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Chateau Margaux Benefit Dinner, Benigno S. Aldana Jr. Educational Awards 2017, Letters from Cebu, Supper Clubs and More Fundraising Events

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The Benigno S. Aldana Jr., Educational Awards 2017 and AAACPN

In January 2017, NOF presented four (4) awards to residents from Southeast Asia and sponsored them to attend the Asian Australasian Advanced Course in Pediatric Neurosurgery (AAACPN) in Shanghai, China. They were:

Dr. Ng Wei Ping, Malaysia

Dr. Richard Romolo, Indonesia

Dr. Andi Nugraha Sendjaja, Indonesia

Dr. Qingshuang Zhao, PR China

Candidates submit their applications to a selection committee for consideration. They are scored for their scholarly performance, degree of need, and impact to their community. Congratulations!



lecturers, but also from my peers in neighboring countries. I would love to be able to attend this course again in the future, and to recommend it to the other residents in my program. Thank you so much!" Dr. Sendjaja and Dr. Romolo, Indonesia

"..... was being able to interact with experts in the

".....I would like to give a great thanks to the generosity and wisdom of NOF for enabling me to come to this course. It is a wonderful and irreplaceable experience, as I am able to not only learn from



"...I used endoscopic to fetch sesames in a pumpkin. This was an interesting practice to get more familiar to endoscopy. Our new

endoscopy will be put into use this year and I will try to perform more neuro-endoscopic procedures." Dr. Qingshuang Zhao. China

Thank you to our donors and selection committee - Dr. Philipp Aldana, NOF President and Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Wolfson Children's Hospital, Florida; Dr. H. Gordon Deen, Prof. of Neurosurgery, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida; Dr. Andrew Jea, Pediatric Neurosurgeon, Indiana University School of Medicine; Dr. Jack Walker, Professor of Neurosurgery, University of Utah.

Une Soiree Avec Margaux, A Benefit Wine Dinner

The results of philanthropy are always beyond calculation - Mary Ritter Beard

Oh what a night! Dolled up ladies and gentlemen in their tuxedos streamed in the magnificent Mussallem Galleries in the middle of a January winter to indulge in a one of a kind wine pairing experience that is often seen in New York or LA. Guests were welcomed with a glass of Bollinger champagne, cedar key oysters and hackle back caviar. A narrated tour peppered with behind the scenes stories by Mr. Mussallem Jr. brought guests through the gallery admiring the awe-inspiring works of art and masterpieces such as one by Raphael worthy of the Vatican Museum. At the end of the tour, guests entered a grand space anchored by an original breathtaking Chihuly chandelier while being serenaded with harp music.



A few words of thanks from Dr. Deen and Dr. Aldana were followed by Mr. Thomas Burke of Chateau Margaux who charmed the guests the whole night. Mr. Ben Nelson of Hart Davis Hart Wine was also present and gave a glimpse of the world of wine. Chateau Margaux wines were paired with Wild Boar Belly, Coeur de Verdet Short Rib to name a few and a Coeur de Savoie cheese plate featuring local May Haw marmalade and loaves.

Dinner ended with a layered vanilla bean panna cotta, honey apple mille feuille with salted caramel ice cream and pistachio crumble, yes, paired with a glass of Chateau d'Yquem 2003.

Oh what a night, indeed! The dinner raised the most money for NOF to date. Thank you to the fundraising team and all of you who extended your support. May NOF's success be measured by the impact of our collective generosity and not solely on the amount raised.



