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Catholic Social Service contracts expire March 31, 2018 Relinquishing Adult Day Care Services, In-Home Services and Case Management Services back to Department of Public Health and Social Services

Catholic Social Service (CSS) announces that its current three-year contract with the Government of Guam as the private contractor providing In-Home Services, Case Management and Adult Day Care services to the island's elderly will expire on March 31st. After that date, these duties will be returned to the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services.

For over 30 years, some of Public Health's mandates have been awarded to CSS through competitive service contracts. In addition to funding received from the government, Catholic Social Service contributes administrative expertise, volunteer hours and most importantly, dedicated professional caregivers. It also receives monetary and product donations from groups and individuals who support the elderly.

The decision to discontinue as the government's contractor for aging services has been a difficult journey. Without adequate government funding and timely payments however, and given the dire fiscal situation that is projected in the Government of Guam, CSS is not able to sustain these programs without affecting its own sustainability as a community based organization.

Unfortunately, more than 2,000 clients and nearly 100 dedicated employees, as well as other sub-contractors who support our work will be impacted as Catholic Social Service concludes its contract related to the three programs named above. CSS has communicated these impending actions to



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employees and clients since August 2017, and will continue to be available to assist families in any transition service.

All clients whom CSS has served throughout its history were assisted to attain their highest level of quality of life. Even with the absence of a government contract, CSS will continue to actively respond and direct its focus primarily on those areas in which the moral obligation to help our brothers and sisters is one of the most urgent, including reducing hunger, addressing poverty, and contributing to improve the community for everyone.

We have been blessed to serve the people of Guam since 1979. CSS will continue to serve the needy in our community in other areas to the best of our abilities.

We ask for your prayers and community support.

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