

Chicago, IL – August 16, 2012. The Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago (FACHIC) had the opportunity to participate in the Chicago Children's Museum health fair on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at Navy Pier. Amidst an energetic, kid-friendly environment, FACHIC members drew participants to an outreach table that distributed health education materials. The health fair was estimated to have drawn over 1,800 attendees and FACHIC hosted one of 21 partner booths at the health fair.

At the outreach booth, FACHIC volunteers distributed heart healthy Filipino recipes of traditional dishes such as champorado, leche flan, embutido, and halo halo. Information on child safety tips for the summer was also distributed. FACHIC was proud to present the importance of healthy eating and physical activity to such a young, vibrant group. Dr. Yasmin Sacro, medical director and board member of FACHIC, was enthused to participate “in a fun event that offered Chicago families a free opportunity to learn about health, receive screenings, and enjoy interactive activities.”

This was the first year FACHIC was invited to participate at the Chicago Children's Museum health fair. FACHIC has also been an annual collaborating organization for the Passport to the Philippines at the Chicago Children's Museum that is part of the Passport to the World Series. The Passport to the Philippines was recently held from June 14, 15 and 16 in 2012 and will be held on June 13, 14 and 15 in 2013 at the Chicago Children's Museum.

The Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago (FACHIC) is a collaborative of community, health professional, and academic leaders united to address Filipino health issues in the Chicago area. The mission of FACHIC is to increase awareness of Filipino health disparities and to implement health interventions and educational programming to improve the health status of the Filipino community. FACHIC is a 501(c)(3) Illinois nonprofit organization. All programs and services are free and available to all. For more information, visit <http://www.fachic.org>.

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