC)® encourages everyone to observe World Cancer Day on February 4th. FACC is joining many community organizations from 172 countries around the globe under a singular initiative against the global cancer epidemic. In light of COVID-19, World Cancer Day 2021 is dedicated to the courage and achievements of people living with cancer and their families, as well as the nurses, doctors, researchers, volunteers, advocates and others who care for them and work on their behalf. This important day highlights the need for urgent action to increase cancer prevention, early detection, screening and diagnosis to save lives. FACC aims to inspire action from individuals, the health community and governments to improve public awareness and access to early detection, screening and diagnosis.

FACC believes that through positive actions, it can reach the target of reducing by one third the number of premature deaths from cancer and noncommunicable diseases by 2030. FACC will be hosting a virtual bingo on February 27, 2021 to raise funds to support four children with leukemia for their treatments at St. Anthony's Hospital in Roxas City, Philippines. In addition, FACC is sponsoring the 2021 Letters of Love Contest that hopes to honor those who are fighting and those who have been lost to this dreadful disease.



During the entire month of February, FACC will use its radio platform "On the Air With FACC" to highlight patient battles and their successes, and show the innovative responses of cancer organizations around the world, during the stress of the



pandemic. World Cancer Day will also engage people from nations around the world in a collective effort to make sure that the voice of cancer patients is heard and to show that collective actions matter.

"We want to remember those people who showed kindness and inspiration so that hopefully one day many in society will not be touched by cancer," says Josie Ziman, FACC Founder/President. "Cancer is a global challenge and knows no borders. Recent studies estimate about one out of six people worldwide died from cancer – that's more than HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combined. We want people to know that many cancers can be managed and even cured, especially if they're detected and treated as early as possible. By detecting cancer at its earliest stage, we seize the greatest opportunity to prevent millions of avoidable deaths worldwide."

Adds Edward Logan, Co-Founder and Executive VP of FACC: "The prospects of major advances in tackling cancer have never been greater, and international collaboration and funding are essential in realizing these opportunities. By doing this FACC can help transform the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer, benefitting people with the disease both here in the US, Philippines and around the world. We are extremely proud to select these cancer children patients as the 2021 recipients of our FACC Cancer Charity Financial Assistance Grant initiative since these kids have special place in our hearts and we embraced them as part of our own cancer community and family."

ABOUT Filipino American Cancer Care

Established February 2020, a newly formed 501 (c)(3) non-stock, non-profit, non-political, charitable and all volunteer-based cancer organization in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area is dedicated to serving the Fil- Am cancer community. The FACC's primary mission is to care for Filipino, Filipino-American and anyone medically underserved in the Philippines and United States who are impacted by cancer. The FACC's vision rests into four (4) major pillars of C.A.R.E. which denotes Collective

outreach programs designed to fit the community's unique culture, Advocate for better comprehensive cancer care during and after/post treatment, Research tools for cancer patients, survivors, family members, and caregivers regarding financial assistance, and lastly Educate the community on cancer prevention, early detection, screening and treatment options.

To learn more about FACC, please visit: www.filamcancercare.org

ABOUT The World Cancer Day Campaign –

The World Cancer Day every 4 February is the global uniting initiative led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). By raising worldwide awareness, improving education and catalyzing personal, collective and government action, we're working together to reimagine a world where millions of preventable cancer deaths are saved and access to life-saving cancer treatment and care is equal for all – no matter who you are or where you live. Created in 2000, World Cancer Day has grown into a positive movement for everyone, everywhere to unite under one voice to face one of our greatest challenges in history. Each year, hundreds of activities and events take place around the world, gathering communities, organizations and individuals in schools, businesses, hospitals, marketplaces, parks, community halls, places of worship – in the streets and online – acting as a powerful reminder that everyone has a role to play in reducing the global impact of cancer.

To learn more about this campaign please visit: <https://www.worldcancerday.org>