

Things To Do

- Join our volunteer database
- Pencil 24th May into the diary
- Donate a hamper to a family
- Shop at our Christmas Wish List
- Like us on Facebook
- Recommend KidsView to a school

Dates for the Diary

- BTPA Dinner 24th May
- KidsView 2019: 29th April - 31st May

Check out our new easier to remember URL -

www.btpa.org.au



We definitely couldn't do it without you...

Christmas Wish List

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for family, friends, teachers or colleagues?
BTPA has you covered!

Purchase a gift that will give a child the opportunity to have essential items which will help them develop, learn, grow and have fun.

Simply make a tax deductible donation to BTPA, send us an email (treasurer@ausbahaytuluyan.org) notifying us of your donation and the item you would like the funds to go towards and we will issue you with a certificate that can be gifted to a loved one. Imagine the satisfaction of knowing your Christmas present has made a difference to a child's life.

Donations can be made towards the following items:

\$8 - Ten Chicks

Bahay Tuluyan's youth gain skills by raising chicks organically. They help feed our hungry hordes.

\$10 - Rice Seeds

Bahay Tuluyan is working hard to become self-sustainable.

The rice we grow on our organic rice farm in the Philippines goes towards the 450 sacks we need to feed our awesome kids.

\$35 - School Uniform and Bag for 1 Child

With your support a child who would otherwise not be able to go to school will be provided with a new school uniform and school bag to help get them studying.

\$75 - Hygiene Kits for 20 Children

A hygiene kit including toothpaste, toothbrush hair comb, soap and shampoo will be given in your name to 20 children with whom Bahay Tuluyan works.

There are so many more suggestions. The list is extensive. Visit our website and see the many needed items you can contribute to this Christmas. www.btpa.org.au



BTPA's AGM

On Wednesday 21st of November BTPA held their Annual General Meeting. It was great to see lots of new faces attend the meeting and make plans for the coming year.

The BTPA committee for the coming year:

- Belinda Parker- President
- Cathy Nicou - Vice President
- Mona Zabakly - Treasurer
- Stephanie Szkilnik- Secretary
- Ordinary members - Clare Scerri, Anne Hibbert, Colin Grant and Jackie Kerr.

Welcome to our newest members Colin and Jackie. We are sure your expertise will be very valuable to BTPA.

Happyland Screening

Our screening of Happyland was a sellout. Thanks to Kaff-eine and Emily Cheeseman who allowed us to screen their incredible documentary. Thanks to those who attended and Steph for organising.

500 Christmas Hampers

It is a big target but I know we can do it.

\$20 buys a Christmas Hamper for a family.

Many of the families who live in the streets near Bahay Tuluyan have to work or scavenge on the street for food. Our Christmas grocery packs make sure families get at least one day of the year to celebrate together without hitting the streets.

Make a tax deductible donation online (www.btpa.org.au) or drop a cheque or cash into the BTPA office. The funds will be forwarded to Bahay Tuluyan Philippines so groceries can be purchased in country. This means the families will receive local goods and there are no cartage expenses involved.

We are hoping to help 500 families this Christmas.



Thank You!

We are so grateful to our team of volunteers, our sponsors and supporters.

With the combined effort of everyone, we have achieved so much. We have made a real difference to children at Bahay Tuluyan.

Enjoy a merry Christmas and we look forward to you being part of our journey next year.



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KidsView 2019

Catherine Scerri, Deputy Director of Bahay Tuluyan, together with BT representatives, Justin and Donita, will be in Australia for KidsView Social Justice Incursions and Conferences during April and May 2019.

If your school is interested in attending a Kids View conference or hosting an incursion please check out www.btpa.org.au/kidsview

Save the Date: 24th May 2019

The annual BTPA fundraising dinner will be held on Friday 24th of May, 2019 at L'Unica Receptions in Brunswick. Details will be available closer to the date.

You don't want to miss this night. Mark it in your diary!!

New Mobile Unit – We did it!

With a generous donation of \$15,000 from Rotary Club of Essendon, we were able to reach our \$50,000 target for purchasing a new mobile unit for Bahay Tuluyan. This will ensure that BT can continue to reach the most vulnerable children in Manila. **Thanks to everyone who gave generously to make this happen.**

As an early Christmas present, we transferred the money to Bahay Tuluyan to order the vehicle. Stay tuned for photos.



Want to become a BTPA volunteer?

BTPA is 100% volunteer run. We are a small team committed to ensuring that fundraising dollars go to the children who need it most. We are grateful for those who have joined our team of helpers.

We do not have regular jobs for people year round. However, at different times we could do with some help. Some of the jobs are putting together the newsletters; collating the materials for KidsView; designing flyers; providing support before or during fundraising events; or assisting with social media and the website.

If you are willing to join our volunteer contact list, please email anne.hibbert@aus.bahaytuluyan.org with your details.

BTPA is a children's rights organisation providing opportunities for Australians to make lasting change towards a socially just world and building the capacity of our partner organisation in the Philippines to work with children living in poverty.

We do this through education, advocacy, volunteering and sustainable development programs. We are entirely volunteer run and are grateful for all support.