

Lions to set diabetes world record

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Lions Clubs International District 301-D2 has received a commitment of support from the Liga ng mga Barangay of Quezon City for its bid to set a world record for the biggest number of umbrellas opening at the same time, as part of the observance of the World Diabetes Day on Nov. 14.

Quezon City's Liga ng mga Barangay, led by its president City Councilor Freddy Roxas, will ask each of the 142 barangays of the city to send at least 10 persons – or a total of 1,420 individuals – to join the umbrella-opening event, which organizers hope will enter the Guinness Book of World Record.

The Lions Clubs International, with over 1.4 million members worldwide, is doing the project to call global attention to diabetes.

In order to break the existing record, the event will need 3,500 confirmed participants. Under the rules of the Guinness World Record, each independent verifier will need to confirm in writing that he or she saw at most 50 participants simultaneously opening umbrellas.

Each of the projected 3,500 participants will receive a souvenir umbrella, donated by international pharmaceutical firm Novo Nordisk.

Lions Clubs International District 301-D1, a sister Lions district, has committed to bring in another 800 to 1,000 persons. Lions Districts A-2, A-3 and A-4, as well as three other districts in Luzon have also pledged their support for the GWR event.

The Office for Senior Citizens Affairs of Quezon City has pledged another 600 participants. The Quezon City Police District and the National Capital Region Bureau of Fire Protection have also pledged to send hundreds of participants. Jollibee has committed to send hamburgers while Metropharma makers of Circulan has committed to send P100,000 worth of products for giveaway.