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Save A Tahanan Inc. honored by California State Assembly

by Freddie Esteves
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At the Peñafrancia Festival last September 17, California Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Leland Yee presented STI with a commendation from the California State Assembly for its exemplary projects.

Assemblyman Yee, a staunch supporter of the Asian-American community was very pleased to present the award to STI President



California Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Leland Yee presenting the California State Assembly Certificate of Recognition to STI President Honesto Tria

Sweeter the Second Time Around

by Freddie Esteves
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Whoever said the sequel doesn't do better than the first one should think twice, the Second Save A Tahanan Charity Golf Tournament outdid the results of the first one in terms of enjoyment and of proceeds collected.

Last June 25, a total of 52 players converged at

Sunol to have fun, play and impart their blessings to underprivileged families in the Philippines. At 10 am, the first players teed off and the festivity begun. About 7 miles away, volunteers were busy preparing the meal tables and the food. With the STI blue ladies at the helm, everything was

set to perfection to the smallest details.

After having fun under the sun and trying to play like Phil or Tiger, the players proceeded to Mahoney Street for Craig and Joe's barbeque, which the players enjoyed. The dynamic duo worked on slow cooking their excellent

barbeque meats from the previous afternoon until 4:00 am. The ribs were coated with Joe's secret rub and smoked to perfection before grilling. They then played golf afterwards... whew... I don't know where these boys get their stamina...perhaps from Red bull and

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Cycle of Change

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Following the suggestion of STI Board Member Marisa Robles, STI participated in the Philippine International Aid's (PIA) Bazaar and Fashion Show at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco last November 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Tria together with Mr. Rod Mcleod, returning from their recent trip to the Philippines, painstakingly carried six large boxes containing products made by STI program beneficiaries.

This is one of the ways STI helps its beneficiaries continue the cycle of change by assisting STI families in marketing their products. STI wanted to make sure that after providing them with the capital and sufficient know how to create something that will lead them to better opportunities, their efforts and perseverance will not go to waste by helping them market their products. This is also good for STI, since more funds can be generated to support more families.

The hotel personnel and the PIA

coordinators were very helpful and accomodating. The day started on the right note when Dr. Alikpala told us that we could occupy the entire table which we were supposed to share with our friends from NANAY, another organization that Marisa Robles supports. Dr. Alikpala must have seen us cram our side of the table with loads of products like *dilis*, *daing*, *pili*, *bayong*, *cacao*, powdered *salabat*, cherry wine, virgin coconut oil, candles and custom jewelry. The good vibes continued from then on. Our table was one of the busiest in terms of people buying or inquiring about STI and STI's projects.

It was so uplifting to know that the spirit of *bayanihan* is still alive in the hearts and minds of Filipino-Americans. They were so willing to share their good fortune and be a part of that cycle of change that will head towards productive possibilities for a lot of families back home in hopes that it will eventually help revolutionize Philippines' economic turmoil.

It was indeed a very good day for

STI and its beneficiaries. Our dream for the cycle of change to keep on rolling was elevated to a new level at this bazaar. Marisa's proposal to participate in this bazaar gave birth to a new marketing tool for STI. We not only sold tangible products, we also created greater awareness for STI's purpose and projects to a wider range of people. Thanks to inspired STI members like Marisa, we were able to expand our fund-raising efforts.

Words to remember:

dilis: anchovies

daing: dried fish

pili: a local nut widely grown in the Bicol region

bayong: an all-purpose basket woven made from natural materials

cacao: a local chocolate

salabat: ginger tea popular during Christmas season that goes well with rice cakes

bayanihan: a Filipino character of cooperation or helping each other ☐

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Honesto Tria. In presenting the Certificate of Recognition, he said: "We have carefully looked into the merits of Save A Tahanan and its impact in improving the lives of its beneficiaries in the Philippines. It is amazing what a small group of dedicated people can do to create huge difference on the lives of their fellow Filipinos back home. Their unwavering passion to share their

blessings and their unflattering boldness to face a humongous task made us laud Save A Tahanan for its efforts and success,"

STI has always been in the forefront of championing and empowering their beneficiaries. STI provides the needed capital and skills and values formation seminar to qualified families in order to start a new chapter of their lives.

STI is very grateful and would like to share this recognition to all its sponsors and volunteers for their huge role in helping keep this worthy project alive. STI is forever indebted for their unyielding support to the organization since its inception in 1986. They never tire of extending help in kind and services during tough times. ☐

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vodka? But we all agreed that they served the best barbeque ribs.

So sequels may not sometimes work in the movies but with friends and supporters like we have at STI, we're positive the Charity Golf Tournament will have more sequels to come.



*Second STI Charity
Golf Tournament*



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Your Contribution Will Make a DIFFERENCE

Be a Donor of SAVE A TAHANAN, INC. (STI) and help provide opportunities for our underprivileged *kababayans*

- \$ 100.00 will sponsor a family with 5 to 6 children
- \$ 50.00 will start up loan for a mother or father with 1 or 2 children
- \$ 20.00 will help with other family development cost

Any amount will help.

Please make your check payable to *Save A Tahanan, Inc.*
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Save A Tahanan, Inc. (STI) is a tax exempt, 510(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization founded in 1986 by a group of Filipino-Americans based in San Francisco, California, a group of seven families originally from Calabanga, Camarines Sur.

Its mission is to mobilize resources to improve the lives of families through training and micro-financing and to empower them as responsible members of the community.

Its vision is to promote self-sufficient and stable families, leading communities to develop opportunities and collective solutions to issues of poverty, and upholding respect for all people of economic levels. STI believes that a self-sufficient tahanan (home) is the foundation of a strong society. It is guided by the principles of sharing and participation that instills accountability.

STI works in close partnership with its target beneficiaries, community leaders, and other stakeholders to implement its various programs in the project areas.