



*Filipinos Abroad Helping Filipinos At Home*

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## **Community Power GIVING CIRCLE** (Final Revised June 28, 2016)

### **What is a Giving Circle?**

A giving circle is a group of individuals who come together, pool charitable donations from all their members, and make collective decisions about where to grant their money. Giving circles are increasingly common with over 400 giving circles in the US (Forum on Regional Associations of Grantmakers, 2008). Most of these groups have grassroots origins and spring from the passions and energies of citizens unconnected to philanthropy.

### **What is the focus of the Giving Circle?**

In 2016, the Community Power Giving Circle plans to focus its giving to Filipino and Filipino American youth projects both in the US and/ or the Philippines. [Community Power Giving Circle at Bayanihan Foundation is a member of the Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy \(AAPIP\)](#), a national, member-supported philanthropic advocacy organization dedicated to advancing philanthropy and Asian American/Pacific Islander communities.

### **What are the expectations if I join the Giving Circle?**

You can choose either to become a donor or a core supporter. As a donor, you are expected to: 1. contribute your share to the pooled fund; and 2. help select and vote online for the group/s to be awarded. As a core supporter, you have the same expectations as a donor AND join three additional meetings (virtual Google chats or in-person in Chicago, IL): 1. popular education training on privilege and power; 2. leadership development and fundraising; 3. assessment and evaluation. As a donor or a core supporter, you are invited to the award ceremony and inaugural party of the Giving Circle (see tentative dates on page 3).

### **What is the difference between a donor and a core supporter?**

A donor is anyone who is willing to donate \$150 and up and vote online for the group/s to be awarded. A core supporter is someone who is more involved - join the popular education and leadership development meetings and help sort through the applications. Whether you become a donor or a core supporter, we welcome you to be part of the Community Power Giving Circle, to become engaged and to make a difference. You will be joining the one of the few Filipino American Giving Circles in the US.

### **Who is involved with the Community Power Giving Circle?**

Bayanihan Foundation board member James Castillo and NEXTGEN Fellow Jeselle Santiago serves as champions of the Giving Circle. Both James and Jeselle are recruiting friends and acquaintances to join the group. Dale Asis, President of the Bayanihan Foundation serves as fiscal agent of the Giving Circle.



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### **Who can join the Giving Circle?**

Both James and Jeselle are inviting other young Filipino Americans, ages 14 years old and up, to join the Giving Circle. 15 additional members (donors or core supporters) are expected to join. If you are between ages 14 and 18 years old, please have one of your parents or guardian sign a brief consent form (please ask Jeselle or James for the brief consent form).

### **Why have a Giving Circle?**

A giving circle taps into donors' personal interests and desire for engagement while allowing them to leverage their dollars to make a significant difference in their communities.

### **Why is Bayanihan Foundation having a Giving Circle?**

In 2015, the Bayanihan Foundation sponsored NEXTGEN Program of young Filipino Americans to travel back to the Philippines, learn about their roots and provide opportunities to help back home. The Community Power Giving Circle is aligned with the Bayanihan Foundation's mission of Filipinos abroad helping Filipinos at home. The giving circle will also engage Filipino and Filipino American groups both locally in Chicago and globally in the Philippines.

### **How does a Giving Circle work?**

The host, Bayanihan Foundation and the giving circle, Community Power has legal responsibility for the giving circle and its activities. Although the giving circle may have considerable autonomy and independence, the Bayanihan board will review all decisions and activities to ensure that the giving circle doesn't accidentally do something that puts the host at legal risk. The Bayanihan Foundation serves as fiscal agent of the giving circle and provides donors tax deduction for their monetary gifts. Bayanihan will accept the donation, provides official thank-you letters and provide regular reports about the pooled fund's status. [Donations to the Community Power Giving Circle will not directly benefit the Bayanihan Foundation. The giving circle is created to benefit not just one organization or project, but engage many Filipino and Filipino American groups locally and globally.](#)

### **How much should I give, if I decide to join this giving circle?**

A donor or a core supporter is expected to give \$150 or more towards the pooled fund. The giving circle will help you fundraise and share strategies to help you raise the funds. Donation of any amount is accepted. However, a minimum of \$150 is needed so you can have one vote and help us choose the applicant/s to be awarded. In addition, the Bayanihan Foundation board is also raising additional funds with possible matching funds from the Asian Americans Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP).

### **How will the groups applying for funds be selected?**

The core supporters will sort through all the applications and select the list of applicants for final review. All donors and supporters will review the applications online. All donors and



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supporters will each have one vote (one person, one vote), regardless of the amount they donate (\$150 and up). All votes will be tallied and the top applicants with the most votes will be awarded the funds.

**When does the Community Power Giving Circle start? Tentative timeline (subject to change)**

May 2016 – Start recruitment of up to 17 members to join the Giving Circle

June 2016 – Announcement of Giving Circle/ kick-off fundraising party

July 16, 2016 – Giving Circle first meeting: leadership development and fundraising training (1 of 4 core supporter meeting)

September 17, 2016 – Giving Circle popular education training (2 of 4 core supporter meeting)

November 12, 2016 – Review youth group applications (3 of 4 core supporter meeting)

January 2017 – Online announcement of application rules

April 2017 – Review of applications & selection of recipients (4 of 4 core supporter meeting/ donor meeting)

June 2017 – Announcement of recipients/ celebrations both in Los Angeles, CA & Chicago, IL)

July 2017 – Evaluation and assessment of Giving Circle

**Who do I contact if I have additional questions about the Giving Circle?**

Please contact James Castillo at [redbpro@gmail.com](mailto:redbpro@gmail.com), (626) 241-7010 or Jeselle Santiago at [jeselle.santiago@gmail.com](mailto:jeselle.santiago@gmail.com), (630) 362-1347