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BANK OF GUAM® DONATES \$20,000 TO FOUR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AS PART OF EMPLOYEE GIVE INITIATIVE

Hagåtña, Guam – In the true spirit of the season, Bank of Guam is proud to announce a \$20,000 donation to four nonprofit organizations through its annual Employee Give Initiative.

Each year, employees at Bank of Guam champion the causes closest to their hearts by nominating and voting for organizations across the region. The top four nonprofits are awarded grants to support their missions, with this year's recipients each receiving \$5,000.

The 2024 recipients of Bank of Guam's Employee Giving Initiative are:

- **Guam Animals In Need (GAIN):** Located in Yigo, GAIN provides shelter, food, medical attention, and a nurturing environment for animals, working toward creating a safer and more compassionate world for them.
- **Make-A-Wish Guam and CNMI:** Make-A-Wish grants life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses and provides hope and strength to them and their families.
- **Northern Marianas Humanities Council:** Celebrating culture, history, and education, the Northern Marianas Humanities Council nurtures community connection and understanding through storytelling, programs, research, dialogue, and publications.
- **Palau Red Cross Society:** In times of crisis, the Palau Red Cross Society provides emergency relief, humanitarian aid, and critical health support to communities in need.

The annual Holiday Give was established in 2017 and continues to spread cheer during the Christmas season as part of Bank of Guam's year-round campaign to "Be Kind" and "Find Kind." This year's beneficiaries span Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and the Neighboring Islands.

As The People's Bank, community has always been at the heart of everything we do – through our partnerships, sponsorships, and countless everyday acts of kindness that quietly make a difference. We're proud of our employees, who have chosen to champion causes that resonate deeply with them, supporting meaningful work throughout our communities. It's a reminder that Life Is Sweeter When You Give A Little Love. Together, we've created an impact that will continue to resonate far beyond the season of giving.

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Photo 1: Make-A-Wish Guam and CNMI and Guam Animals In Need (GAIN)



Photo 2: Northern Marianas Humanities Council



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Photo 3: Palau Red Cross Society

Bank of Guam donates \$20,000 to four non-profit organizations as part of Employee Give Initiative. The four beneficiaries each receiving \$5,000 include Guam Animals In Need (GAIN), Make-A-Wish Guam and CNMI, Northern Marianas Humanities Council and Palau Red Cross Society.

Photo 1: Pictured (from left) Eric Tydingco, President/CEO, Make-A-Wish Guam and CNMI; Maria Eugenia Leon Guerrero, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Bank of Guam; Tina Erickson, Office Manager, GAIN; Lesley-Anne Leon Guerrero, Senior Vice President, Chief Experience Officer, Bank of Guam; and Jason Miyashita, Board Chair, Make-A-Wish Guam and CNMI.

Photo 2: Pictured (from left) are Tania David, Vice President, Garapan Branch Manager, Bank of Guam; Marcie M. Tomokane, Vice President, CNMI Regional Manager, Bank of Guam; Gretchen A. Smith, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council; Leo G. Pangelinan, Executive Director, Northern Marianas Humanities Council; and Augustin Jr. Palacios, Utility Officer IV, Bank of Guam

Photo 3: Pictured (from left) Myra Mayer; Ibuuch Kumaichi; Zoe Leemansky, all volunteers with Palau Red Cross Society; Brandon Cruz, Vice President, Palau Branch Manager, Bank of Guam; Hilda Reklai, Board Member; Jay Olegeriil, Board Member; J. Maireng Sengebau, Executive Director, all from Palau Red Cross Society.