



Future Vision



Quarterly newsletter 4 – 2020

Holiday greetings from the Home of the Future!

I together with all the visionistas/students/beneficiaries would like to wish each one of you a prosperous new year!

In this newsletter I would like to share what happened to us in 2020. Like everyone else, because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, was full of challenges.

Future Vision Home

Through the help of some of our friends, early this year, we moved to a New House. A slightly bigger house where we can accommodate more beneficiaries/students and where we have a small space for some of our activities. During the day, we use one room for our three-bed Massage Clinic which we named “The Visionistas Touch Massage Center.” Its purpose is to give employment to the adult member and at the same time to generate some income that we can use to cover the running costs of the organisation.

Unfortunately, just like the Schools and any business activities, our small massage clinic had to close mid-March when the President announced the lockdown. As a result, our adult blind beneficiaries lost their source of income while students were confined at the Home. It also meant that we lost the additional income to support the Home.



Existential Support-June 2020

Nevertheless, we are thankful for the local government, a local organization and the kanthari Foundation which helped us and 5 selected most needy beneficiaries getting through a tough time.

Computer Class

Because of the new normal online education, it has given birth to an idea that the beneficiaries need to have knowledge in using the computer to cope.

in July we all stayed in one home where there was no way of getting exposed to the virus, so we provided a class in the use of a computer for ten beneficiaries. Trainers were two blind instructors from The Manila blind Church. Since we only have four computers at the home. One is the desktop computer owned by PWDA of Bambang. There are 2 old laptops one is five-year old acer computer, and another is ten-year old HP Laptop; Manila Blind Church was very supportive to lend us the rest of the computers needed.

Master-all Project

In September, we again welcomed our beneficiaries for a one month-long, what we called Master-all program. This training included Braille and Computer skills as well as other soft skills that helps the students to get better prepared for the future way of education.

Indoor fun games

In October, Through the project of Persons with Different Abilities (PWDA,) the beneficiaries enjoyed a day of fun and excitement together with a group of disabled children. They had fun learning and playing together indoor. This activity is enough to ease the boredom and depression that the students feel having to stay at the Home.

School at Home project

September 2020 – June 2021

It was a blessing that that we are in a slightly bigger house for we have a small area where we can do our classes for a small group of children. For instructions for a larger group of



beneficiaries, we use the dining area. We even utilize the bedroom for online classes. For our Extension Program, we utilize the small receiving area that holds a small table for our classes with four students with Intellectual Disability. Lessons are done from here and with students who are online at home during scheduled times.

Year End Christmas Program

Careful not to invite other visionistas/beneficiaries because of the restriction, on the 21st of December, the visionistas prepared a very simple program for our Year End Christmas Celebration. Some of their parents and few friends coming from PWDA of Bambang joint for this precious gathering.

The students were surprised with gifts from Ms. Judith C. Abando and her Brother Alex Custodio. We also got a new ceiling Fan and individual gifts from two of my sisters from The Sisters of Mary namely Jing and grace and from their co-workers in Fiona Stanley Hospital Australia. One of the parents even give some amount as gifts for our simple games.

Partners:

Something New!

A Website! Thanks to Sabriye and Paul and to one of their closest friends who supported us, we can create our own website. This is new to us and we do not know yet how to manage a website. So, if anyone can help us, please do reach out to me at lorena2013@iiseconnect.org

Internet Connection!

After almost four months of waiting, this December, we now have a better internet connection. Being online is now much easier. This is a tremendous improvement for our visionistas/students who join their online classes now without interruptions.



Gratitude:

We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who have made things possible for us at the Home this year.

- Gigi Tibi and Erika Aquino

Ms. Erika Aquino is the product of Paul's visit to Philippines in September 2018. Early this year, she is the lady who helped us to move to another slightly bigger Home. While Gigi Tibi shared her Contribution to us too.

- Bro. ET Lim

ET Lim from Malaysia is a brother and friend since August 2014 who blessed us with a new laptop to be used for the project

- kanthari Foundation

Our School at Home Project would not have been possible from September-January without their support.

- Cristy Villanueva

A lady who's not known to me personally but who supported us during the months of August and September.

- Dr. Ester L. Catimon-Principal II Eusebio C. Santos Elementary School

As we prepared for the Home Schooling, we lacked small table and chairs as well as bookshelf and supply cabinet. Mrs. Catimon donated these.

- Nancy D. Medina-Vice president of PWDA

Ever supportive to our Project.

- Barangay Bambang

Thanks to staff of Barangay headed by Capt. Jaime T. Cruz our alcohol, thermal scanner as well as vitamins are provided this to make sure that we practice protocols set by the government.

Our plans and needs:

In the coming year , we wish to continue the training at our centre:

Online as well as directly in-house. To be able to do this we are in need of the following and we are grateful if you could help us, or if you could inform others who could help us about the same. THANK You for your support!

1. Financial support

Right now, our funds are limited. It is mainly based on the salary that I receive as a public-School Teacher, as well as the little contribution from the beneficiaries as well as occasional gifts from friends and acquaintances. To be able to support ten or more beneficiaries we need donations.

Any amount is helpful.

2. Funds to pay for the rent our space/Home

The most urgent at this point is to be able to maintain the home. Without our House we will not be able to do the indoor activities and the Home schooling project. Our rent is 15,000 PHP per month.

We would appreciate it, if you can provide any amount towards this, so we have our basic place secured.

2. Customized E-bike (Service Vehicle)

Part of the work of future Vision Home is to go around the City to visit and give encouragement to those families with children or family member who are blind or visually impaired. Now that we have Covid-19 Pandemic, it is not safe to use Public transportation in doing this activity so we are looking for an E-bike that can accommodate 2 passengers.

There are also blind children who cannot afford to be away from their family but needs instruction. So, we will use the E-bike to go to their houses and to give training right at their homes for at least twice a week.

We have other needs, but those mentioned above have our highest priority. We will work on further fundraising to cover expenses such as food and utility bills.

Any little help you can give can take us to a higher ground. To make a donation, please click the link below.

<https://secure.givinghero.app/future-vision>

Or make a transfer to the following bank account:

Name of bank: Metrobank

Branch: Taguig Puregold Branch

Account name: FUTURE VISION SIGHTED-BLIND INC

Account number: 381-3-38158824-7

IBAN/SWIFT/BIC: MBTCPHMM

Address of bank: Metrobank Taguig Commercial Units 7 – 10 Puregold

Taguig Gen. A. Luna corner Col. P. Cruz St., Tuktukan, Taguig City

Telephone number of Bank: +632-6435023

Dedicated Bank Account:

Name of bank: Banco De Oro(BDO)

Branch: Levi Mariano Branch

Account name: Lorena J. Acula



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IBAN/SWIFT/BIC: BNORPHMN
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Barangay Usuzan, Taguig City
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*Lastly, I would once again like to express our deepest and heartfelt gratitude to all of you for being there.
Wishing you all the very best for the new year.
Stay safe, stay healthy!
With very best regards,*

Lorena

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