



## 2019 SAIPAN CHAMBER AWARDS

### 2019 Non-Profit of the Year Nominees

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*Nominees for 2019 Nonprofit of the Year include 500 Sails, the American Red Cross- Northern Marianas Chamber, the Salvation Army, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation. The criteria for nonprofit of the year included the following: (1) Must have local or federal 501(c) documentation; (2) have been operating on Saipan for at least one year; and services render to the Saipan residents. Nominees were chosen by the Chamber Membership.*

**500 Sails** is a CNMI tax-exempt non-profit and federally recognized 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the revival, promotion and support of traditional canoe culture in the CNMI as a strategy to bring about positive and permanent changes in lifestyles to improve health outcomes, strengthen cultural identity and lead to a more competitive and successful local workforce for the tourism industry. As a direct result of their programs, thousands of local youth have new awareness and pride in our community's indigenous maritime heritage; hundreds have learned to swim; hundreds have experienced riding on an indigenous sailing canoe; and there are now opportunities for anyone interested to learn to swim, to sail, to build and to own their own canoe.

Since opening its doors in the CNMI in 1978, the **American Red Cross** has worked to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and generosity of donors. In 2019, the ARC continued this tradition by guiding residents through recovery from Super Typhoon Yutu, preparing for near miss storms, and offering care for residents struck by flooding and fire loss. As a trusted member of the community, ARC has driven recovery for decades.

**The Salvation Army**, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Since 1985, the Tan Family, headed by Tan Holdings founder and chairman, Dr. Tan Siu Lin, has been very active in philanthropic work for the community both in the CNMI and Guam and in 2002, Dr. Tan formed the **Tan Siu Lin Foundation** to further promote the culture of giving back. Tan Siu Lin Foundation and its generous partners are committed to leading and supporting various programs, be it about health, education, sports, arts and culture, environment, tourism, and other initiatives that benefit our community and its residents. Giving back and making a difference in the community and people's lives will help ensure that the island paradise we call home will always be a better place to live in.

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