

## New Year Newsletter 2014



*Giving and receiving love is the only promise of having a truly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you once again for being part of our 2014. May we continue to be partners in uplifting the lives of our children who are deaf. Wishing you and your loved ones the best of this holiday season. A peaceful and joyful 2015 to all!!!!*



## Planning for the Future



Last August 19, the Board of Trustees came together to plan for the future of LINK Center for the Deaf. This continued until August 23 when the LINK Center Management and Staff gathered to brainstorm new ideas for the Center. LCD will definitely have an exciting future ahead.

The Strategic Planning session, held at the LINK Center for the Deaf office, was facilitated by Ms. Veronica Ester Mendoza with Ms. Ritz Jose and Ms. Kat Agustin from MC-SAID as documenter and interpreter, respectively.

## LINK Welcomes New Family Members

A certified interpreter for persons who are deaf, Ms. Jane Chu became the newest board member and treasurer of LINK Center for the Deaf. She has been actively involved with the deaf



community for the past 12 years.

LINK also welcomed new members of the staff this year: Victor Ferrer, Myla Hernandez and Mario Cagomoc.





**Responding to the Challenges of K to 12**



This year, LINK Center for the Deaf launched the annual Teacher Enhancement Program. The 3-day session was held at the CVJ Events Place, Marikina City with the theme "Responding to the Challenges of K to 12". More than 100 teachers from all over Luzon attended the sessions on September 6, October 4 and October 18. They were trained by facilitators and educators that are experts in their own field. Edizon A. Fermin, PhD., Estrela R. Agustin, PhD., Marivic Gustilo-De Ocampo, PhD. and guest high school and elementary educators were among the esteemed facilitators.

This year's TEP aimed to equip educators, not only from the field of Special Education but from mainstream schools as well, to be ready for the upcoming challenges of the new K to 12 education system of the Philippines. Among the topics discussed were General K to 12 Transition; Brain-Compatible: Learning and Teaching; and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

**KEEP UPDATED!**

Know more about TEP and check out the latest news from LINK Center for the Deaf by visiting our website

[www.linkcenterforthe deaf.org](http://www.linkcenterforthe deaf.org) and don't forget to keep in touch with us through our Facebook page **LINK Center for the Deaf**.





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### Christmas Outreach 2014

LINK Center's Christmas Outreach in partnership with Miriam Computer Research and On-Line Support (MICRO) and Miriam College Deaf Students' Association and friends of LINK was held at the IRC Foyer of Miriam College last December 13. The UP Circle of Administrators presented a puppet show and gave gifts as well. 85 students from different public schools and their families participated in the event. LINK also reached out to 25 homeless individuals which was a separate outreach that was held last December 7.



### LINK Center Recollections



LINK Center for the Deaf values the importance of spiritual development. On October 25, the staff were able to attend a whole day recollection at the Salesian Sisters of the Sacred Hearts, Antipolo which was facilitated by Fr. Victoriano Caritos of Verbum Dei.

LINK also had a half day recollection on December 18 with Sr. Luisa Mesina of

Verbum Dei as facilitator. What a wonderful way to start the holidays and welcome the New Year!



### LINK Center Celebrates Christmas

Old and new members of the LINK Management and Staff celebrated Christmas last December 16 at Café Shibuya, U.P. Town Center.



### WHAT'S NEW IN 2015?

Raskob Foundation approved Phase 2 of the Spiritual Development Program for students who are deaf from different public schools. The first Phase ended on October 18 with a culminating activity. The Salesian Sisters of the Sacred Hearts is partnering with LINK Center for the Deaf for this project which will start in January 2015.