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## Bank of Guam rewards GCC students' community service efforts

As part of their community support of various projects during the holiday season, the Bank of Guam presented \$1,300 in Payless Supermarket gift certificates to the faculty of the Guam Community College Criminal Justice and Social Sciences Department on December 21, 2012. The money will support the department's ongoing "Giving To Learn; Learning to Give" service learning project. The project involves CJSS students going out into community and applying the lessons and skills they have learned in the curriculum.

"As a department, we focused on hunger as a service learning project. This project makes the service learning component of our curriculum very personal. It's not me or the college identifying people in need or a need in the community, it's the students themselves," said Jose Munoz, CJSS Department chair. He explained that the students identified a person or family who needed assistance buying food. The students then purchased a specific group of canned foods and delivered that food to the person or family they had identified.

"The feedback we have received from this project - from the students and the community - has been extremely positive," Munoz concluded. He added that this is the first time his department has applied service learning in this manner.

"The Bank of Guam's donation will help to fund this project, and we are extremely grateful for their support of our students' efforts," Munoz said.

"Bank of Guam is pleased to support GCC's "Giving to Learn, Learning to Give" community service project. We commend the students for their efforts in personally reaching out and assisting those in need within our community," said Josephine Mariano, BOG Senior Vice President.

Suggested photo caption: John Armstrong, GCC Associate Professor; Jose Munoz, GCC Social Science & Criminal Justice Department chair; Benjamin Pablo, BOG VP/Community Development Officer; Josephine Mariano, BOG Senior VP, and J. Peter Roberto, GCC instructor, celebrate the Bank of Guam's donation to support GCC SSCJ students' service learning efforts on December 21, 2012, at Bank of Guam headquarters in Hagatna.

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