

BAYANIHAN

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"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 Dylan Wright of Communications Circle (CC). His Circle is in charge 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.



Three generations of volunteers hold on Rizal Center's Bayanihan service to the community

FACGC Director Mae Lant is the mother of Jae Wright and grandmother of Dylan Wright. Mae, (at the center in the photo shown above with Jae to her right and Dylan to her left) started her volunteer work at Rizal Center as folk dancer instructor and later served as vice-president of the late FACGC Board Chair Rey Sapnu and coordinator of FACGC's food distribution program. Jae was a once a youth leader at Rizal Center and now mentoring her son, Dylan, as a member of the Communications Circle. Mae is glad that her father's legacy of service to the community runs in the family. (Cont'd to next page.)

JOIN THE BAYANIHAN GIVING TUESDAY FOR RIZAL CENTER. BE PART OF HISTORY. MAKE A GIFT OF HOME AWAY FROM HOME NOW! Click this link: [Bayanihan](https://circapintig.networkforgood.com/projects/172580-bayanihan-for-rizal-center) or go to <https://circapintig.networkforgood.com/projects/172580-bayanihan-for-rizal-center>

What donors say about this Bayanihan: "To provide *kababayans* a home away from home. "To help restore Rizal Center for the benefit of our Filipino-American children and grand children." "To preserve the legacy of our pioneers." "To empower the community."

Bayaniban, Kapitbahayan and Damayan in Action

Dylan currently works as an Incident Response Analyst for Indiana University. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Computer Science from the same University. He is designing FACGC's new logo and finishing the development and maintenance of FACGC's website.

Why he wants to volunteer with FACGC? He says, " I've seen how important the community is to my grandma (Mae Lant) and I wanted to see if I could contribute in some way especially seeing her involvement in the restructuring of the organization now that the 5-year lawsuit has been resolved. "

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Three generations....

Mae, Jae, and Dylan embrace FACGC's community service as the cornerstone and foundation of who they are, whether born here (Jae and Dylan) or in the Philippines (Mae). In their words, "Our Bayaniban volunteer work gives us our identity and it enriches our lives with culture and values that gave us success in every endeavor we undertake."

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Visit: www.rizalcenterchicago.org



FAGPAC Bayaniban Team members cleaning the lobby: Dante Argayoso, Dionev Verdaguer, Ellen Maanes, David Maanes, Al Cabagnot and Norie Argayoso. (Not in the picture are Sally Richmond and Milagros Nabos.)



FACGC's director, Norberto "Bobby" Luna, receiving a generous donation from Ruth Juachon and Cora Napenas of Dancing With Joy, Inc.