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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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CHARITY SERVICES OF THE PHILIPPINE BAND OF MERCY, INC.

To the: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Coordinator, State Colleges
and Universities

1. Inclosed is an information sheet on the Philippine Band of Mercy, Inc., a socio-civic organization that gives free services to ~~indigent~~, physically handicapped individuals throughout the country.

2. In order that its services may be made available to those members of our society, the organization requests that public school teachers and all those who are most directly in contact with the physically handicapped disseminate the information in the community.

3. All inquiries may be directed to the following address:

The Philippine Band of Mercy, Inc.
22 East Avenue, Quezon City
Tel. No. 99-85-26

4. It is desired that this Department Memorandum be given wide dissemination in the field.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated.

PHILIPPINE BOND OF MERCY, INC.
East Avenue, Suezon City

WHAT IS THE PHILIPPINE BOND OF MERCY?

It is a charitable, non-profit, non-sectarian organization established for the welfare of the indigent physically handicapped individuals throughout the Philippines.

WHAT ARE ITS OBJECTIVES?

1. To care, discover persons who are physically defective or deformed irrespective of race, color, creed, sex or age, who reside within the Philippines by:
 - a. Making available, whenever possible and when indicated, complete and appropriate medical and surgical treatment and/or hospitalization.
 - b. Promoting in the community, the recognition and acceptance of the rights, needs, and the place of the physically handicapped.
 - c. Providing opportunities for those who are ready to be rehabilitated, to enter into some gainful occupation which will enable them to live normally upon their return to their own communities.
2. To cooperate with health and welfare institutions and organizations involved in the rehabilitation of the handicapped in the Philippines in activities related to the enhancement of their physical, social, emotional and mental welfare.
3. To assist in the training and professional development of professionals, students, and volunteer workers interested in the well-being of the disabled, by coordinating and cooperating with the different organizations and schools throughout the Philippines.

MEDICAL SCOPE OF SERVICES:

A. ORTHOPEDIC CASES

1. Children
2. Congenital and acquired amputees
3. Post-Polio

B. MAXILLO FACIAL DEFECTS

1. Cleft lip and palate
2. Webbed fingers and multiple fingers
3. Burn contracture
4. Other facial deformities

C. EYE CASES

- 1. Operation of congenital cataract and glaucoma and provision of post-operative cataract lenses for PRM patients
- 2. Imbelleation and provision of artificial eye
- 3. Squints
- 4. Corneal tattooing and other congenital deformities of the eye and ocular aduxa.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Physically handicapped individuals:
- a. who are within the age range of 3 months to 60 years
 - b. economically or financially unstable
 - c. capable for rehabilitation physically, mentally, socially or vocationally depending on the type of disability to enable them to live normally upon their return to their own communities.

HOW TO APPLY:

- 1. Personal application
- 2. Referral from other social welfare agencies
- 3. Referral from civic-spirited individuals, relatives and/or civic organizations

HOW IS IT FINANCED?

- 1. occasional allotments from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office
- 2. from the Community Chest of Greater Manila although very meager
- 3. membership dues (any person of legal age, of sound mind, and good moral character may become a member of the Philippine Bond of Mercy, Inc.)
- 4. private donations