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Leo C. Rosten once said that the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, and to be compassionate. It is, after all, to matter, to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all. This summer, under its banner of brotherhood, medicine and service, the resident members of the Order of Asclepius continued to put their skills into good use as they offered their services to the circumcision drive organized by the Rotaract Club of Bacolod North last April 18, 2015 held at the St. Therese Parish, Brgy 35, Bacolod City.

The Rotary Club of Bacolod North holds this annual social service project entitled *Busog-Himsog Operation Tuli*. With priority given to malnutrition, this event, which is composed of a feeding

program and a circumcision drive, primarily aims to cater the barangay which has the highest number of malnutrition rate in the city. For the second year in a row, Brgy. 35 was chosen to be the recipient of the feeding program. On the other hand, three other barangays (Brgy. 16, Brgy. 34, and Brgy. 36) alongside Brgy. 35 became recipients of the surgical mission, which the resident members participated in.

Over 70 children were successfully circumcised during this half-day event. *"The Order of Asclepius has been instrumental in the success of this activity for five years now."* said Rotaract Club of Bacolod North President, Mr. JB Niño Barredo. He adds that he in behalf of the Rotaract Club of Bacolod North is looking forward to more partnerships in the future.

Other partnering organizations that offered their resources to this said event were Hablon Toastmasters Club - Iloilo, spearheaded by Dr. Anastacio Rufon (Batch 11) and Phoenix Philippines Foundation, Inc, led by their Corporate Affairs Officer, Mr. Serafin Bernardo.

The Phoenix Philippines Foundation, Inc., which has advocacies for education, health and safety, and the environment, has expressed interest in partnering with the Order of Asclepius. In the said partnership, the foundation will provide financial or non-financial resources to support the Order's future activities while the Order will provide manpower to the foundation's activities related to their corporate social responsibility. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is expected to take place on June, 2015 in Iloilo City. #