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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SEARCH  
FOR HOMETOWN HEROES**

This is in reference to the DepEd RO1 Advisory No. 159, s. 2025, the Benita and Catalino Yap Foundation announces its call for nominations for the 8<sup>th</sup> National Search for Hometown Heroes (S4HH). This national recognition program aims to recognize individuals who have consistently made a positive impact on their communities.

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Complete details and guidelines on the program are provided in the attached DepEd RO1 Advisory No. 159, s. 2025 for reference.

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**Benita & Catalino Yap Foundation**

*proudly presents the*

# **8<sup>th</sup> National Search for HOMETOWN HEROES!**

**Submit your nominations until November 17, 2025 via**

**[bcyfs4hh@gmail.com](mailto:bcyfs4hh@gmail.com)**

**Screening & Evaluation:**

**November 18, 2025**

**S4HH Awards Night:**

**November 28, 2025**

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# **8<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL SEARCH FOR**



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# **HOMETOWN HEROES**

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## **2025**

The BCYF National Search for Hometown Heroes Award was conceived to recognize individuals who help their neighbors and community in a consistent manner, where their social program is not their job, business or profession. It is meant to encourage exemplars to continue their "Volunteerism with a Purpose" by introducing them to a wider audience of potential benefactors and supporters.





# NATIONAL SEARCH FOR HOMETOWN HEROES

## Criteria of the Award:

1. The Search is open to any individual who is a Filipino or Permanent Resident of the Philippines.
2. The Nominee must be the Primary Mover or reason why the project succeeded.
3. The Project may have been organized by, or with, others.
4. The Nominee should be actively involved in the project for at least five (5) consecutive years.
5. The Project should be currently active and has also existed for at least five (5) years.
6. The Coverage or Scope of the Project should be an identifiable Geographical area such as the purok, barangay, town or city in the Philippines.
7. The Project should preferably contribute to national social cohesion.

## Requirements:

1. Accomplished S4HH Nomination Form.
2. Proof of success of the Project (e.g. testimonials, acknowledgements, Photos and videos, as feasible).
3. Direct testimonials from Beneficiaries carry greater weight during evaluation.
4. Signed Privacy Notice and Consent Form.
5. Nominations should be in writing (printed or by email is acceptable).
6. Accomplished forms, together with other requirements, should be sent either to participating rotary club representatives (as applicable), regional council representatives (as applicable), and other partner organizations of BCYF for this Award
7. A 5 to 7-minute video summarizing the reasons why the nominee believes he/she should be considered for the S4HH.
8. All materials should be duly notarized.
9. All financials for the project.
10. A live interview with the respective screening committees may be required.

## How to Submit Nominations:

1. Nominations with complete requirements must be emailed to:  
**bcyfs4hh@gmail.com**
2. Original copies of the requirements must be mailed to:  
**Saint Mutien College**  
**Don Cornelio Subd., McArthur Highway, Dau,**  
**Mabalacat City, Pampanga 2010**

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: NOVEMBER 17, 2025, 5:00 PM**

**SCREENING OF NOMINEES: NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

**S4HH AWARDS NIGHT: NOVEMBER 28, 2025**





# NATIONAL SEARCH FOR HOMETOWN HEROES

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

### 1. Who can be nominated?

- Any Filipino or Permanent Resident of the Philippines who has committed themselves to create a consistent, positive impact in their community.
- All previous nominees can reapply and be considered nominees and all previous finalists are considered as semi-finalists for the current award.
- Anybody can self-nominate.

### 2. Does the nominee have to be a resident of the community or geographical area he/she is helping?

- No, as long as the Nominee is a Filipino or Permanent Resident.

### 3. Can the Project Beneficiaries be non-Filipinos?

- No, for this year Award, the beneficiaries must be Filipino.

### 4. Can organizations, groups or teams working be Nominees?

- No, however, the respective members or heads thereof may qualify.

### 5. Can projects involving regular work duties or assignments qualify?

- No, the project cannot be one that involves the Nominees' regular business, work or assignment.

### 6. Can a person who has died be a Nominee?

- No, however, a person who passes away after nomination may still be considered and awarded posthumously.

### 7. Is there a separate category for the Youth, Young Professionals, and so on?

- No, the search is open to all.

### 8. What prizes, if any, may the Nominee receive for joining and winning this Search?

- For the Grand Winner, he or she will receive a certificate and trophy during the awarding ceremony, as well as being featured in various local and/or regional media, through the RMN Radio Network, as well as through other media partners, which may include live interviews.
- For the Finalists, they will be featured in local and / or regional media, through the RMN Radio Network, as well as through other media partners, which may include live interviews.







