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THE NEWSLETTER OF CREATE THE CHANGE AUSTRALASIA

NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH 2026

"WE for Gender Equality & Inclusive Society"



Every March, the nation pauses to honor the courage, resilience, and contributions of Filipino women — and this year, we do so with a theme that calls all of us into action: **"WE for Gender Equality & Inclusive Society."**

That single word — WE — carries profound weight. It is a declaration that the work of equality does not belong to women alone. It belongs to every person who believes that a just society is one where no voice goes unheard, no talent goes unseen, and no opportunity is denied on the basis of gender. It is a call for solidarity: across generations, across sectors, and across every corner of our communities.

True equality is not a gift to be given — it is a space to be built, together, by all of us.

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

On March 16, Create the Change had the privilege of being part of a landmark conversation. We were invited by the United Nations in the Philippines to participate in the Stakeholder Consultation marking the 20th Anniversary of the UNCRPD — the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The consultation was coordinated through the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Country Communications Group, in partnership with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA).



Khey Gambe, our PH Operations Manager who is a person-with-disability (deaf/hard-of-hearing) herself joined the pool of stakeholders and consultants of different disability sectors, NGOs and UN agencies for a day of sharing, connecting, advocating and celebrating the People with Disability in the Philippines.

Affirming the slogan *"Nothing About Us Without Us"*, we believe in creating COMMUNITIES and OPPORTUNITIES for the disability sector where their voices and participation are respected and heard. We are looking forward to the 20th anniversary of UNCRP in December and results that will come out of this consultation.



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MARICRIS CARRIES HOPE TO THE PHILIPPINES

Healing · Dignity · Restoration · Future — Create the Change Australia



This April, Maricris — our beloved 2025 Pasasalamat raffle winner — is heading back to the Philippines, and she is not going empty-handed. She is carrying with her the collective generosity of everyone who believes that care has no borders.

Create the Change Australia has funded her travel there and back. But the real mission — the medicine, the meals, the care packages, the moments of dignity — that is where your support makes all the difference.

We are halfway there — and every single dollar brings us closer to the finish line. Whether you give \$5 or \$500, you are personally funding medicine that heals, food that nourishes, and presence that restores dignity. No contribution is too small. No act of generosity goes unnoticed.

What Maricris will do on the ground:

HEALING
Healing Mobile medical clinics for 200 people in an isolated island barangay in Ilocos Sur.

DIGNITY
Bringing joy and care to the elderly and abandoned at Balay Taripato.

RESTORATION
Visiting three jails in Metro Manila and Ilocos to offer hope to those behind bars.

FUTURE
Feeding, singing, and dancing with children in the urban poor areas of Tondo and Rizal.

The program will commence on 20 until 25 April 2026.



DONATE NOW!

Scan QR to journey with Maricris
All donations of \$2+ are tax-deductible.



BEAUTY FOR A PURPOSE

A makeup workshop for every woman — by Liza Buenaventura · LB Hair & Makeup Artistry

This 9 May 2026, we invite every woman in the Philippines to treat herself to something truly special. Beauty for a Purpose is a *hands-on makeup workshop* designed not just to teach skills — but to celebrate confidence, wellness, and what it means to be a woman in full bloom. Whether you are a complete beginner or simply want to refresh your routine, this is the experience you have been waiting for.

Liz Buenaventura is a certified make-up artist with a wide range of experience in the events, modeling and beauty pageant industry. Her creativity can be seen on billboards, commercials, pageants, weddings and other events. One of the highlights of her career is being the official make-up artist of Ms. Universe Philippines 2023.

Part of the proceeds goes towards Create the Change Australasia's community projects in the Philippines. Send us a message if you're interested.



"This workshop isn't just about makeup — it's about helping every woman feel confident, empowered, and ready to shine from the inside out."

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