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MONTHLY UPDATES · FEATURES & ACHIEVEMENTS | JULY to SEPTEMBER, 2017



PATIENT CENSUS

JUL

- 78 total patients
- 75 visits made
- 1 new admission
- 2 passed on
- 23 spiritual care

AUG

- 79 total patients
- 73 visits made
- 4 new admissions
- 1 passed on
- 16 spiritual care

SEP

- 78 total patients
- 70 visits made
- 1 new admission
- 2 passed on
- 11 spiritual care

EVENTS FOR THE QUARTER



July 5 to 7

Staff Empowerment: Accounting for NGOs

The Ruth Foundation values the developmental growth of its employees. Last July, TRF sent two of its employees to attend a three-day seminar on *Accounting for Non-Profit Organizations*, hosted by Christ's Public Accountants Ministries, Inc and Lares de Nava Consulting Co.



July

TRF Hires a New General Manager

In the middle of July, TRF welcomed another staff onboard. Ms. B-Etta Ayon joined the team to serve as General Manager, to provide operational leadership for the foundation's services and advocacy. She will ensure quality and good governances through effective resource use and priority goal setting.



July 22

Talk on Episcopal Health Care

On July 22, TRF's Medical Director for Patient Care, Dr. Nanette Cruz, was invited to speak on hospice care at a *Symposium on Catholic Care for the Terminally Ill* hosted by the Episcopal Commission on Health Care. The event was held at the Paco Catholic School in Manila.

August 15

DSWD Preparation Visit

After TRF received its registration certificate and license to operate from DSWD last January, the foundation's next step has involved preparing for DSWD accreditation. Last August, a technical assessor from DSWD NCR visited the foundation to do an initial assessment of requirements. TRF hopes to have its accreditation status by the end of 2017.

August 15

Senator Angara Files the Palliative and Hospice Care Act

A country with a strong palliative care system is one that integrates this medical field into national and government policies. The good news is, last August 15, Senator Sonny Angara filed the Palliative and Hospice Care Act as a Senate Bill. If this bill becomes a law, palliative care will be a mandatory program in all hospitals and part of medical school curricula.



August 17 to 18

ELNEC AT DLSHSI

Over fifty participants joined us for our *End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium – Core Course* last August 17 & 18, held at the De La Salle Health Sciences Institute in Dasmariñas, Cavite. This course was held in partnership with our partners at the De La Salle Health Sciences Institute & College of Nursing.



August 22

Partnership Meeting with Barangay Cupang

Part of The Ruth Foundation's advocacy is seeking out partnerships within our flagship community, the city of Muntinlupa. On August 22, representatives from TRF paid a courtesy visit to the barangay office at Cupang to introduce our services and open doors to potential partnerships with communities like theirs.



August 30

Volunteers Make Birthday Visits

A couple of months back, the TRF patient care team began to celebrate patients' birthdays with simple gifts and music. At the end of August, the team worked with our volunteers worked to bring joy to patients on their special day. We hope to continue this project monthly.

September 28 to 29

3-Year Strategic Planning

The coming years are exciting times for Philippine palliative care. To prepare for the years ahead, TRF's staff and volunteers met to discuss their vision for the next three years, along with concrete plans for 2018.

