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**Schumer urges state department to
double emergency funding to RP**

Dangerous Typhoon Has Killed At Least 140 Residents, Inundated Manila and Surrounding Areas and Displaced Nearly 500,000
Much of The Metro Manila Area Is Still Under Water While Threat of Disease Increases
Schumer: We Must Join Together to Help the People of the Philippines Get Through This Tragic Time
US Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) urged the United States State Department Thursday, Oct.1 to at least double the emergency funding being sent to the Philippines after Typhoon Ondoy devastated the nation, killing at least 140 residents and displacing nearly half a million. On September 26, Ondoy brought a month's worth of rainfall to Metro Manila and a large part of Luzon, causing severe flooding.
The situation is increasingly urgent because a second giant typhoon is now approaching the nation. The government has declared Metro Manila and 25 provinces under a state of calamity.
“We as a nation must join together to help the people of the Philippines in any way we can,” Schumer said. “When Hurricane Katrina devastated our nation, people around the world contributed their time, money, clothes, food, and anything else they could to help us recover. Now, a fellow nation is in need and this additional funding will certainly help the people of the Philippines recover from this tragic storm. The Philippine-American relationship is a special one, and the Pilipino-American community is a vibrant and special part of America’s and New York’s fabric. All this, and the dire situation they now confront means that we must move fast and with significant resources to provide all forms of humanitarian relief and logistical support.”
President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said the storm was the worst to hit Manila in over 40 years and has left over 80% of the city underwater. The extensive flooding has left the threat of disease extremely high and relief workers in shortage of supplies to help the survivors. Because some parts of the city have poor drainage systems, certain places remained waist-deep in water while large portions of the city were covered in sludge.
Schumer added, “The United States has a responsibility to provide aid to the Philippines during this difficult time and I hope the State Department hears our calls to at least double the funding.” ■

US donates \$50,000 to flood victims

THE United States embassy has donated \$50,000 for the flood victims caused by incessant rains of typhoon Ondoy.
In a text message Saturday afternoon, Rebecca Thompson of the public affairs office of the US embassy in Manila said Ambassador Kristie Kenney has called Philippine National Red Cross Chairman Senator Richard Gordon to offer the money for immediate disaster relief.
The money is coursed through the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance of US Agency for International Development.
Thompson also said embassy officials are in touch with officials of the National Disaster Coordinating Council to determine what other assistance the US may offer.
“Damage this storm has caused is heartbreaking,” she said. ■

PDI relief drive: We need food, water, clothes...

MANILA—The *Philippine Daily Inquirer* and its partners are asking readers to help hundreds of thousands of Filipinos still in dire need of aid after being devastated by floods brought by Tropical Storm “Ondoy” (international codename: Ketsana).
Donors are encouraged to give the following items: Potable water in sealed bottles or gallon containers, ready-to-eat food that will not expire within the next 6 months, formula milk for infants, children and adult diapers, toiletries, bath items, towels, clean clothing, slippers and other footwear.
Also welcome are sleeping mats, bed linen, pillows, blankets, mosquito nets, generic medicine for colds, cough, diarrhea, fever, hypertension, muscle pain and headaches, and other similar items.
Donations continue to arrive at the Inquirer main office at 1098 Chino Roces Avenue in Makati City, as well as at Inquirer Classifieds branches in Metro Manila.
Groups have partnered with the Inquirer in expanding the relief effort by opening up more channels for accepting donations from different parts of the country.
Checks may be addressed to “INQUIRER ONDOY RELIEF DRIVE,” and dropped off at the Inquirer Makati head office.
Cash deposits may be coursed through PS Bank Account No. 111-112002660 for peso deposits and Account No. 111-132000158 for dollar deposits.
Deposits may also be made through special accounts opened for the storm victims under Metrobank Account No. 00720-050130-2 and BPI Account No. 4951-00045-6 under the account name “Philippine Daily Inquirer Inc.”
All donations will be distributed by the Philippine National Red Cross, Assisi Foundation, Caritas Manila and Gifts and Graces.
DHL Express Corp., WWExpress Corp., GoN-egoso, PS Bank and the Ronald McDonald House Charities have been gracious contributors to Inquirer’s efforts to reach out to the families and individuals displaced by Ondoy. (*Inquirer.net*)

Reach out a helping hand...

