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## Thank You to Our ‘Village’

*From the GWHS Administration*

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If it takes a village to raise a child, then the house to which the child belongs is owned by many! Over a period of nearly two weeks, stakeholders and community members rose to the monumental task of preparing our aging school for inspection. The hands and hearts that brought our campus to be inspection-ready deserve recognition far greater than words can carry. Nevertheless, we wish to recognize the following:

**Our faculty and staff (and their families and friends)** worked extra hard in the classrooms, storage rooms, office spaces, and throughout the whole of the campus. The entirety of our school personnel had a hand in getting their second home up to par.

A handful of **our GWHS students** showed up almost daily, making themselves available to anyone who needed assistance and truly taking ownership of their campus.

**Our GWHS Parent Teacher Student Alumni Association** were instrumental in connecting the school to the community, and worked hard to ensure that everyone involved was acknowledged and supported.

**Governor Lou Leon Guerrero’s School Opening Readiness Team assigned to GW** - namely **University of Guam Facilities Team, Department of Labor** (with employees from **Department of Parks and Recreation, Veterans Affairs, and the Barrigada Mayor’s Office**), and **PBS Guam**. The SORT was our lifeline. They were more than just the help that came when the call was made. Together with the GW Administrative Team, the SORT leads – **Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero**, Director of UOG Facilities Management and Services; **Mr. John Leon Guerrero**, UOG PMT Superintendent along with UOG Facilities Team; **Mr. David Dell’Isola**, Director of Department of Labor and PBS Guam General Manager **Ms. Ina Carillo**, and **Ms. Christine Flores-Dela Cruz** – were actively involved in the planning and execution of all projects. They were heavily invested in our school’s efforts and were fully committed to our successful passing.

Together with **Mr. Jimmy Pangelinan**, Superintendent of GDOE Facilities and Maintenance and the **FM Team**, our school was able to obtain a wealth of resources and supplies to support our efforts. They worked long hours to bring many areas of our school to compliance.

Local business owner, **Mr. Quinton Bezon** from **Bezon Buildz** along with his employees did more for the school than can be quantified. Even with no direct connection to the public school

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system, he came ready and willing to serve. He provided the resources, manpower, and dedicated hours of work over a few days. His particular skillset of cement masonry covered tasks from wing to wing, ensuring that many areas were patched and safe for our students.

In the weeks leading up to inspection, our **Mangilao Mayor Allan Ungacta and his staff** provided us much-needed resources to be able to move and discard mountains of debris. In addition, they are continuing to support us through the restoration of our press box.

Our continued partnership with the **Inalåhan Mayor Anthony Chargualaf and his staff** was ever-present in the past few weeks. Hazardous materials and other debris were broken down, collected, and removed from our campus grounds. They put in hours of laborious work.

A day before inspection, GW was blessed to have had the **Members of the Church of God International** show up in full force. Divided into teams of carpenters, painters, and general cleaners – they set out to do multiple tasks and saw them all to completion.

Monetary donations, supplies, and volunteers were also abundant. We are grateful to the **various GWHS alumni, Congressman Jim Moylan, the Office of Senator Roy Quinata, and the Legislative Employee Association.**

Answering the call for volunteers were men and women from the following: **Guam Airport Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Division, Guam Army National Guard, 36<sup>th</sup> Force Support Squadron (AAFB), 36<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron, 734<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Squadron, Andersen 554 RHS Northwest Field (AFB), 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, Red Horse Squadron, and AAFB Security Forces.**

We are appreciative to our local businesses who also supported our Geckos: **Mighty Purple Café, Market Deli, Puff Supply, Jamaican Grill, Vape Escape, Enewear Clothing Store, Home Depot, Dominos Pizza, Dugout, Clutch Guam, Steel Athletics Guam, and Mobil Guam, Inc.**

To the “village” who helped in preparing our campus for inspection – know that our success is a direct reflection of all of you and your support.

On behalf of the GWHS administration, faculty, staff, students and our families *Sen Agradesi Ham nu Hamyo! Dangkolo na si Yu’os Ma’åse!*

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