

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Launched in 2012, actual operations of the Ruth Foundation began in January of 2013. Since then it's been seven life changing years of service with the constant goal of enhancing the quality of life for those facing advanced illness and age, through skilled and compassionate home-based care, palliative and hospice care education and advocacy.

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Message from the Executive Director

Hope itself is like a star, not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, and only to be discovered in the night of adversity. – **Charles Spurgeon**

2019 was a good year for The Ruth Foundation, leveling up to the progressive needs of our community. We made positive transitions in operations and we started processing the Level 2 Accreditation for the Department of Social Welfare and Development, which is still in the pipeline. This has also created an opportunity to build more partnerships that will have a lasting and positive impact for our palliative and hospice care patients. These partnerships also brought about a sense of community, which paved a way for the 2020 launch of TRF's project called Compassionate Communities Campaign. We were able to visit and empower Local Government Units and create networks with other civic groups, which we are looking forward to working with soon. I am hopeful for what the future brings for The Ruth Foundation and I am grateful for each one who has been and is continually a part of our journey. Again, shall we never tire of doing our part in sharing care, dignity and hope to as many people as possible.

With utmost gratitude for another year of service that has passed,

Dr. Rumalie Corvera *President/CEO*



Introduction

Economic growth slowed in the first half of 2019, driven by a rapid deceleration in investment growth due to contraction in public spending and weaker global economy. Nevertheless, the Philippines expects to sustain progress in poverty reduction. Declining inflation driven by stabilizing prices of food and energy prompted the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (Central Bank of the Philippines) to adopt a more accommodative policy stance in 2019. Inflation fell to 1.7% in August 2019, the lowest in almost 3 years. The Philippine government's expansionary fiscal policies for 2019 was put on hold as the delayed passage of the 2019 public budget impacted the pace of public spending significantly in the first half of the year, resulting in substantial underspending. Nevertheless, the *implementation of previous tax-policy reforms* led to robust revenue, resulting in a lower than programmed fiscal deficit for the first half of 2019. Improving labor market conditions, and sustained growth in real household incomes, led to progress in poverty reduction. Amidst rising global uncertainties, the Philippine economy remains strong and is projected to *arow 5.8% in 2019.**

With all of these numbers and statistics in mind, what's in it for The Ruth Foundation? Does this mean that we'd need more opportunities of partnership with other agencies and corporations to deliver and achieve the 2019 goals and plans? What about the patients and beneficiaries of the foundation, will they also be affected?

*Publication Source:

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Vision

The Ruth Foundation for Palliative and Hospice Care, Inc. envisions competent and compassionate palliative and hospice care for individuals needing it most.

Mission

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for those facing advanced illness and age through skilled and compassionate home-based care, palliative and hospice care education and advocacy.

Philosophy

The philosophy of palliative and hospice care are depicted in the values which the Foundation is grounded on:

