



# ISLAND CONNECTIONS

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## TRIPLE J EMPLOYEES JOIN OVER 20,000 FORD VOLUNTEERS IN FORD GLOBAL CARING MONTH 2016



TUMON, GUAM OCTOBER 4, 2016 – Ford Motor Company kicked off the 11th annual Global Caring Month in September with Ford volunteers from more than three dozen countries around the world signing up for community projects.

On Thursday, September 29th, over 30 employees from Triple J Ford along with volunteers and representatives with the Guam Homeless Coalition took part in a service outreach that involved traveling to multiple homeless sites within the villages of

*Thursday, September 29th, Triple J presented the Guam Homeless Coalition volunteers with a \$3,000 check to support their mission to end homelessness on Guam. Pictured are coalition members from the Salvation Army, Oasis Empowerment Center, Catholic Social Services, GDOW Outreach, Guam Community College and the UOG School of Nursing.*

Agana, Tamuning and Dededo, where street homeless are known to congregate. The outreach involved distribution of gift packs that included items such as food, water, towels, hygienic products and reusable water bottles. In conjunction with this service outreach, Triple J Ford also donated \$3,000 to support the Coalition's efforts to end homelessness on Guam.

"Ford Global Caring Month is one of the many ways Ford and its employees go further to improve the quality of life for people in the communities we live and work," said David Westerman, managing director, Malaysia and Asia Pacific Emerging Markets, Ford Motor Company.

Jay Jones, Senior Vice President of Triple J Auto Group went on to say, "A love of community is one of Triple J's deepest values, to be able to even spend one evening of outreach to those in need, makes all the difference in the lives of the people we've touched and truly embraces both Triple J and Ford's legacy of caring. The volunteers' actions in giving back to their communities, not just on Guam, but in all the markets Ford serves, definitely inspire us all."

During Ford Global Caring Month in September, some 20,000 Ford volunteers participated in hundreds of community service projects around the world. Global Caring Month is the signature annual event of the Ford Volunteer Corps. Since it was launched in 2005, Ford Volunteer Corps members have contributed more than one million hours of community service in 48 countries, representing \$29 million of in-kind community investments.

While the Ford Volunteer Corps is active throughout the year, Ford Global Caring Month is the highlight of a year-round effort to flex the volunteer muscle of Ford employees, retirees and dealers to make a positive difference in the neighborhoods and communities where the company does business.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



*Triple J employee volunteers take part in a service outreach that involved traveling to multiple homeless sites on island to distribute gift packs to those in need. Pictured here are the multiple homeless site visits in the village of Agana.*



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# Guam



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

## TRIPLE J DONATES \$20K TO SUPPORT WERI PROGRAM

On Thursday, December 1st, 2016, Triple J and Ford Motor Co. Conservation & Environmental Grants, in partnership with the GlobalGiving Foundation, Ford's grantmaking partner, presented a check for \$20,000 to the University of Guam's Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI) to support their Guam Water Kids outreach program.

The Ford Conservation & Environmental Grants Program was created to empower individuals and non-profit groups donating their time and effort to preserve the environmental well-being of their communities. By providing necessary funding and visibility, they hope to encourage the multiplication of similar grassroots efforts that will serve as catalysts for change across the globe. The 2016 project focus must relate to water, and Triple J Ford is proud to have the opportunity to work with WERI on their Guam Water Kids program.

"Guam Water Kids: Protecting Guam's Fresh Water/Prutehi I Hanom Freskon Guahan" is an educational program to help local teachers and their students understand the value of Guam's fresh water as a natural resource. It was funded by the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific and the US Geological Survey to provide teaching resources on fresh water with an emphasis on facts and images of local interest. Sponsored activities have included presentation to middle school assemblies, a teacher continuing education course, and a high school service learning modules. Themes that run



Check presentation pictured L to R: Ann Card, Grant Administrator, Guam Water Kids Program; John Jenson, Ph.D., Director of WERI, UOG; Dr. Robert A. Underwood, President, UOG; Cathleen Moore-Linn, Interim Executive Director, Research Corporation of the University of Guam and Jay Jones, Senior VP, Triple J Enterprises, Inc.

through these materials include how young people can take responsibility for avoiding pollution and waste while conserving fresh water in their daily lives, and how they as citizens and future leaders can take responsibility for sustainable use and development of Guam's freshwater resources.

