



About Us

Beginnings

Our story begins with the arrival of US servicemen in the Philippines

1898 - 1935

US occupation of the Philippines

1935 - 1946

Commonwealth Period

1955 - 1992

US expanded Clark and Subic bases right after World War II throughout the Vietnam War



The children and mothers left behind



Decades of servicemen coming to the Philippines resulted in hundreds of thousands of Amerasian children left fatherless, their Filipino mothers forced to raise them alone.

In 1921, Gov. Gen. Leonard Wood organized a group to help the children.

Today, more than 100 years later, the Philippine American Guardian Association continues to help empower Filipino Amerasian children through education.

Current situation

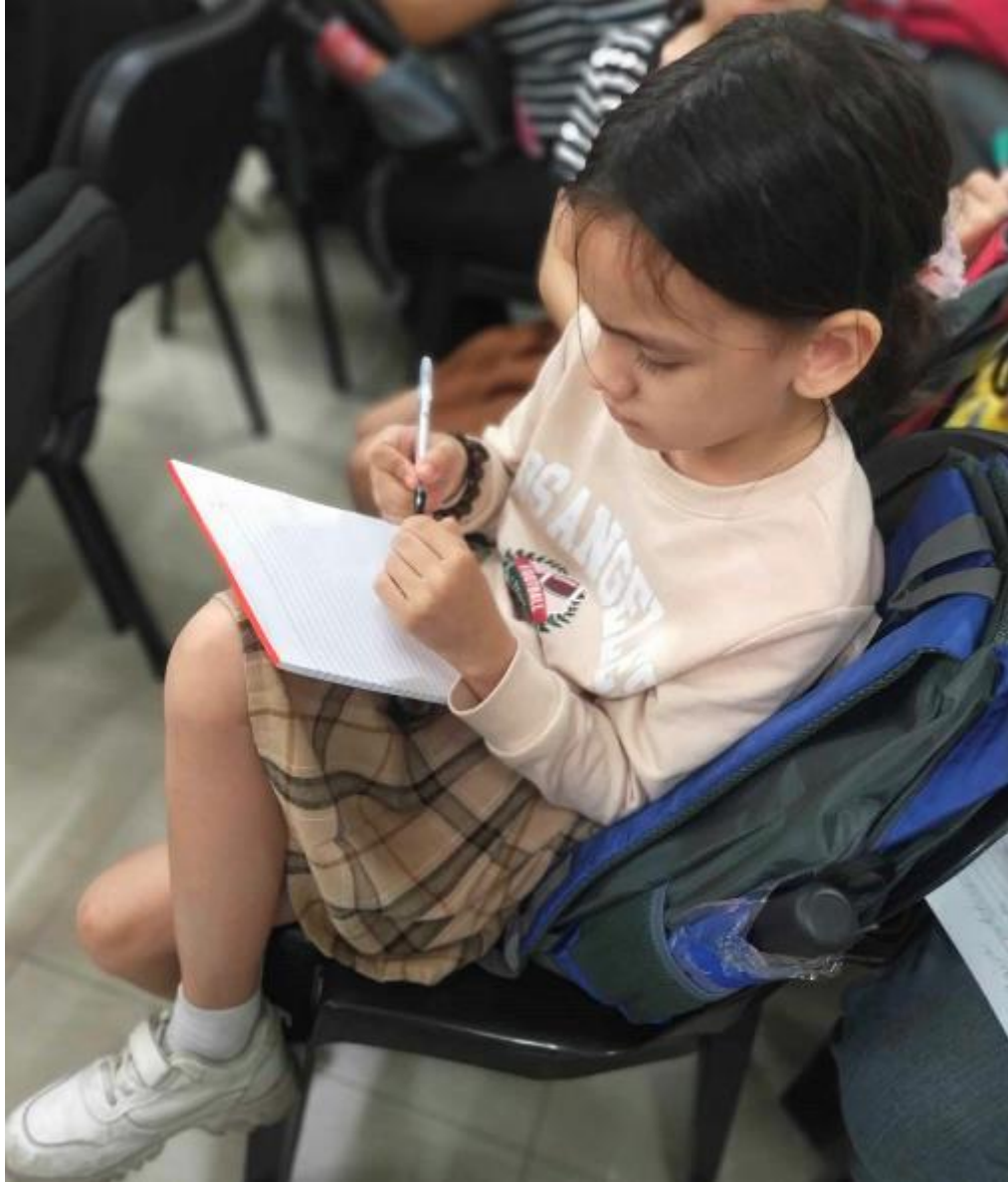


The number of Filipino Amerasian children continues to grow, challenged by generational poverty and social stigma. Their challenges include:

