

ST. JOSEPH'S FILIPINO COMMUNITY

Barangay San Lorenzo, Levin

GARAGE SALE UPDATES

From the 16-17 of December the Super Typhoon Rai ravaged its way across the Philippines which the world health organization estimates to have affected over 7.8 million people across 11 regions in the Philippines. The strongest of the 15 major typhoons to hit the Philippines in 2021. Several of the Filipino parishioners are from those severely stricken areas. Hearing of the devastation from their families, the Filipino Community of St. Joseph Parish Levin were moved to come up with a fund raising to support those communities that were severely affected by the typhoon. Encouraged by the support of our parish priest, the Filipino Community of St. Joseph Parish



Figure 1 A sample photo of the groups initiative in General Luna Siargao

Levin organized a one-day garage sale on the 19th of February 2022. The said event was a success and it generated \$ 3,896 in sales; further donations drove up the sum amount to \$4,390. These money was then divided to 5 beneficiaries from 5 different provinces in the Philippines that was severely affected by the typhoon. The beneficiaries of Poblacion 3 General Luna, Siargao, used the funds to support a local community initiative headed by (Help Change Lives Philippines) in repairing and rebuilding of badly damaged houses in the area. Similar endeavour was made by the beneficiaries of Barangay Bulilis, Ubay, Bohol.



Figure 2 Photos of children raising a bag with school supplies in Himay-angan Elementary School of Liloan, Southern Leyte.

The beneficiaries of Liloan, Southern Leyte used the funds to support the initiative of Travel Teaching to distribute

school supplies which included bags and school supplies, goods that are essential to a child's development but are often forgone in the aftermath of a severe calamity.



Figure 3 Photos of food bundles to be distributed in Baragay Cartagena, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental

The beneficiaries of Barangay Cartagena, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental used the funds to distribute food to families that were affected by the typhoon in their area. Similar endeavour was undertaken by the beneficiaries of Liloan, Cebu Province.

For this, the Filipino Community of St. Joseph Parish Lev-in would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all those who supported the endeavour. With this the words of Saint Paul that says “So we being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.” Is truly felt. Thank you once again and may God bless us all.