"Water is and will remain a crucial factor to the many challenges that our world, and island, face in light of global change, it is important that WERI get the support in sustaining their educational program to support this global effort at a local level and in the classrooms," said Jay Jones, Senior VP of Triple J.

The goal for use of the Ford Motor Company Funding Grant is,

- To enhance and update the guamwaterkids.com website for easy use by students on tablets and smart phones and to enrich the site's content with interactive educational activities.

- To bring attention to the availability and effectiveness of Guam Water Kids to educators and students by providing four 2-hour workshops for teachers and youth leaders.
- To develop material for participation in education-oriented community events promoting awareness of Guam Water Kids featuring a five-minute overview presentation about the importance of fresh water and the work of WERI.

When asked what this partnership means to UOG's WERI, Director John W. Jenson, Ph.D. said, "On behalf of WERI, I thank Triple J Ford and the Ford Motor Company for this generous donation for furthering Guam Water Kids. WERI's mission is to seek solutions that improve economic conditions and quality of life for the people of Guam through research, teaching and outreach. This donation will help us expand our efforts to help young people take responsibility for protecting and conserving Guam's fresh water resources."





Guam



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



*Triple J's Executive Team, (standing L to R) Jay Jones, Senior VP; Jeff Jones, President and Dan Murrell, Senior VP presented \$43,000.00 to representatives from Guam Cancer Care, Lupus Awareness Group of Guam, Boy Scouts of America and Pacific Mission Aviation on Friday, December 2nd at their main location in Upper Tumon. Each organization received \$10,750 from funds raised from the 11th Annual Triple J 5k held in November.*

## TRIPLE J DONATES \$43K RAISED FROM ANNUAL 5K

On Friday, December 2, 2016 at 10am at the Triple J Auto Group main location in Upper Tumon, the executive team of Triple J Enterprises presented checks totaling forty three thousand dollars (\$43k) to four non-profit organizations, Guam Cancer Care, Lupus Awareness Group of Guam, Boy Scouts of America Chamorro District and Pacific Mission Aviation. Each organization received \$10,750.

On November 12, 2016, Triple J Enterprises hosted their 11th Annual Triple J Family/Fun/Run/Walk to raise funds for each organization. The event was the first ever "Bubble Color Run" on Guam, with over 3,500 runners crossing the finish line. Color stations lined the course, and two infinite neon liquid foam machines were placed at the start/finish and turnaround points.

Triple J's group of companies, along with the Guam Cancer Care, Lupus Awareness Group of Guam, Boy Scouts of America Chamorro District, Pacific Mission Aviation, along with their staff, board of directors and the hundreds of Guam residents who are touched by these organizations, were humbled by the outpouring of support by our community – over 3,500 came out that morning and we were honored to have been witness to it!



Guam



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

"Triple J Donates Ford Explorer" to assist with USO's continued efforts on island.



## TRIPLE J RENEWS CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Triple J Auto Group, a division of Triple J Enterprises, Inc., announced renewal of its Platinum corporate sponsorship agreement with the Guam Football Association (GFA). The sponsorship agreement, which will run through December 31, 2018, includes all official vehicles, with the most recent addition of two Kia Sedona's, and naming rights for the Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League.

Triple J is committed to making a real difference in contributing to the development of the next generation of football on Guam.

"We are excited to be back on board as a Platinum Corporate sponsor for GFA," said Jeff Jones, President and COO of Triple J Enterprises, Inc. "Triple J embraces GFA's aspirational position for thousands of youth soccer players on Guam, we know as sponsors, we play an important role in continuing to grow the sport of soccer for years to come."

"We are very excited to continue Guam Football Association's partnership with Triple J Auto Group," said Richard K. Lai, GFA President. "In recent years, the organization has grown tremendously in all areas and it was greatly due to the unwavering support of fine local business sponsors like Triple J Auto Group that believed in our program at GFA and its benefits to the local community. With the addition to GFA's fleet of vehicles, our coaches are better able to partake in outreach programs around the island and introduce the benefit of playing the sport of soccer to more people in the community. I am extremely grateful for the support and look forward to continue working with Triple J Auto Group in moving forward with even more initiatives and programs to benefit our local community."