- DIGNITY
- COMPASSION
- TRUSTWORTHINESS
- EXCELLENCE
- PARTNERSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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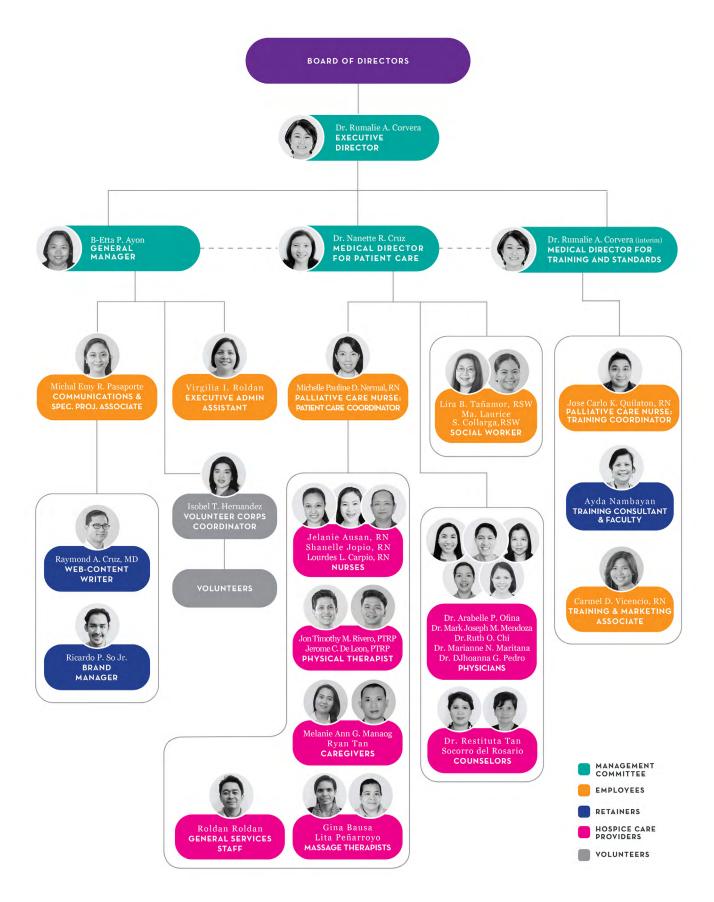


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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Accomplishments & Challenges

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Patient Care

Figure 1 - Summary of Patients Statistics

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	т	AVE
LIVING PATIENTS PER MONTH	84	87	91	89	96	99	101	104	105	103	106	106	-	97
ADMISSIONS	5	5	8	4	12	7	4	7	2	6	11	4	74	6
EXPIRED	2	2	4	6	5	4	1	4	1	7	5	4	45	4
DISCHARGED	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	5	0

The figure above shows the summary of patient statistics for the year 2019. The department was able to serve a total of 75 new patients with an average of at least 6 patients enrolled per month but lost 50 patients due to death and discharge, making the average of living patients around 98 per month.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	т	AVE
PHYSICIAN CONSULT	14	14	16	16	23	23	22	25	19	16	34	19	241	20
NURSING CARE	68	63	69	68	72	67	89	74	70	74	84	57	855	71
PHYSICAL THERAPY	41	51	54	30	40	26	36	31	23	37	42	11	422	35
REFERRAL TO DR. PEDRO*	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	8	0-1

Figure 2 - Basic Services

*Dr. Djhoanna G. Pedro serves as our Palliative Care Specialist for patients we are not able to serve through face to face visits because of geographic service limitations. She directly connects with the patients in need and attends to them independently, while the foundation remains her partner in care.

The figure above shows the number of the basic services made by the doctors, nurses, physical therapists and referrals to Dr. Pedro.

In a month, an average of 20 patients were visited by the doctors for the year while the nurses did an average of 71 home visits. The physical therapists were able to have an average of 35 patients per month, while referrals to Dr. Pedro only had a total of 8 patients for the year making it an average of at least 1 patient a month.

Figure 3 - Procedure Done

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	т	AVE
WOUND CARE	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	13	1

The figure above illustrates the procedures done by the nurses & doctors. It shows that wound care was the only procedure performed by the medical personnel for the whole year with a total of 13 procedures averaging that it is only done once a month.

Figure 4 - Complementary Services

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	т	AVE
ART THERAPY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BENEVOLENT FUND	20	17	21	21	17	25	27	21	27	29	23	30	278	23
BEREAVEMENT VISIT	2	0	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	0-1
COUNSELING	4	1	4	7	2	4	6	5	6	4	5	2	50	4
FAMILY CONFERENCE	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	12	1
FUNERAL VISIT	0	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	0	3	2	1	17	1
HAPPY ROOM	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MASSAGE THERAPIST	48	53	46	54	53	42	46	56	36	52	46	29	561	47
MUSIC INFUSION	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1
RESPITE CARE	0	2	5	5	3	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	28	2
SPIRITUAL CARE	20	17	16	18	7	25	24	24	14	18	6	4	193	16