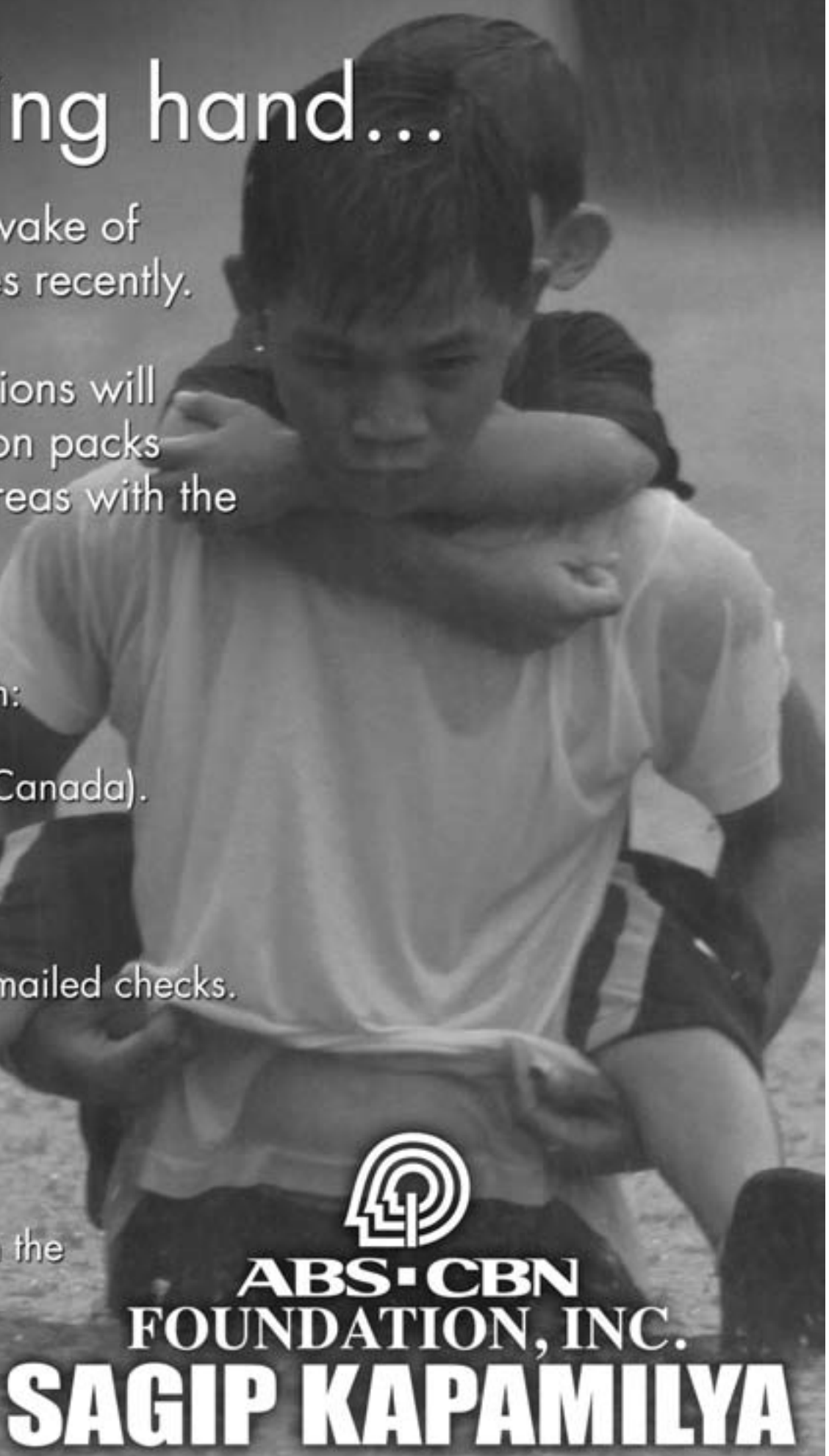
for the immediate relief efforts in the wake of Typhoon Ondoy that hit the Philippines recently.

Please donate generously. Your donations will help purchase relief supplies and ration packs for distribution to heavily damaged areas with the help of local officials and volunteers.

Guidelines:

- Donations can be received online through: **www.abcbsnfoundation.org** (the North American website - including Canada).
- Donations can be made here through credit card or through PayPal.
- Donations can also be received through mailed checks. Please make checks payable to: **ABS CBN Foundation - Sagip**
150 Shoreline Drive
Redwood City, California 94065
- Pledges & inquiries can be made through the toll free number **1-800-527-2820**

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