

PROJECTS FOR HAPPINESS

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INTRODUCTION

Project WCLT is an initiative to help orphans in Kuala Lumpur to improve their education. Recent news revealed that almost 60% of Malaysian students did not have the ability to read nor to do basic mathematics after SPM. Also, we believe that, every child in Malaysia deserves a chance for a better education. Therefore, for first pilot project, we are hoping to help orphans in Kuala Lumpur to improve themselves, not just in education, but also in level of confidence, self-esteem, loves and above all, to become a better person in the future. This project will be using students from local universities and it is hoped that, we are able to get at least four different educational institutions to make this project a success. These institutions will rotate amongst themselves every week to come to the selected orphanage and spend time with them. We do realize that, students in university have high commitment with their assignments, projects and hence, by participating in WCLT, they can learn something new which will be beneficial for them but at the same time, to contribute back to the community.

WCLT is not only focusing in education, but we are hoping to give the children any assistance that they need. We will be giving a support system for the orphanage i.e buy exercise books, stationaries, maintaining the orphanage in good shape, share the loves and even our time. WCLT has high hopes on this project because it involves students from local universities/educational institutions and we believe that, this kind of background will give positive impact to the orphans to excel in their lives. We also believe that, every student has hidden potential in him or her to be a successful person in the future. By collaborating between four education institutions to look after one orphanage, it is going to be challenging but then, the first step would be the hardest. As long we understand our objectives, commit to this project and work as a team for the sake of these children, things will, eventually gets better.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are:-

1) To improve the level of education amongst the selected orphanage.

For the first few months, we are hoping to teach basic knowledge in education for them. This includes reading and basic math.

2) To create a friendly-environment in orphanage for education to take place

Most of the orphanages in Kuala Lumpur do not get enough financial support from the Welfare Department to support themselves or the provide the facilities in orphanage. Therefore, we really hope that, we would be to provide at least small amount of tables and chairs, and draw some murals on the wall and hence, inspire these children to learn and to excel in education.

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3) To give support system for the children.

These orphans do not have support system from anyone except their guardian (which normally a woman aged around 50s-60s), and to give a support system to everyone in orphanage is a tough job. Therefore, by being there, we're hoping that, at least we can be their brothers and sisters whom they can talk to if they have problems, whom they can share their stories at school, whom they are eager to meet every weekend. Love, is what it takes to unleash the hidden potential in these children.

ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

For our first pilot project, we are aiming to recruit at least 10 students from each education institution. That means, we're going to have at least 40 volunteers to help us to execute this project. Out of 10 volunteers each week. For the first week we will be dividing them into two groups to in charge for Saturday and Sunday. The program shall start at around 10am in the morning until 6pm. Our basic activity is to help these children with homework, school projects, discussion and at the same time, to motivate them to never give up in life. After the first week, the program would be only on Saturday. Obviously, we will be facing different level of education amongst them i.e some of the children might be in lower secondary school, primary school or upper secondary school. The way that we will tackle this problem is to create a small circle consists of 2-3 children with one volunteers as a brother/sister. Through this method, the center of attention is narrowed and they will be more focused to learn. Also, it will be easier to conduct two-way communication between the volunteer and the children.

After the first session is done, the volunteers will be focusing in covering certain topics that the children have learned in school. This is very important, as we do not want them to fall behind. As mentioned earlier on, we would like to help the orphanage as well so that the process of learning will run smoothly. After lunch, we're planning to do some activities such as drawing and painting specific murals on the wall, i.e number's multiplication, motivational quotes and etc. Even though this looks like a small bit of effort, however, it is crucial for these orphans, as it will motivate them in some ways.

Volunteers for Sunday will continue whatever tasks have been left a day before. Every week (on Sunday, after lunch), we planning to conduct a test so that, we can monitor the performance of the children. Having said that, by monitoring the performance of the children, it is hoped that, our approach as 'elder' brothers and sisters will inspire them not to give up and keep holding on. Before the day ends, we would like to spend times playing with them i.e football, traditional games, puzzles because it is very important for these children and the volunteers to have a good rapport and at the same time, they will at least, realize that, there are certain groups of people who are still care for them and they are not alone!

At the end of the program, volunteers will conduct one educational visit for these orphans and it is hoped that, by doing such thing like this, these children will be more motivated to excel.

Note;

Perhaps a few tasks will be changed accordingly based on the ideas thrown by the volunteers. However, it will only be focusing on education and how to help these children.

PROJECTS BENEFICIARIES

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Through this project, it is hoped that, it can help two groups of people; the volunteers and the orphans

Volunteers

We believe that, all volunteers (students in university) have a lot of potential to help the community. The only problem that they have is that, they do not know how to contribute, or they are too busy with assignments, projects or they do not know the benefits of joining volunteerism. Therefore, we are giving a platform for students from local universities to participate in this project and get the first hand experience. Also, this whole process will benefit them in term of their carrier application, they will become more appreciative and they will feel the sense of responsibility of helping the community because they have seen the needs of assisting and felt the experience of the needy.

Orphans

We really are hoping that all these children would be able to feel that, there are still groups of people who care for them, who believe in them and who have faith in them to become a successful person in the future. And, it is hoped that, these children would be able to excel in education or at least to master the basic things in education.

EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS

We hope that, all the orphans will be getting at least C (>50%) in their monthly test conducted by the volunteers. Also, we're hoping that, they will be more motivated to learn and excel in education. Apart from that, sufficient amount of tables and chairs can be provided for the learning session to run as smoothly and to help these children doing their homework in daily basis.

PROJECT TIMELINE

This project will run about 6-7 months. (Pilot project)

We will be conducting final assessments to examine the progress of what we have done for the past 7 months and if the outcome is excellent, we are hoping to do the same project in a different orphanage.

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BUDGET

For this project to sustain for at least 7 months, it is recommended that, we spend about RM 8, 500. This budget will cover.

- 1) A few new tables, chairs and cupboard (roughly cost is about RM 3500)
- 2) Orphanage maintenance done by the volunteers (including painting murals, buying certain equipment i.e table fan, broom, kitchenware that will help the sustainable of the orphanage) roughly cost is about RM 1,200
- 3) Educational materials, (exercise books, new school uniforms, stationaries) roughly cost is about RM 2000 (this depends on how many orphans in the orphanage)
- 4) Final education visit around KL (preferably going to the Zoo Negara, Pusat Sains Negara, KLCC Science Center) roughly cost is about RM 2,500 (Including renting a bus, foods and entrance ticket)
- 5) Miscellaneous (roughly about RM 1,800)

Total cost: RM 8,500