



Philippine American Guardian Association



**Empowering Filipino – American children to build a brighter future
through education**



102 Years of keeping hope alive for more than 5,000 Fil-Am children through education



Responding to Amerasians

1921

An initiative by Gov Gen Leonard Wood to protect and care for Filipino – American children

102 years later, the Philippine American Guardian Association continues to empower Filipino Amerasian children through an integrated program for education, health care, social protection, psychological development, and opportunities for economic productivity of beneficiaries and their families, to **liberate them from social discrimination and the cycle of generational poverty.**



Generational Poverty and Social Stigma into the 20th Century

Angeles, Pampanga

Anglo (White) and particularly African (Black) Amerasians were targets of victimization and traumatized by verbal harassment, hate, and occasional violence by mainstream Filipino natives or foreigners.

1999 female Amerasians were also working as bargirls, like their mothers before them, in a vicious cycle of poverty and oppression.

High incidences of alcohol, drug and familial abuse among the Angeles Amerasians, aside from identity confusion, grief from abandonment, social isolation, low self-esteem, joblessness, and homelessness.



Dr. Carolyn I. Sobritchea, of the U.P.-Center for Women's Studies and later dean of the U.P.-Asian Center.

Filipino Amerasians 250,000 or more and growing due to the Balikatan exercises



- 2013 Study “ The Case for Categorization of Military Filipino Amerasians as Diaspora,”
- Authors: Prof Peter C. Kutschera, Ph.D., Head, American Research Center; Prof Marie A. Caputi, PhD, Walden University, Minnesota.



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O'Neal Johnson

Grade 9

Because of my color, I always get comments criticizing me about my color and like they are really disgusted with me.

That is just life, sometimes it is hard you just have to take it and leave it alone.

You really don't have any control over that because that's just people, not all Filipinos are like that.

So that's my story so I hope that we all stop discriminating against other people's color and race because that's really not good for their mental health. And it is not really respectful.


- PAGA Beneficiary 2023
Angeles, Pampanga



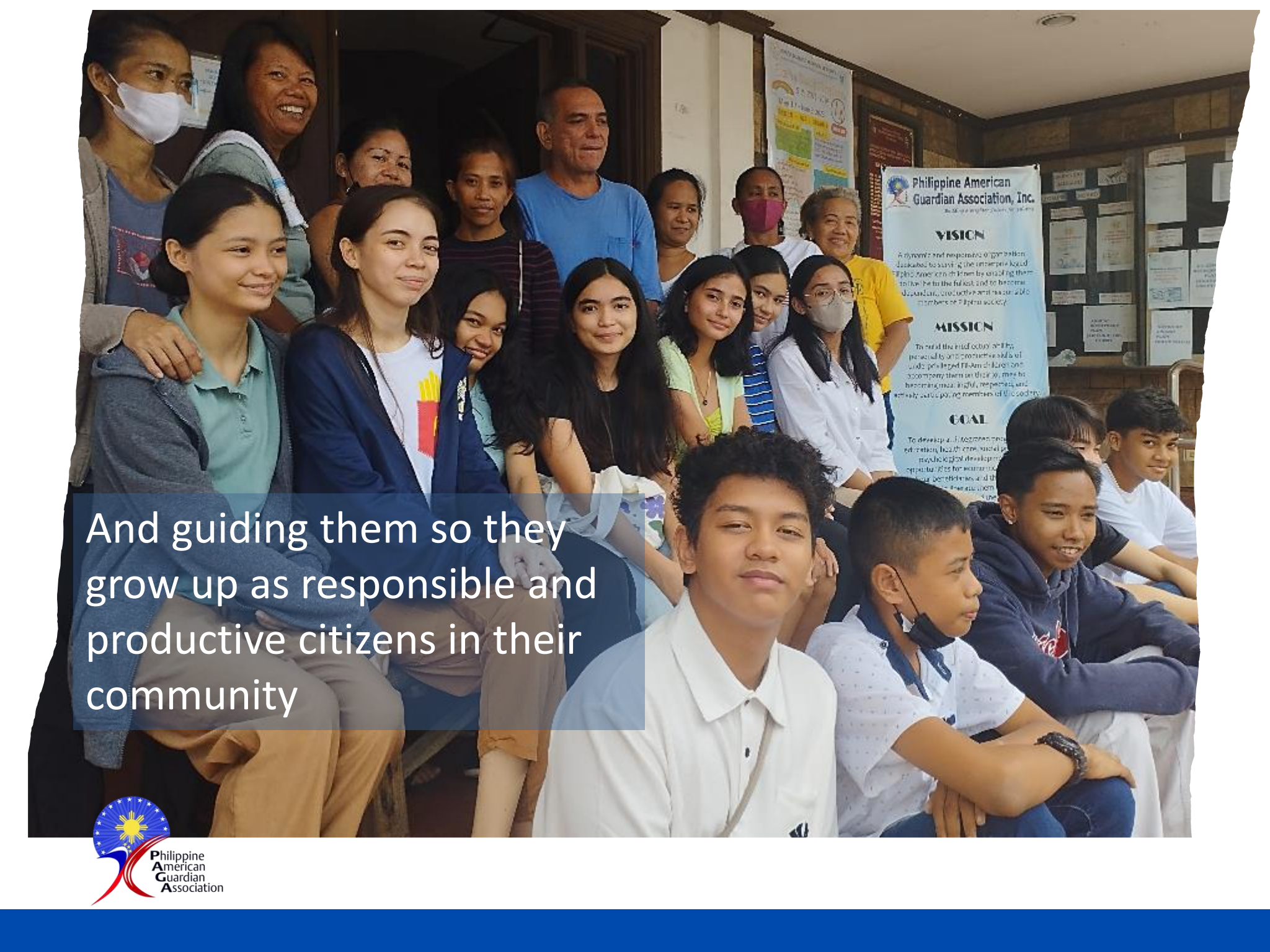
Impact of poverty:

- Dropping out of school to help earn for the family
- Emotional and mental stress from family problems leading to poor academic performance, drug abuse and other distractions
- Stress from not being able to complete school requirements because of lack of funds

*Data were taken from PAGA Licensed Social Workers' regular interaction with beneficiaries



Helping end generational poverty through educational and psycho-social support



And guiding them so they
grow up as responsible and
productive citizens in their
community



Simple. Organic. Sustainable.

Youth for Sustainability Program

- Training PAGA beneficiaries to become ambassadors for Sustainability in their communities through backyard environmental projects.
- Developing our beneficiaries to train the youth in their community creating a ripple effect of caring for the environment.



Join us as we continue our journey of helping Filipino-American children have the life they deserve.

