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Dear fellow Vintarinian,

Greetings from the Vintarinians USA, an association of Vintarinians in Northern California.

You are a recipient of this letter because of one thing that we all are – a Siwawer. We either grew up or spent part of our childhood in Vintar or we were born to a Vintarinian. So each of us has some priceless memory of Vintar. I cannot think of Vintar without feeling homesick. It is home, even if I have lived in San Francisco longer than I did in Vintar. And I am sure the same goes with you.

Vintar is where we are from, and is the foundation of the kind of people we are, and have become.

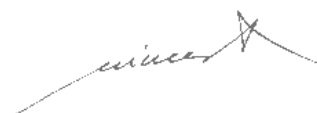
We each define success for ourselves. But it is clear we all have the trappings of comfort and lifestyle. And if we measure success from where we've come from in Vintar to where we are today, then we are unarguably successes. We are truly blessed.

We come to ask you to support a Vintar icon that I am sure at one point in your childhood, personally or a family member or a friend, for a simple bandaid or a birth or worse – an emergency, availed of its service. The Vintar Puericulture Center has been serving Vintarinians for over 65 years. So its easy to imagine how the building is now - condemned. It has always functioned as a non-governmental unit depending on donations from civic spirited citizens and organizations – mostly balikbayans. The Center has evolved over the years to now a Family Planning and a Senior Center. It is now occupied with its mission of looking after the health & well being of the elderly, our relatives and friends in Vintar.

To rebuild the building is no small task. Two million pesos – a lot of money in Philippine currency, but not so much in dollars. The enclosed flyer will explain more on how we propose to fund the reconstruction. In not so many words, we solicit your donation through a donor tree -commemorating your gift – placed in the lobby of the Center.

Please give it a serious thought, respond in a *balikatan* fashion - in a way you would be proud of yourself, as a Siwawer.

God bless,


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