- At risk of being used by their families for subsistence through **youth prostitution** and **human trafficking**
- Bullying or harassment, especially for African (Black) Amerasians that impact negatively on their mental health
- Female Amerasians working as bargirls
- Even with free tuition in public schools and state universities, many can't afford to go to school (transportation, meals, school supplies, projects, uniforms, shoes)

- Angeles, Pampanga, 1999

(Taken from a study "Filipino Amerasians Living in the Margins" - Dr Carolyn Sobritchea, U.P. Asian Center)

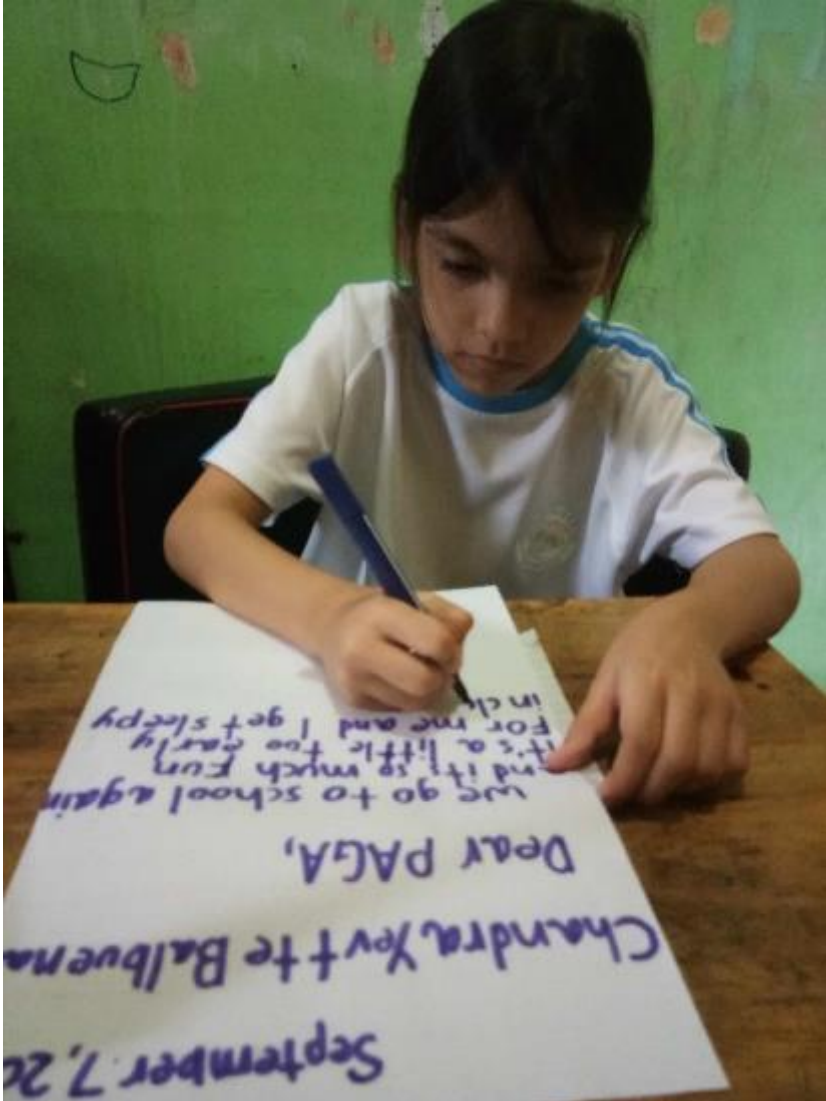


Our program

A blend of:

- Educational assistance
- Psychosocial support
- Personal development

Educational Assistance



A monthly allowance helps with transportation, meals, uniforms, supplies, and other school needs

