

Renaissance Academy
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Proposal for

Pathway to my Future: Volunteering with
children in the Philippines and Exploring
the Medical Field

I. Introduction

Hello, my name is Cris Agonoy and I go to Renaissance Academy. I am a compassionate, helpful, and sympathetic person. I am also a leader and love spending my time to help others, especially children. I have a great passion for helping others and doing everything that I can to support a cause that is close to my heart.

I was born in the Philippines, and as I was eleven months old, my family moved to the United States due to work. I do not get to visit my home country as often as I would like, but when I have the chance to, I spend a lot of time with my family and enjoy the different sightseeing spots. It's a whole different experience there. In the Philippines, there are many kids that don't go to school because of certain circumstances.

I believe that all children should have the opportunity to go to school and I would like to help them by becoming part of an organization that helps children, from first to sixth grade, to go to school. I would then send supplies to the children so they can have the materials to start the next school year.

I chose to do this as my senior project because I would like to go to college to pursue my career in the medical field. I believe that the medical field is best for me because I excel in math and science and I like children. Becoming a children's doctor or nurse would be my dream job.

II. Needs/Problems

I would like to help the children, from first to sixth grade, who don't have the materials or opportunities to go to school, especially at my adopted school (Beta Atea School) in the Philippines.

- This problem has existed for a long time
- Although, there have been organizations that have helped this cause, this is still a major problem in the Philippines. There are still many children that do not or can not afford to go to school.
- Children are less likely to go to school due to many reasons:
 - Lack of financial support. The children buy food for the family rather than spending money to go to school.
 - Lack of parental support. The children especially the eldest, then lead to take care of the siblings and the household.
 - Disease/Sickness in the family. The children start working at early age to support the family.

I would like to help and provide my services at the hospital as a volunteer.

III. Goals/Objectives

- Goal #1: to have experience with helping children and to experience a different culture and surroundings.
- Goal #2: to give back to a community of children so they can have the chance to go to school. I would like to collect a grades worth of supplies to give to children so they can succeed in school.
- Goal #3: to work with children and experience volunteer work at a hospital to see my options in the medical field

IV. Procedures/Scope of Work

1. Plan a trip to the Philippines and talk to my aunt, who owns a major shoe company (VANS) and gives shoes and supplies to Beta Atea School. Also talk to the school that I am visiting to let them know that I am coming.
2. Fly to the Philippines and meet with my aunt
3. Visit Beta Atea School – stay there for a whole school day talking to the students and teachers and help out when needed
 - a. Bring food for all the kids
 - b. Take foot sizes of all the kids to give them shoes for their annual sports fest
4. Fly back to America

5. Start planning Fundraiser (school supplies) to send back to my adopted school before the 2011 school year starts (around June)
 - a. Renaissance Academy
 - i. Give each homebase a plain tote bag and inform them that they are to decorate each bag creatively and fill them up with school supplies for students who are from second grade to sixth grade.
 - ii. Grade with the most given supplies or students who bring a certain amount of supplies will get a dress down
 - b. Karate Studio
 - i. Talk to my instructor to set a fundraiser for my senior project and set up a box for this cause.
6. Collect all supplies in March-April
7. Ship all supplies to the Philippines by May 2011
8. Summer of 2011
 - a. Volunteer at Phoenixville Hospital or CHOP to get experience in working at a hospital

V. Timetable

Provide detailed information on the expected timetable for the project. Break the project into phases, and provide a schedule for each phase.

Beta Atea School	Description of Work	Start and End Dates
Phase One	Visit the Philippines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to Mariveles, Bataan and meet with my aunt Go to Beta Atea School and introduce myself Help assist the teachers and students by teaching and participating in class Bring food for all the kids and talk to the teachers about their school Continue helping assist the teachers Take foot size for all the kids to send them shoes for their annual sports fest Ending remarks 	July 18, 2010 – July 19, 2010
Phase Two	Fundraising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaissance Academy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to all the teachers about my project and its intentions Give each homebase a tote bag or two and encourage them to decorate them and fill them with school supplies to send out to the children People who bring 10+ supplies or grade with most supplies gets a dress down Collecting end of Feb Karate Studio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to instructor about setting up a box for my project Collecting end of Feb 	January – February 2011
Phase Three	Sending collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact school and my aunt to inform them that I will be sending my box of supplies to my adopted school Create a thank you letter for giving me a humbling experience 	April-May 2011
Volunteer at Hospital	Description of Work	Start and End Dates
Phase One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up for a volunteer internship at either Phoenixville Hospital or CHOP to get experience at a hospital and to view my choices when choosing what I want to do in the medical field 	Summer 2011

Key Personnel