The figure above shows the complementary services given to our patients for the year 2019. It shows that therapeutic massage is the most given service to our patients with a total of 561 procedures rendered, averaging to 47 patients a month. It is followed by the benevolent fund with a monthly average of 23 patients supported with it in the form of medicines and medical supplies. The rest of the services has an average of more or less than 10 patients per month.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Social Services

The Social Services Program of TRF had provided a total number of 225 services to patients. These services include 185 visits and 33 referrals and other services. Patients were provided referral services according to their needs which are mostly financial assistance to be able to buy medicine and medical supplies. Patients were referred to the offices of the Department of Social Welfare and Development that provides financial assistance.

It was the goal of this Program to spread the advocacy of TRF to every barangay of Muntinlupa as it could be a way to establish local partnership, since there are patients that TRF are catering to in those areas. This year, a courtesy call was done with the Brgy. Chairman of Sucat, Muntinlupa, Rafael T. Sevilla, to introduce TRF and its services and the referral system as well. The Social Services Program looks forward to strengthening the advocacy of TRF in 2020 by presenting its services and establishing partnerships with the barangays within the *MuntiParLas* (Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Las Piñas) area.

The year 2019 had been also challenging for the Social Services Program as it dealt with difficult cases of patients. There were 3 patients with problematic cases, in terms of neglect and abandonment, which were provided assistance. A 7 year- old blind patient who was abandoned by his parents was referred to DSWD Region 4 and was subsequently transferred to *Gentle Hands, Inc.* for proper case management. Two elderly siblings were referred to CSWD of Parañaque due to severe neglect of their family members. They were later endorsed to *Bahay Kalinga*, a shelter for the elderly of the LGU of Parañaque, which will monitor the siblings situation and provide necessary actions if they are continuously being neglected.

In this year the social workers were able to attend the following trainings and seminars:

- Seminar-Workshop on Case Management: An Approach and Method in Social Work —Makati City.
- **2** ELNEC-Geria —Asian Hospital and Medical Center
- **3** Art Therapy Lecture activity Asian Hospital and Medical Center
- Grant Proposal Writing lecture Makati City
- **5** SIOG Advance Course in Geriatric Oncology in the Philippines
- 6 Civic Society Organization Conference—Muntinlupa City
- **7** Orientation on Listahan Data Sharing by the DSWD



Aside from providing welfare services to patients, TRF Social Services were able to conduct the following:

1 A talk together with the TRF Marketing Officer regarding TRF services at Ospital ng Muntinlupa

2 Social Worker, Lira B. Tañamor talked about the Role of the Social Worker in Palliative and Hospice Care to medical social workers held at the Philippine Children's Medical Center

3 Meeting with Ms. Colorico, Social Worker in-charge for community-based home care for elderly of the DSWD Region 4, regarding TRF services and possible partnership

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Training

UPOU ABC Initiatives

During the 1st and 2nd quarter of the year (2019), TRF Training Team, Dr. Mae Corvera, Dr. Ayda Nambayan, Dr. Marianne Naria, Carlo Quilaton and Mamel Vicencio were invited to participate in the module writing workshop on pediatric palliative care for the Learning Management System for health care professionals and caregivers of University of the Philippines- Open University and Philippine Heart Center.





Department of Information & Communications Technology shoot for online Learning Management System



Webinars

Throughout the year, webinars have been attended. Asia Pacific Hospice Network (APHN) webinar online educational sessions provides specific topics within the palliative care realm. As an active member of APHN, TRF becomes a venue for these webinars that are open to employees and other allied health care professionals.



OSMUN Orientations

This is an all-year-round orientation upon invitation since the institution is a partner of TRF. The orientation is provided to existing and new patients of Ospital ng Muntinlupa who are possibly referable to TRF and its services. The orientation consists of an introduction to what palliative and hospice care is all about and the services of The Ruth Foundation.









