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From: "Noemi Basco Silva" <nbs120@psu.edu>
To: <ubbakker@adelphia.net>
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2004 10:04 PM
Subject: Fwd: Trash to Treasure

I'm forwarding this info to you because Khin and I are really interested to visit the Salvage Warehouse. We are not sure if you are available at 10 A.M. on Saturday so please let us know. Thank you very much.

Noemi Basco Silva (Philippines)

To: Local Media

From: Centre County United Way

RE: United Way Trash to Treasure Sale Room

The Centre County United Way Trash to Treasure Sale Room will be held Saturday, Jan. 24 from 10-2p.m. At the end of last semester, Penn State students saved over 3 tons of wonderful, usable items from the landfill and donated them to the Centre County United Way for resale to the community through the Sale Room. Items in the sale include electronics, rugs, furniture, great clothing, house wares, lamps and much more. All the proceeds from the sale room benefit the 36 local United Way agencies. The Trash to Treasure sale room is a great way to help the community, support recycling and find terrific bargains. The Sale Room is located in the Salvage Warehouse area of the Penn State Campus, near the intersection of University Drive and Park Avenue.

To: Humphrey Scholars

Dr. Dr. Noemi Silva, Associate Dean, Philippines

Ms. Khin Mar Aung, Save the Children, Myanmar

Mr. Bayla Barry, Volunteer Programs, Senegal

From: U.B. Bakker, HHH Program Faculty Mentor

Subj: Trash to Treasure (TtT) Program

Per your request, I approached the major organizers of the TtT program and arranged a brief meeting with Mr. Al Matyasovsky, PSU Liaison and Ms. Connie Schroeder, United Way Project Director, as follows

Date: Thursday-January 22, 2004

Place: Otto's Cafe at Kern Graduate Building

Time: 1:40-2:40 pm (and TtT site visit after the meeting)

I'll provide the transportation for this meeting and pick you up around 1:25-1:30 pm-- first Bayla, then Noemi and Khin from your homes. Please visit the following web site for the TtT info: <http://www.ccunitedway.org/trashtotreasure.html#sale>

I have also attached some pictures from the previous years FYI

U.B. Bakker



**Bayla Barry
Humphrey Fellow
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**Dr. Noemi B. Silva
Humphrey Fellow
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PHILIPPINES**



**Dr. U. B. Bakker
Faculty Mentor
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Dear U.B.,

I do remember our conversation, so I am pleased to hear that you have organized this activity. I am sure that Noemi and the others will "treasure" the experience!

Thanks for all that you do for the Fellows.

Regards,

Pat Nelson, Associate Dean, College of Education

Hello Connie,

We had a very productive meeting with Al and a follow-up site visit. Humphreys found your project quite interesting and would like to study and observe further.

Al and I discussed the volunteer options and tentatively decided bring them in early for Saturday morning set-up and sale activities. This offer needs to meet your approval naturally. Please call me today if you have any concerns in this matter.

U.B. Bakker, Humphrey Faculty Mentor



Dear Humphreys,

Thanks so much for your help with our Trash to Treasure Sale last Saturday. You were all wonderful with the set-up, under kind of difficult circumstances! I am very pleased to report that we raised \$1488 from the items sold that day! We still have about 50% of the items in the room, which we will sell or dispense to local charities later this spring.

Connie Schroeder, United Way

Dear Al and Connie,

Thank you very much for meeting with Humphrey Fellows on Thursday and also working with them Saturday morning during the event. I believe they appreciated your advise and suggestions very much and would like to further study the this idea. Thus, would like to invite you to our next meeting

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2004. Time: 2:30 - 3:30 pm Place: 111 Sowers St, S.501

Please join us at this meeting to explore HHH Fellows support for T2T project.

U.B. Bakker



REFLECTIONS

By Humphreys



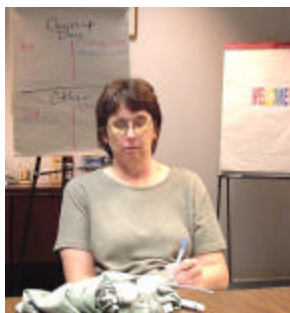
On behalf of the Humphrey Fellows, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciations for your "Trash To Treasure" project presentation and follow-up suggestions. We'll discuss T2T experiential/volunteer topic at the next meeting and contact you for a further discussion and planning options, mutually beneficial to T2T goals and Humphreys' professional objectives.

Sincerely, Humphreys

By Connie Schroeder

Dear Humphrey Fellows:

Thank you so much for your time and interests in our Trash to Treasure program. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to share it with you, and we certainly hope you found some practical ideas to take home with you. You came to the Saturday Sale ready to learn and willing to jump in, work together, and do whatever was needed most. Being a volunteer is not the most glamorous job in the world, but it has its' own rewards, to be sure. And that is the true spirit of the program. It brings a diverse group of people together, working toward a common goal for the greater good of the community.



I recognize that for a wide variety of reasons, you may not be able to implement a recycling program such as ours in your own country. The degree of waste here must exceed any that you would find in a developing country, and we are only glad that in our own small way we can turn some of the waste we find here into a good thing. I feel that even if you are unable to find practical application of the Trash to Treasure Sale in your own country, you should still be able to apply the principals of bringing stakeholders together to forge creative, pragmatic solutions for problems that your country faces. Best wishes to you as you complete your Humphrey program, and carry the knowledge you have gained back to your country for practical application.

By Al Matyasovsky

Dear Humphrey Friends:

The effort of Trash to Treasure is a need surrounded by volunteers. The need is to collect and redistribute re-usable goods and in doing so keep them from the landfill.

The critical link between the collection of goods and their distribution is the volunteer. Too expensive to pay a group to collect the donated materials, the volunteer is necessary for a program of this magnitude to be instituted. In stating the importance of volunteers, one of their most significant attributes is the can do spirit. I have been fortunate to have many colleagues and friends that have supported our efforts with this living nectar and made our programs successful.

When meeting the Humphreys, I saw what committed spontaneous leaders you are. Each of you will make a difference in the lives of others. Trash to Treasure, or a similar program, will work in your countries because you have the universal quality of helping others through community devotion born of pride, desire and volunteerism. I am very pleased to see that you have taken an intellectual leadership to learn, apply, and share by Developing the PPPC and this journal. Hope we maintain our links through this journal and other leadership and organizational networks for Humphrey Fellows.

