



UP VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN

ORGANIZATION PRIMER 2021

ABOUT US

The University of the Philippines Volunteers for Children (UP VFC) was established in 2009. It is a service-oriented, non-stock, non-profit, university-wide, student-led organization duly recognized by the University of the Philippines Diliman.

UP VFC is composed of student volunteers from different academic backgrounds united to advocate the rights of every Filipino child.

DIRECTION

In recent years, UP VFC has progressed to prioritize volunteerism that is participatory, sustainable, and empowering to our partner communities. We aim to ignite hope and provide support to children who are experiencing the ill effects of economic, social, and political inequalities.

MISSION

To provide support services for the Filipino children and consequently, their families, and to ignite the spirit of volunteerism in the Philippines.

VISION

To build a society with Filipino Children who are well-adjusted, healthy, and secure



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OUR ADVOCACY-BASED PROJECTS

These are established projects that advocate and advance the right to play, education, and health of Filipino children.

Playtime

Playtime highlights play as a meaningful experience crucial to children's learning. It has four sessions that cater to children outside UP Diliman.

VFC.H.I.L.L

VFC Hope: Initiating Learning through Love (VFCH. I. L. L.) promotes the inherent curiosity and personal interests of children residing near UP Diliman. Its four sessions (Laro, Likha, Indak, and Layag) engage children in various recreational and creative activities.

VFCares

It is a medical mission for children who do not have access to basic health services.

Children's Fair


The Children's Fair is a one-day event filled with fun activities for our chosen beneficiary organization or community in celebration of Children's Month. It is made more meaningful by the efforts of partner organizations and their interactive booths.

LEAD

Learners and Letters Advocacy Program (LEAD.) is a month-long outreach event organized with our partner community, aiming to provide alternative schooling to street children residing in the said community.




WHO IS THE NIA COMMUNITY?



The NIA community is located in Barangay Pinyahan, Quezon City. Most community members work as tricycle drivers and street vendors, while others earn by selling scavenged materials. The community constantly faces threats and displacement due to road-clearing operations of their local government. UP VFC began working with NIA in 2018 by providing alternative literacy lessons to children in their community.

In the process, UP VFC intended to strengthen their relationship with the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), GK NIA volunteers, and parents from the NIA community for the organization to have a deeper understanding of their potential role in the collective effort towards the development of the community.



EVENTS FROM LAST ACADEMIC YEAR

The unpredictability of the pandemic urged the organization to initiate projects adaptive to the remote setup and responsive to the issues amplified by the pandemic.

Gig Para sa Ka-NIA (April)

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Bahay Eskuwela Batch 1 (September)

Bahay Eskuwela is a L. E. A. D. COVID-19 response project that highlights the importance of home and family as a source of child's learning and enrichment. During its first batch, UP VFC members created learning kits composed of modules, flashcards, and other learning materials to improve their literacy skills and help them understand the changes brought by the pandemic.



Bahay Eskuwela Batch 2 (January)

The second batch focused on holistic well-being of children by facilitating learning through art, music, kinetic activities, and storytelling. UP VFC distributed modules, storybooks, and art materials. It aimed to benefit the mental health of children, especially in the context of COVID-19 lockdown.

Children's Month (November)

In celebration of National Children's Month, UP VFC partnered with different organizations in UP Diliman that also advocate for children's rights. During this event, UP VFC released the Bahay Eskuwela modules online to make it accessible to the public. We also created an online storybook and shared a virtual exhibit that featured the artworks of NIA community children.

Pasko NIA (December)

Pasko NIA was a donation drive for the street dwellers and informal settlers residing in NIA community as a response to the consecutive typhoons that hit the Philippines. We collected P70,000 and helped 100 families from the community.



PROJECTS FOR 2021 FIRST SEMESTER



As the partnership between UP VFC and NIA community nearing its end, empowering the community and strengthening its local initiatives are the main goals behind the projects this semester. Thus, a team composed of UP VFC members will lead the dialogues with the community leaders and parents from the NIA community to ensure a smooth transition.

Bahay Eskuwela Batch 3

Different from the first two batches, Bahay Eskuwela Batch 3 aims to instill different life skills appropriate to children. Through play, learning kits, and online storytelling videos, abilities and habits that enrich cognitive skills, personal development, and social relationships will be introduced. These materials will be distributed to the NIA kids and made available to the public.

Target date of distribution: November 27, 2021

Kapihan Sessions

Kapihan is a series of educational discussions with speakers from different professions. It aims to raise the awareness of UP VFC members about social issues and theoretical frameworks concerning Filipino children. This year, we hope to include the community in our sessions, so we can learn together about the common obstacles and correct approach when interacting with families and children.

Target dates: October 30 and December 18, 2021

Children's Month

UP VFC aims to partner with different UP Diliman organizations that also promote children's rights. Through this collaboration, UP VFC and partner organizations will be able to amplify their individual and common advocacies.

Target date: November



AWARDS RECEIVED



Playtime 2020 received the "2020 Ignacio B. Gimenez Award for UP Student Organizations' Social Innovation Project Excellence Award"

Bahay Eskuwela received the "2021 Ignacio B. Gimenez - UP Student Organizations' Social Innovation Projects Award for Education and Literacy"