End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)

This initiative is rendered upon invitation which includes a Memorandum of Agreement between requesting organizations. The ELNEC, is a 2-day course that provides comprehensive basic training in the care of patients and their families who experience life threatening and life-limiting illness.

May 15-16, 2019 | Baguio General Medical Center **ELNEC CORE**







September 25-26, 2019 | Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center ELNEC CORE







November 25-26, 2019 | Asian Hospital and Medical Center **ELNEC Geriatric**

Grateful for two speakers who came all the way from Veterans Hospital in San Diego, California, to share their expertise and work experience in relation to Palliative Care in geriatrics.







Preceptorship Program

These are scheduled throughout the year, with a Memorandum of Agreement with the partner institutions. These are individual learning methods which involve coming alongside palliative and hospice care specialists, physicians and nurses during actual patient visits. Case-based learning, mentoring, and objective structured clinical examination are utilized.

Interns of this program are:

- 1 University of Perpetual Help Dalta, Las Piñas City
- 2 De La Salle Medical Health Sciences Institute, Dasmariñas, Cavite Chinese MAN Students
- 3 Troy High School Fullerton, California, USA
- 4 Southville International School Cohort Las Piñas City
- 5 Trimex Colle Biñan, Laguna

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Troy High School, Fullerton, California, USA



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SouthVille International School College of Nursing - Las Piñas City





5 TRIMEX College - Biñan, Laguna



Internal Training

Talk on Government Policies Related to Palliative Care, the Universal Health Care Act, National Integrated Cancer Control Act, PWD Magna Carta Amendment, and Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Act, all done with the goal to make TRF staff aware of the upcoming benefits, health outcomes and coverage of the aforementioned policies and that these may be shared to patients and their families for transparency.



New Training Exams

New exams have been created with Dr. Ayda; an additional attitudinal exam has been made to determine the efficacy of our educational offerings and also to help us plan content for future offerings.

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	Please circle the r	umber that b	est match hov		t the statements given
	Strongly Disagree				ree Strongly Agree
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2.	As a patient near patient and his fa		okay for the nu	irse to detach I	erself emotionally from t
	1	2	3	4	5
3.	I am frustrated by patient.	r the amount	of time require	ed to provide n	ursing care for a dying
	1	2	3	4	5
4.	I would listen car because I believe	efully when a that it is ben	chronically ill eficial for ther	patient starts v n.	erbalizing his/her feelings
	1	2	3	4	5
5.	The family shouk dying relative.	l maintain as	normal an env	ironment as po	ssible for the sake of the
	1	2	3	4	5
6.	The family should	t be allowed t	to be involved	in the care of t	heir dying patient.
	1	2	3	4	5
7.	I should keep my relationships with				s because close
	1	2	3	4	5
8.	As nurses, we sh bereavement.	ould continue	to care for th	e survivors thro	ugh the period of grief a
	1	2	3	4	5
9.	To promote hope	, the nurse st	hould talk to p	atients and fam	ilies about cheerful thing
	1	2	3	4	5
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	1	2	3	4	5

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	e answer the questions tive care nursing. We a		hat you currently know or learned about etion of this quiz.
Part I	- Encircle your answe	r.	
1.		ropriate only in situati ation of patient's situa	ons where there is evidence of a downhill tion.
	True	False	Don't Know
2.	The provision of pall	iative care requires er	notional detachment.
	True	False	Don't Know
3.	The extent of the dise	ase determines the m	ethod of pain treatment.
	True	False	Don't Know
4.	Morphine is the stand	lard drug used to com	pare the analgesic effect of other opioids.
	True	False	Don't Know
5.	Adjuvant therapies an	e important in manag	ing pain.
	True	False	Don't Know
6.	It is crucial for family	members to remain	at bedside until death occurs
	True	False	Don't Know
7.	Drug addiction is a m management of pain.		orphine is used on a long-term basis for the
	True	False	Don't Know

LIFT Workshop

LIFT (*Living In Faith Together*) is a workshop that helps people care for those in their communities who are elderly and terminally or chronically ill. It is compassionate care that is practical, intentional, sustainable, and educational.