# Saipan



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Triple J Motors is a Major Sponsor of the NMIF soccer league who just broke ground on a brand-new state of the art soccer stadium. From right to left: Norman Del Rosario – EXCO Member, NMIFA; Ross Zapanta – General Secretary, NMIFA; Jerry Tan – President & EXCO Member, NMIFA; Randy Steele – GM, Triple J Motors Saipan; Vickie Izuka – Vice-President & EXCO Member, NMIFA; Coaches – Luam Khen Koo, Head Coach for the Women's Program, and to his left is Coach Jimmy Tang, Asst. Coach for Both Women's and Men's National Programs and Coach Seki, CNMI Technical Director and Head Coach of NMIF are pictured with the U19 Womens National Team and the U-14 Boys National Team.



Jay Santos, GM for TJ Five Star Wholesale Foods Saipan, attended the International Certified Angus Beef Master of Brand Advantages Program in November 2016. This interactive exploration of beef was designed to grow knowledge and confidence in the Certified Angus Beef brand, resulting in long-term success for Five Star Saipan's business. From the moment of arrival, Jay experienced what it takes to produce the world's leading brand of fresh beef. He, along with 28 other individuals from countries such as Japan, Mexico, Kuwait, Qatar & Guatemala, met with family ranchers in Texas to understand how quality care is essential for quality beef. Jay toured a packing plant to see how beef is inspected, graded, sorted and marketed based on quality. He witnessed the grading process that leads to USDA grader evaluation of the Certified Angus Beef brand's standards. After three days in Texas, the program moved the Certified Angus Beef headquarters in Wooster, Ohio, at their Education & Culinary facility. This is where the program provided an in-depth exploration of beef in the meat lab, where a side of beef was broken apart and fabricated to varying cuts. The experience continued in the kitchen and dining room as the experts help put the knowledge gained all together from gate to plate. A three-part test was conducted which was required to graduate from the program. The event culminated in Jay obtaining his Certified Angus Beef Master of Brand Advantages degree.

Michael S. Sablan was named the Saipan Chamber of Commerce 2016 Business Person of the Year. The selection of the Business Person of the Year is based on the nominee's active participation in Saipan Chamber of Commerce meetings, programs and activities; community involvement and contributions and support for the local workforce. Sablan's professional career in public service and private enterprise spans the past 30 years. In community service, Sablan has held leadership positions in various organizations including the Northern Mariana Islands Boy Scouting program, the Rotary Club of Saipan and Saipan Chamber of Commerce. Sablan has a long history of community and public service, and was a special advisor for finance and budget to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio who later appointed him public auditor.

Sablan obtained his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California Los Angeles and is among the first in the CNMI to become a certified public accountant in the state of California and in Guam.





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# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Triple J Saipan honored Mr. and Mrs. Jones by presenting a special plaque and flowers as a "special thank you" to them and their family for all they did for the Saipan community during and after the Typhoon hit the island. Mr. Leo, one of the employees directly affected by the typhoon gave a lovely speech, honoring and thanking them for all their support.



First Lady of Palau, Debbie Remengasau, was greeted by Restaurant Group Manager, Atsushi Aoki, while having lunch at her favorite pasta restaurant in Saipan, Capricciosa. Her husband, President Tommy Remengasau, recently won his re-election bid for an unprecedented 4th term as President of the Republic of Palau.



# Majuro COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



## SANTA'S SLEIGH MADE A PIT-STOP IN EBEEYE

Aside from Santa's sleigh making a pit-stop in Ebeye for some photos with the kids, Team Ebeye enjoyed the food and company at their Employee Christmas Party. Highlights for that evening included Helmitha Shamory and Jammy Morelik being recognized for their 10 years of service. Keep up the great work!



Our Majuro division teamed up with a good number of High School students for a monthly clean-up of the island. They understand the importance of keeping it clean and the beautification process as it affects the island's environment and future livelihood. With pollution rates rising and becoming more rampant, our Majuro Team and students were stirred to make a difference in their island community. This is just the beginning of the all the accomplishments our Majuro Team will be undertaking. Keep up the good work!





# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

## Majuro

### CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

*Customer Appreciation Day kicked off with a live radio broadcast with 103.5 raffles, music, food, GREAT sales, and of course SANTA! Santa made his yearly appearance and took photos with the kids.*



### ICE CREAM PARTY IN MAJURO

*A few pics from the 5th grade "ice cream" attendance party for the class w/the best attendance in November as well as the winners of the November reading challenge {winners receive a free slice of pizza from "Payless"}*





# Palau



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



## NECOPLAZA SPONSORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

"On behalf of the parents, teachers and most especially the students, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your support in making this year's Elementary School Softball Tournament successful. It is people like yourself and companies like Neco Plaza that truly understand the value of giving back to the community. We truly appreciate your presence in the community and your understanding of the Palauan people's values."

"We look forward to a continued collaboration with you and your corporation and we thank you for your continued support for the youth in Palau." wrote Dean Ali Terry, Republic of Palau Ministry of Education, P.E. Education Specialist in his letter of appreciation to our Neco Plaza Team.



## NECOPLAZA RAFFLE & GIVEAWAYS

Neco Plaza had a promo that began at the beginning of 11-2016 and ran all the way through 12-2016 where customers received a raffle ticket (printed on the bottom of the receipt) with every purchase of \$5 or more. The raffle tickets were filled out and slipped into the store's drop box. The promotion ran several years back and was brought back to life because of it's great success.

Customers were the lucky pullers for the weekly winners of eight \$50 gift certificates and two \$100 gift certificates. In addition to the gift certificate raffles, two winners were pulled for our television giveaway, one before Christmas and the other before New Year's.





# Japan COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



The first sign of snow falls on property in Japan.

Heavy snowfall in Japan means shovel-time! RHJ gets busy with a few helpers to get their car out from under several feet of snow that buried their good 'ol Honda during their New Year's stay.



RHJ and new Triple J Japan Team Member, Marcos, take to the slopes.



## NEW LOOK

## Guam

Our new Five Star Hawaii Water truck wraps turned out great! Depth can catch the eye quicker than an ordinary wrap which led to the 3-dimensional look that we were going for.



Our Five-Star team always does a great job finding new ways to make our products stand out. Check out our NEW Hawaii water display at the Andersen Air Force Base Commissary.





Guam



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

10 years  
Service



15 years  
Service



20 years  
Service



MARILOU LEODONES

25 years  
Service



CHARLIE REYNOLDS  
& JAY JONES

Perfect  
Attendance



HQ TEAM WINS THE LIP SYNC BATTLE DANCE-OFF  
WITH THEIR GREASE PERFORMANCE



"HOOT HOOT!"



## Young Entrepreneurs Shine At The 2017 JA Asia Pacific Company of the Year Competition in Tokyo, Japan

### JA Guam Team Collar Couture Takes Home the 3rd Place Trophy

During the four-day competition and event in Tokyo, student companies were evaluated by a panel of judges comprised of entrepreneurs, academics, and representatives from the local business community. The stakes were high as our Collar Couture Team went into the competition as the underdogs. In the end, they overcame the heat and their anxieties and shined, coming out in 3rd place out of 19 highly competitive student companies from 13 countries. This was the largest representation since the competition started in 2011 and we're so proud of our Team!

Team KASCA from Thailand took the first prize for their concept of a sustainable, multi-functional board made from compressed rice husk that serves mainly as a device stand but also doubles as a personal organizer for a wide range of everyday items.

Team Golden Great Ganesha Student Company (3G SC) came second with their idea of producing practical, multi-functional and highly durably attractive ethnic bags.

Third place went to team Collar Couture from Guam, who designed a handcrafted couture bowtie with a twist – while designed primarily for pets, they can also be repurposed for children, men and as accessories.

"We are proud sponsors of JA Guam, and extremely honored to have witnessed first hand the level of competition and commitment displayed by each participating country, most especially our teams from Guam. As the advisor for Collar Couture, I couldn't be more proud of our team, we as a company understand the importance of mentorship, and we hope that more local companies will take an active role in JA to help create our leaders of tomorrow", stated Kristine Lujan.

Great job Collar Couture Team, you all have a bright future ahead of you and we're glad to have been there to see you journey through it! This is only the beginning, so remember that the sky is the limit!



## Employees of the Quarter

## RENTAL



Quality Control Agent  
Junior Giltamag



Customer Service Representative  
Roberta Taimanglo

## 3rd Quarter



# Celebrating 20 Years