Children share monthly updates or anecdotes about challenges and proud moments

Submit copies of their grades



Psychosocial Support

We conduct monthly check-ins and quarterly home visits with the children and parents to keep in touch and learn more about them and how we can be of assistance



Personal development

Our volunteer mentors share their wisdom



Etiquette for Teens



Safety



Financial Planning



Personal development

Workshops on:

- “Love Yourself”
- Creating Positive Minds
- The Anatomy of Stress
- Career Planning
- Responsible Parenting

Success Stories



Our senior college students complete their internships with high ratings by the companies.

The children perform well in school with averages above 80%.

Paying it forward



Volunteer
barangay
firefighter



Volunteer for
medical
missions

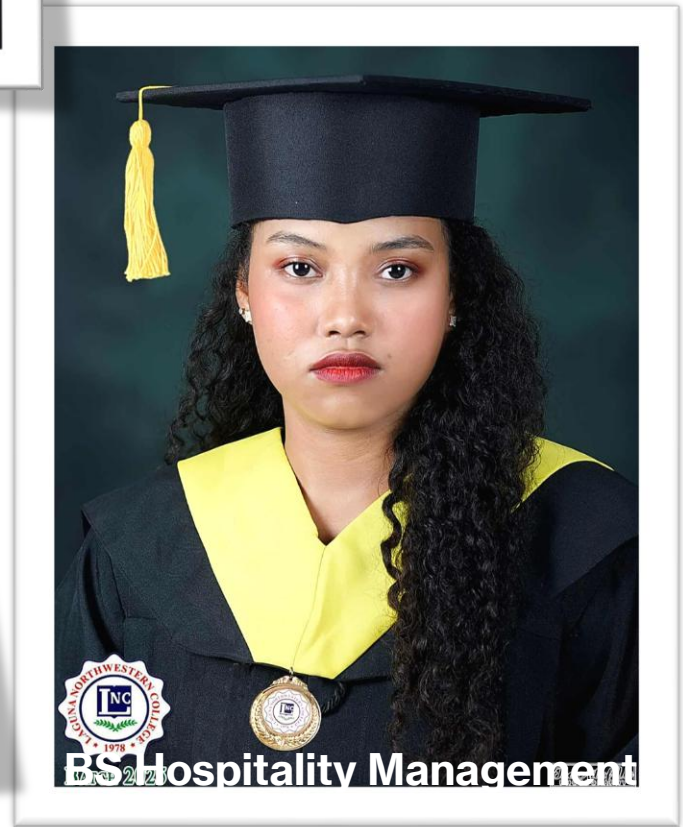
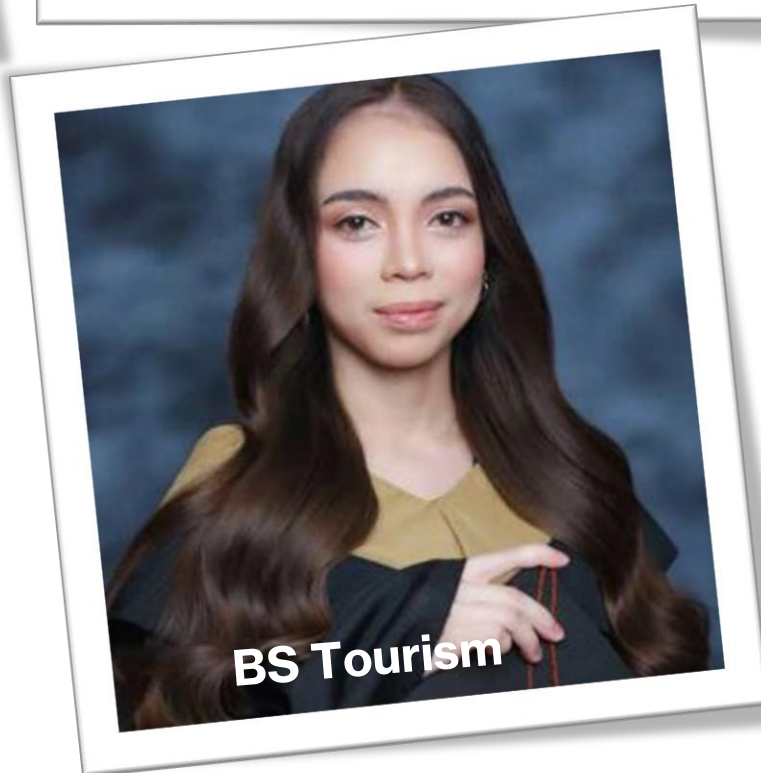
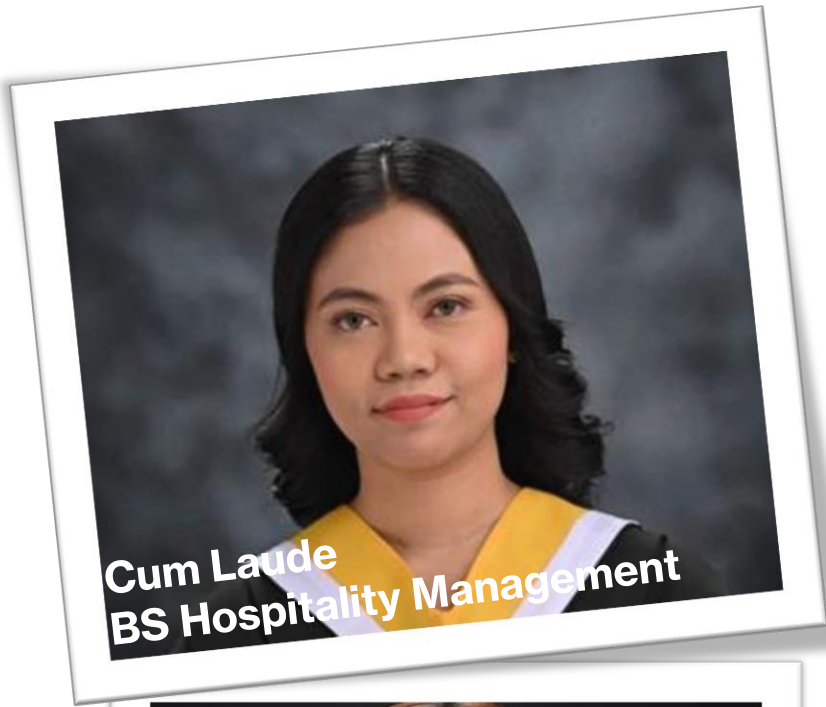