December 14, 2019 | Baguio City







ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Events, Advocacy and Communication Activities

Art Kulay Exhibit

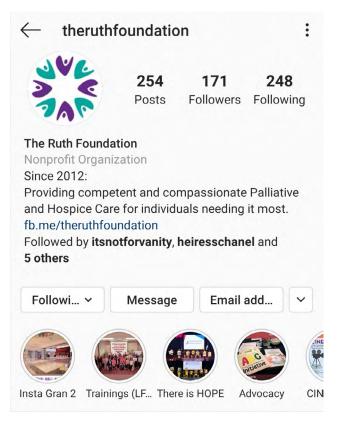
A fundraising art event featuring the work of the children from Kulay (Cancer patients) and known artists, for the benefit of Kulay Kids and TRF, led by Dr. Marianne Maritana





Instagram Opening of Account

TRF has registered an account on InstaGram for marketing purposes; reaching out to wider audiences, like the millennials and Gen Y, among those who share essential posts to social media for their friends, colleagues, and families. This account has also been opened to be a venue for patients' heartwarming stories, 'at the moment' events, and to encourage new volunteers.





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CINE HOPE

CINE HOPE is a fundraising block screening event for the benefit of TRF patients and a platform to develop caring and compassionate communities.

March 8 | Captain Marvel



April 26 – Avengers Endgame



July 5 – SpiderMan: Far From Home 2





November 22 – Frozen



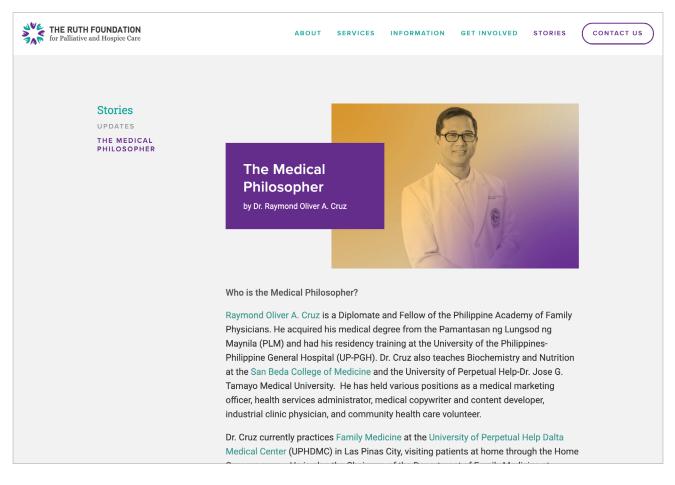


TRF Website Revamp

The TRF Team, spearheaded by the Communications Team, has discussed thoughts and ways as to how to improve the website in terms of the look, feel, updates, and even cost.







CLOVERSENSE Activities

The CloverSense group has continued to partner with the TRF team and for this year pledged to financially support the patients of the foundation. TRF and their CSR conducted a list of activities – orientations to Therapeutic Art Activities – where their own employees can join to be able to share hope with the patients of TRF, at the same time, be able to selfactualize and destress.



Cloversense Orientation of TRF Services





Therapeutic Art Session and Art Materials Gift-Giving with CloverSense













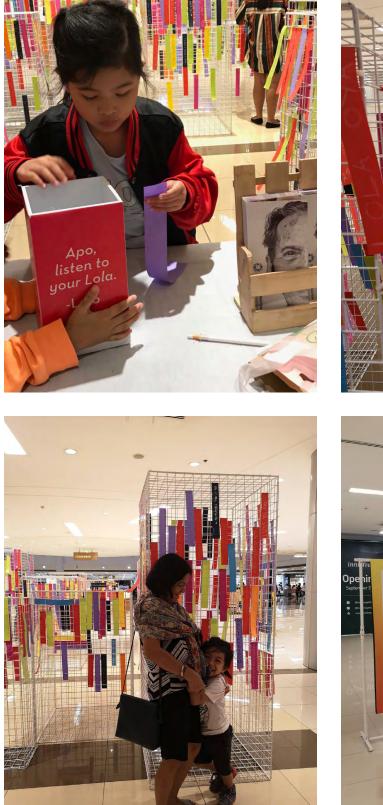
INSTAGRAN 2 (in partnership with Festival Mall)

