



THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

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Our Mission is to develop, own and operate a community center that provides social, economic and education services, and to promote and perpetuate Filipino culture and customs in the State of Hawai'i.

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Pasko! A Filipino Christmas Celebration at the FilCom Center, Sunday, December 15

*Make your own parol (Christmas lantern), get one-of-a-kind gifts,
and enjoy holiday sights and sounds with emcee Lanai Boy*

Honolulu, Hawaii (December 5, 2013) - The sights and sounds of the festive Filipino Christmas season will fill the halls of the Filipino Community Center (Filcom Center) in Waipahu when the annual Pasko! sa FilCom is celebrated Sunday, December 15, 3:30-7:30 p.m. The free event will feature Filipino food and holiday treats; a Children's Christmas Store with everything at \$1 or less, and traditional Christmas carols, music and dance. DJ Lanai Boy will emcee the program.

Those who want to have a parol shining from their windows—the parol or Christmas star lantern hangs on every Filipino home during the holidays—can make their own with recycled materials supplied by the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Hawaii. A parol making demonstration for and by kids is also on the agenda.

Kids can go holiday shopping at the Children's Christmas Store with gifts \$1 and for adults, special gift items will be offered at the Christmas Bazaar organized by Punahou's Filipino Club. For Filipino treats and local delicacies, visit the Crave Okay food truck and RAMAR Food's Magnolia ice cream stand (\$1 a scoop). Aloha Plate, winner of the National Food Truck Network Competition, will be a special guest. Proceeds of all sales will go to Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda victims.

The FilCom's resident bamboo instrument band, the Banda Kawayan, its choral and dance group Himig at Indak, a fashion show highlighting Filipino materials and designs, the Royal Hawaiian Band, and more musical performances will provide entertainment perfect for the holidays.

Pasko! sa Filcom is sponsored by the Filipino Association of University Women, with support from the Great Aloha Run/Carole Kai Charities. The FilCom Center, the largest facility of its kind in the country and outside of the Philippines, serves thousands of people through its programs and events each year. For more information, visit www.filcom.org. or call 680-0451.

Foundation, a non-governmental organization (NGO) with offices located in Honolulu and the Philippines. They will help to raise, secure, and disseminate funds directly to the survivors. The FilCom Center is also involved with "Aloha Philippines," which will receive checks for the typhoon victims through financial institutions: Bank of Hawaii, First Hawaiian Bank, American Savings Bank, and Central Pacific Bank.



Here is an example of a festive, blue parol made of garland, streamers and other paper materials.

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