Volunteer at
orphanages



Volunteer trainer
for Red Cross;
member of
rescue teams
during calamities

Our graduates



Good day,

As I prepare to close this meaningful chapter of my journey, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to every one of you. Being part of the Philippine American Guardian Association has been a truly enriching experience, one filled with service and a shared commitment to our values, heritage, and community.

Though I may be stepping away, my heart remains with my sponsors who cared enough to help me find my dream. I am very thankful that PAGA gave me a chance to be one of their scholars. Now that I am graduating, my gratitude for helping me get to this level. I am now officially a graduate with a bachelor's degree. This is my dream come true. Now I can start giving my parents the life they deserve, one day at a time.

Maraming salamat for all the kindness. I hope to do the same for others in the future. To help them finish their education and live better. And may we all be guardians not just in name but in heart.

With utmost respect and warmest wishes.



BS Hospitality Management
Northwestern College
San Pedro, Laguna

**Joined PAGA when she
was 7 yrs old**



Once in a Lifetime Chance

Her story is a journey of hope. From living under a bridge and selling rags in the streets, to having that once-in-a-lifetime chance of completing an education.

Today, you will find her teaching in a public school armed with a master's degree in Management, majoring in Educational Management. She says this is her way of giving back to children who deserve a better life.

“As a child who grew up in poverty, education became the key to slowly break away from it. Because of education, I gained hope and confidence in myself. And PAGA was there with every step I took towards my dream. Now my dream is to give hope to young people who grew up like me.”

Joined PAGA when she was 6 years old and graduated in 2014





Our sincere gratitude to our dearest partners who have shared the dream of education for a better life.

Together with the children, we wish you all the best and invite you to stay the course with us.



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