



## 140 women now have jobs all 140 women graduated successfully seamstresses /reflexologies

In 2010, Springboard Foundation partnered with the Municipal Office of Binan, Laguna, and with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to provide Reflexology and Dressmaking training and seminar courses for women living in the area whose families suffered from the destruction of typhoon Ondoy and the following months of flooding in 2009. 140 women graduated from the livelihood training program, which was completed in April, 2011.

The purpose of this livelihood program was to propel the women into the income earning group. They were given the opportunity to learn new skills and to apply their new knowledge to the challenges of finding employment and earning a decent living. The training program was designed to empower the women by giving them the abilities to improve their lives and to raise themselves and their families out of poverty.



As part of their on-the-job training, the participants of the Reflexology course joined in a medical mission for Barangay Langkiwa in December, 2010, organized by the Office of the City Mayor. The women trained in Reflexology offered body massages to the residents of the Barangay in need of immediate relief from body aches and pains.



Upon the completion of the livelihood training program in April, 2011, the City Government of Binan partnered with industry sector participants, such as Carina Apparel to provide job opportunities to the graduates of the dressmaking training.



Because of this partnership between the local government, local businesses and different groups and organizations, we are proud to announce that all of the graduates of the livelihood programs are now gainfully employed.

Tha Kababaihan Unlad Binan Livelihood Project would like to express its sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Springboard Foundation for its continuous support and assistance in alleviating the plight of various women groups and thereby making sure that the children of these women are better provided for.

