

Frequently Asked Questions OSA Trunk on the Tree of Life Project

1. What is the purpose of this drive?

To obtain contributions toward the OSA Trunk of the Tree of Life.

2. What is the OSA Trunk?

It was inspired by a contribution by Drs. Enrico and Esther Sobong of \$100,000 toward the Tree of Life. Silliman and the Tree of Life Committee decided to honor that gift with a plaque on the trunk of the South Tree of Life. It was decided to designate the trunk of the other (North) trunk as the OSA Trunk after obtaining favorable response to a survey conducted for the purpose of obtaining consent from OSA Society members.

3. How much are we trying to raise?

There is no set amount for a goal, although it is hoped that the combined resources of all OSAs and their supporters can eventually match if not surpass the \$100,000 that was donated toward the South Trunk.

4. Who can contribute toward the OSA Trunk?

All OSAs as well as their, family, friends and other supporters.

5. How do we contribute?

A packet has been mailed to all OSAs or their survivors. The packet contains a donor form with instructions on how to process it. The donor form will also be published in the websites of both SUACONA and Silliman for downloading.

6. Will contributions to this drive be tax-deductible?

All contributions toward this drive will be acknowledged and such acknowledgment can be used as support for tax deductions, in accordance with the taxation laws of the donor's country. For residents of the United States, the acknowledgement sent by the United Board is guaranteed to be tax-deductible, as covered by the original Portal West Building project initiated by the United Board and approved by the IRS. Residents of Canada will need to make their own arrangements regarding tax deduction. Contributions by Philippine residents will be acknowledged by Silliman University. Such acknowledgment can be used to support tax deduction.

7. Is there a deadline on this drive?

Yes and No. This phase of the drive is being initiated by a special committee called the OSA Trunk Committee. Its purpose is to jumpstart the process of putting money into the OSA Trunk. The committee will run this phase of the drive between now and August 31, 2012. After that, the management and monitoring of the OSA Trunk drive will be transferred to Silliman University, which will decide, along with the United Board, whether or not to continue the drive and for how long.

8. What do I do now?

The packet has been sent to every OSA or the survivor of one. If you are making a contribution, fill out the form and if paying by check, make it out to United Board if you are a resident of the United States or to Silliman University if you are a resident of the Philippines. On the memo line of the check, be sure to indicate "OSA Trunk Project" to insure proper designation and recognition.

9. What about non-OSAs who wish to contribute toward the OSA Trunk?

Make a copy of the form for each family member, friend and supporter and ask them to fill it out according to the instructions. Be sure to ask them to indicate in whose honor is the gift.

If you have any other questions other than the above, please contact Rev. Dr. Federico I. Agnir, Project Coordinator. Email him at agnir@juno.com or call him up at 813-991-1924.