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# Chairs to wheel them to there, to everywhere!

Sam Rafael and Christine have seizure disorders. Jollie, Rhea Ann, H-Mark, and Joan were born with Cerebral Palsy. Khyanne Mark was diagnosed with Global Developmental Delay. To get around, and from their homes to maybe the RHU Stimulation and Therapeutic Activity Center (STAC), they were carried on the hips, or piggy-back style like the babies they once were.

Until the flag-raising ceremony on Monday morning, February 8, 2010. Lined up in front of the municipio with all the employees were twenty (20) brand new, red and white wheelchairs, eager to greet the morning, the Lord, the flag, and the child (or the adult) who shall thence be deposited into their care. Or as long as the leather and the steel and the wheels hold whole and sturdy.



**Sam Rafael Legaspi, Christine Villoria, Jollie Mendoza, Rhea Ann Legaspi, Joan Bambilla (left to right); H-Mark Songcuan, Khyanne Mark Guleng (below).**



It took one-and-a-half month for the municipal employees and friends of Pozorrubio to raise the entire sum to purchase the wheelchairs. Mayor Emma Chan must have given up her entire past of a wardrobe to give bulk to the garage sale held last December 26-29. Together with the sale of 175 new T-shirts donated by Kagawad Kelvin Chan and the *ukay-ukay* items thrown in by the municipio employees, P45,000 was realized. The Pozorrubio Water District (POWAD) gave P6,400; the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) donated P3,200; Marlo Callanta pitched in his P1,000, and the rest of the P7,700 came from municipal funds.

So, here and there and everywhere, they can now go - clients and referrals of the RHU STAC under PT Technician Marilou Saura as supervised by Dr. Ma. Lusiana Bautista. To fuel their mileage a little bit more, they were given 2-3 weeks supply of free multi-vitamins.



***(Left to right) Benjamin Mermida, Rogelio Guleng Jr. (who smiled at being gifted the wheelchair on his birthday which was that same Monday), Herminihilda Emocling, Royle Quezon, Geroncio de Guzman, (and still to claim their wheelchairs - Ramil Nisperos, Felipe Abalos, Hazel Sibul, Willy de Vera, Benito Lacunsay, Marjorie Oligo, Perfecto Cabrera, Jeff Russel Distor).***