

Chicago, IL – The Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago (FACHIC) in partnership with the Filipino American Council of Greater Chicago (FACC) Volunteer Health Services will be hosting its 5th Annual Community Health Fair on Sunday, September 25, 2011. The health fair will be held at the Rizal Heritage Center located at 1332 West Irving Park Road from 9 am to 1 pm. This is an open event available to the Filipino community and other ethnic groups. Last year, nearly 300 people attended this free event.

Health screenings will be provided at no cost by a number of service providers from different hospitals, home health, and other health and social service agencies in the Chicago area. Screenings include: blood pressure, body mass index, cholesterol, diabetes, dental, podiatry, eye and many more.

In addition to the health screenings, information will be available to participants on nutrition, physician referrals, parenting, heart disease and diabetes prevention, All Kids/FamilyCare, and other public benefits. A licensed clinical social worker will also be on site for free consultations.

For more information about the upcoming Community Health Fair, please contact Dr. Rufino Crisostomo at 312-402-4191 or Dr. Jane Jih at 312-962-7748.

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>

The Filipino American Council of Greater Chicago (FACC) Volunteer Health Services is composed of volunteer doctors, nurses, and other health and social health providers that provide free health screenings and check-ups to dozens of low-income Filipino seniors and uninsured individuals every Saturday during the Filipino American Veterans and Seniors Program and every 4th Sunday of the month during the Monthly Food Distribution Program at the Rizal Center. Dr. Rufino Crisostomo is the Medical Director of this program.

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