Instagran 2, a second-year grandparents' day installation, is an exhibit or collection of portraits and stories, and advice lovingly put together by The Ruth Foundation, through the lens of different photography enthusiasts. The exhibit was an interactive installment and was an avenue to spread awareness about palliative care, which also encouraged people to both appreciate their own grandparents and opened opportunities for them to volunteer at the foundation.













Christmas Gift Giving

December 19, Gift-giving; two groups went to different households of our patients. As a continuous supporter of TRF activities and patients, Capital Power Global Ltd. pledged to support the Christmas giveaways for our pediatric patients. Aside from funding the baskets full of Christmas goodies, they went with the TRF team to give these gifts and share smiles and stories with the patients and their families.









Aside from activities, internal and external trainings, we also upgraded the forms used in the office for the Patient Care Team and for external resources, brochure inserts for people to know how to avail services, how to be involved and how to advocate by joining or hosting trainings to educate and empower health care providers.



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 As a support to the patient care team, forms for rolling out are proofread to deliver clear and precise statements. Proofreading forms for the foundation may help in aiding in proper and clear understanding of the team's objectives/ goals.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Operations & Quality

Year 2019 was a colorful year for The Ruth Foundation. After a DSWD Level 2 Pre- accreditation in the last quarter of year of 2018, we aimed to get a DSWD Level 2 Accreditation in first quarter of 2019, the schedule for a validation was set and was moved to a later date and finally got a schedule.

It was unfortunate that the DSWD did not grant TRF for its Level 2 Accreditation but instead synchronized the validity of the license and registration to that of the current accreditation (Level 1) since the license was due for renewal, for the reason to have ample time to prepare and gather for the new standard requirements of license and registration. In spite of this, TRF still ended the year 2019 with flying colors. Planned activities were implemented, that even required participation of the patients and their family members to participate certain events.

Additional manpower was added to the team, our social worker resigned and was replaced by a former social worker and a part-time social worker was hired as well. Two part-time workers were added to the Communications team.

While we are aiming for a higher number of volunteers who will do other patient care tasks, it seems that retention of volunteers is a concern.

Events and activities implemented, either planned or unplanned, will definitely require funds to roll them out.

DETAILS	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE	
PROGRAM	6,221,817	80%	
ADMINISTRATATION	1,622,358	20%	
GRAND TOTAL	7,844,175	100%	

Summary of Funds

Budget Comparison & Utilization

YEAR & DETAILS	AMOUNT	SOURCES OF FUNDS	UTILIZATION
2018 OVERALL BUDGET	6,594,750	8,303,300	6,686,849
2019 OVERALL BUDGET	7,290,000	7,106,073	7,844,175

Patient Care

Partnership with barangays in Muntinlupa, in coordination with the respective barangay officials, in order to share TRF's advocacy and its program.

Partnership with GO's, NGO's and other likeminded organizations in order to reach more people to serve.

Capacity Building for the Patient Care team to deliver services with quality care.

Training and Development with Communications

Application for TRF as a CPD Provider for Trainings in order to organize staff development training and workshops all year round for internal and external offerings.

Raise funds to cover percentage of training cost.

Finalize training packages and offerings to nearby municipalities and other related institutions to make it a staple program of TRF.

Operations

Restructure and reorganize staffing patterns based on their capacity and ability to support direction of the organization.

Assured quality services with less fund allocation through partnership of GO's and NGO's.

Efficient and effective people serving the organization with the system and processes in place.

2020 Goals