



## News Release

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### *TJSL Aids In Philippines Relief Efforts*

**SAN DIEGO, CA** -- In the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan hitting the central Philippines on November 8, TJSL Alums and student organizations are coming together to collaborate relief efforts. They are calling on the rest of the TJSL and San Diego communities for help with money, non-perishable food items, and household supplies that are desperately needed half way around the world.

"It is heartbreaking to see the extent of the damage of the recent super typhoon that hit the Philippines. Thousands perished and more than half a million have lost their homes. Food, water and medicine are badly needed. I feel that it is our responsibility to help in any way we can to alleviate the suffering of those who survived this calamity," said TJSL student and Disaster Relief Organizer Ian Seruelo --who comes from the devastated area.

TJSL Alum Edward Pamintuan, Esq. '06 is coordinating with LBC Express, a Filipino-American door-to-door carrier to ship donations for Philippine relief efforts for free until November 30th. Donated items collected at TJSL or at any LBC Express location will be shipped to the Philippine Red Cross to be immediately distributed.

The Disaster Relief Fund goal is \$5,350 in money and supplies. As of Wednesday, November 20 they had collected almost \$2,000 which will go a long way in helping survivors. "A bag of relief goods that our partner organization is distributing in the Philippines cost approximately \$2.50. These relief bags contain canned goods, bread, other food items and water and will help affected families survive for two to three days," explained Seruelo.

"While we have not reached our target yet, we are happy about the positive response of the TJSL community. We continue to appeal to students, faculty, staff and the public to donate, as every single dollar is important. We are very thankful for the support of the student volunteers," he added.

Here is how you can help:

Suggested donation items: bottled water, canned food, powdered and evaporated milk, baby food and formula, peanut butter, granola and cereal bars, saltine crackers, dried fruit, and nuts, Tylenol, anti-diarrhea medication, candles, matches, shoes and slippers, blankets and diapers.

You can drop off your donation or give a monetary gift at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law on the first floor in the lobby between 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. or online at <http://ianstjssl.wix.com/tjssl-disasterfund>

TJSL's Disaster Relief Fund Drive will run until November 22.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is located at 1155 Island Ave., between Park and Eleventh. There is a trolley stop across from the law school and parking is available nearby, including at the Padres Parkade on Tenth Avenue.

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