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Supper Clubs, Parties, & More

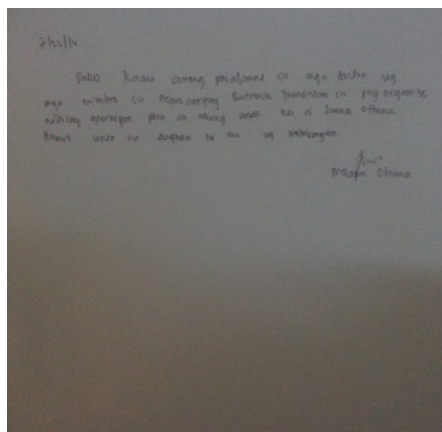
Let's get together again and again this year! Join us in one (or all!) of the Supper Clubs. An email announcement is made a few weeks before Supper Club indicating venue, date/time, menu, and when tickets go on sale. Remember these are intimate plated dining experiences and reserving your seat early is key! Dr. & Mrs. Philipp Aldana will kick this off at their house next month, so look out for the announcement soon! Interested in hosting one in your home? That's easy and at no cost to you! All you need to do is set a date and The Perfect Pear will do everything else - from tablescapes to menu planning. How easy is that? Let's get together soon! Open your home to NOF circles or gather your friends for dinner. Either way, you get to enjoy a chef prepared meal in the company of great people and The Perfect Pear gets to donate a portion of all Supper Club ticket sales to NOF. It's a no-brainer! See you at Supper Club! Email events@neurosurgeryoutreach.org for more information about being a host.

There's more! The Mussallem Gallery will be giving 30% of all purchases within the next 6 months to NOF. In addition, any art pieces anyone wishes to dispose of, the Mussallem Gallery will buy and give 10% of the total price to NOF while netting you (the seller) the most amount of money. Please contact James Mussallem Jr. at #904 739 1551 for more information. Plus, Margaux dinner guests still have time to avail of Hart Davis Hart Wine Company's offer to purchase wine directly from the cellars of Chateau Margaux whereby they will donate 10% of the profit from any orders to NOF.

2017 is shaping up to be a fun fundraising year for NOF. Upcoming events may include another wine pairing dinner, fine jewelry and tailored suits parties. Each event will highlight and benefit a particular program. More information coming ahead!

Thank You Notes from Cebu

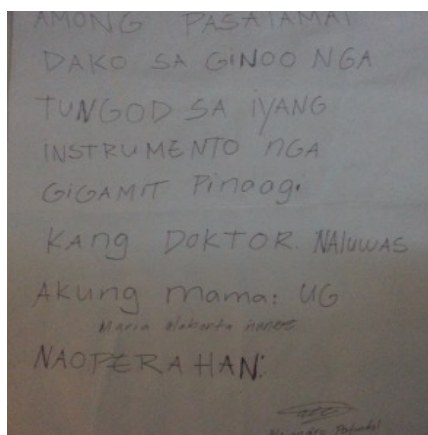
During the holiday season, NOF received several heartwarming letters of thanks from those we have served. Here are a couple of them written in the Cebuano dialect and translated in English:



7/22/16

Thank you to the doctors and members of the Neurosurgery Outreach Foundation in organizing this surgical mission for my daughter, Juana Oftana. We hope that you could help a lot more people like us.

~ Mrs. Melanie Oftana,
Housewife



8/24/16

We give thanks to the Lord for providing us the instrument used by the doctor to save my mother, Maria Nunez who was operated on.

~ Mr. Alejandro Patindol, Vendor



Forward Thinking

Educational Surgical Mission 2018 - NOF is already in the process of securing its next mission. Slated for summer of 2018 in the Philippines, this mission will have a wider educational scope. Interested surgeons to lecture, train, and teach may contact caldana@neurosurgeryoutreach.org for more information. NOF needs a commitment from volunteers at least nine months in advance to ensure all

paperwork are properly submitted in a timely manner. Read about this mission's development in future Brainwaves.

NOF Project: Fortification - The Philippines is 1 in 5 countries that do not fortify their flour. During ESM 2016, NOF met with UNICEF representative in the Philippines to discuss fortification policies. NOF has been informed by Child-Help/International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF) that a bill has been introduced to congress and it seeks to establish folic acid supplementation and mandatory fortification policies to reduce the prevalence of neural tube defects. NOF is supporting by sending a letter in support of this bill as requested by the representatives. Furthermore, in helping the Food Fortification Initiative and IF NOF is asking other relevant partners to provide letters of support.

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