# NATIONAL SEARCH FOR HOMETOWN HEROES

## THE AWARD PROCESS

**The following flowchart details the award process which all nominees in the National Search for Hometown Heroes, as well as other recognition programs of BCYF, must undergo.**

**1**

The S4HH Committee will accept and review submitted nominations. This committee receives nominations, or add its own nominees.

**2**

From this, the S4HH Committee will interview the nominees then decide who will be the Finalists, and recommend who will be the Awardee/s.

**3**

The BCYF Board of Trustees will review the recommendation from the S4HH Committee, and decide who shall be the Awardee/s.





# NATIONAL SEARCH FOR HOMETOWN HEROES

## S4HH Awardees



### **Ms. Fe Foronda (2018) | Shining Stars Holistic Ministry**

Ms. Foronda is the driving force behind the Shining Stars Holistic Ministry, where she serves as both a mentor and leader. She organizes and facilitates spiritual retreats, conducts Bible study sessions, and offers personal counseling to help individuals deepen their faith and navigate life's challenges.



### **Ms. Mona Fabian (2019) | Dar Amanah Children's Foundation**

As the foundation's director, Ms. Fabian is deeply involved in developing holistic programs that provide education, healthcare, and psychosocial support to empower the children to reach their full potential.



### **Mrs. Fe Barino (2020) | Surrender to God (SuGOD)**

Ms. Barino is a dedicated advocate for healing and transformation as the leader of the Surrender to God Drug Rehabilitation Program. With a deep commitment to helping individuals overcome addiction, she combines spiritual guidance with evidence-based practices to facilitate recovery and renewal.



### **Mr. Napoleon Marilag+ (2020) | Dugong Alay, Dugtong Buhay**

As the founder and leader of Dugong Alay, Dugtong Buhay, Mr. Marilag tirelessly organized blood drives, partnered with hospitals and healthcare organizations, and raised awareness about the life-changing impact of voluntary blood donation.



### **Dr. Bernadeth Gabor (2021) | Hope Behind Bars**

Dr. Gabor's collaborates with correctional facilities, legal advocates, and community organizations to ensure a comprehensive approach to rehabilitation and empowerment by offering skills training, counseling, and values formation sessions. She



### **Mr. Roy Gilbert Maceda (2024) | BeSeekLeta for Every Juan**

Mr. Maceda's transformative initiative provides bicycles to underprivileged individuals as a means of sustainable transportation and empowerment. With a deep commitment to improving lives, he works tirelessly to collect, refurbish, and distribute bicycles to students, workers, and families in need, bridging the gap between opportunity and accessibility.







# **NATIONAL SEARCH FOR HOMETOWN HEROES**

## **The S4HH Committee**

**Co-Chair**

**Rotary PDG Alfredo Montecillo**  
Member, BCYF Advisory Council

**Co-Chair**

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Vice-Chair, BCYF Board of Trustees

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CEO, VINES Inc.

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**Ex-Officio Members**

**Atty. J. Anton Yap**  
Executive Vice President, BCYF  
President, Saint Mutien College  
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## BENITA & CATALINO YAP FOUNDATION

# SEARCH FOR HOMETOWN HEROES

## NOMINATION FORM

Town / City \_\_\_\_\_

Province & Region \_\_\_\_\_

### I. NOMINEE'S PROFILE

FULL NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

PERMANENT ADDRESS

CONTACT NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

### II. AFFILIATION (write N/A if not applicable)

Present Occupation

Employer

Volunteer Organization or

Institution presently affiliated

### III. PROJECT DETAILS

PROJECT NAME

AREA OF IMPLEMENTATION

DATE STARTED

TARGET AUDIENCE

PROJECT OBJECTIVE/S



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**WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND CORRESPONDING IMPACT OF THE WORK THAT THE NOMINEE DOES FOR THE COMMUNITY? (SUPPORTING PHOTOS & DOCUMENTATION MAY BE ATTACHED)**

By signing my name below, I certify that I have read the Search for Hometown Heroes guidelines and that the above information in this form is true and correct as to the best of my knowledge.

FULL NAME AND SIGNATURE

DATE

**VERIFIED BY:**

SEARCH FOR HOMETOWN HERO COMMITTEE  
Province and/or Region: Chairman:

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