

BAYANIHAN

"Bayanihan" literally means, "**being a bayan (village),**" and is thus used to refer to a spirit of communal unity and cooperation.

Our Youth leads the way

"The youth is the hope of our future." - Dr. Jose Rizal"

As envisioned by the concept of Bayanihan Circles and consistent with Dr. Jose Rizal's faith in the sensibilities of the youth, young Filipino Americans are stepping up and accepting the invitation to give back to their community.

The Bayanihan Circles concept is anchored in the Filipino shared values of (ABKD) Aksyon (Action), Bayanihan (People working together), Kapitbahayan (Neighborly concerns) and Damayan (Mutual aid). Hence, the authorship of different Circles will showcase the continuing best practices of volunteerism by Filipino Americans.

In this issue, we feature Paula Lindsey Alcaraz of the Communications Circle (CC). Her Circle is in charged of engaging FACGC's constituencies from stakeholders/donors to service recipients via media relations, press statements/conferences, newsletters, historical documentation, social media exposures, and other evolving communication platforms.

Paula currently works for Capital

USAP TAYO: COVID-19 UPDATED BIVALENT VACCINES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN AND MONKEYPOX WEBINAR

This webinar includes information on the COVID-19 boosters, especially the updated booster targeting Omicron sub-variants, vaccine resources for young children, and new content to spread awareness on Monkeypox.

DATE:
Saturday
5th of November 2022

TIME:
10:00 AM Pacific Time
12:00 PM Central Time
01:00 PM Eastern Time

REGISTRATION LINK:
<https://bit.ly/USAPTayo>

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Join the Bayanihan Circles and be part of rebuilding Rizal Center

The Bayanihan Volunteer Corps implements the mandate of the April 22, 2017 Resolution to organize committees/circles to run the organization. People power is expressed in the different Bayanihan Circles where planning, decision-making, and execution happen. Go to <https://rizalcenterchicago.org/volunteer-opportunities> to join the Bayanihan Volunteer Corps.

BE PART OF HISTORY. THE BAYANIHAN FOR RIZAL

CENTER. MAKE A GIFT NOW! Click this link: [Bayanihan](https://bayanihan.org) or go to <https://circapintig.networkforgood.com/projects/172580-bayanihan-for-rizal-center>

One as Project Manager- Agile Delivery Lead. She holds a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University and a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Aurora University.

Why she wants to volunteer with FACGC? She says, " I pass by the Center very often and was curious about joining so that I can embrace my culture and where my family is from. When I found out the recent news of the Center, I wanted to help out in any way possible."

(Photo on the right was taken after Paula's interview with CC)



Sitting (L-R) Sally, Thelma, and Paula * Standing (L-R) Jason and Jerry (Photo by Flor Clarito)

STAYING with the MISSION: The Filipino American Council of Greater Chicago will continue to pursue its charitable mission as set forth in the exempt purposes of section 501(c)(3) of IRS code: "The term **charitable** is used in its generally accepted legal sense and includes relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged; advancement of religion; advancement of education or science; erecting or maintaining public buildings, monuments, or works; lessening the burdens of government; lessening neighborhood tensions; eliminating prejudice and discrimination; defending human and civil rights secured by law; and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency."

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/exempt-purposes-internal-revenue-code-section-501c3>

Less language assistance on Election Day

Chicago voters who need language support at the polls will experience a reduction of such service on the Nov. 8 Election Day. The number of polling places providing bilingual ballots and election judges have been drastically reduced due to the state-mandated precinct consolidation and carried out by the Chicago Board of Elections.

Ryan Vilorio, Executive Director of the Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment (AFIRE), expressed that language access is more than a poll worker "simply pointing at the screen and hoping that you get the equivalent phrase" in another language; it empowers voters. **Apply at: cookcountyclerk.com/work Bilingual judges always needed!**

