



Connecting communities and forging friendships through food and creation

Join Bright Side Projects and others on our journey through life!

It's been a long time coming but we're finally getting this newsletter off the ground. While we do write post reports for each and every event, we hope to update regular newsletters so you can easily get what's going on in our local growing Neighborhood.

Bright Side Projects began as a oneperson grassroots movement that realized by connecting strangers and communities through delicious vegetarian food, fun, and creation, we become empowered to bring positive change to the world. The design of a fun day for Big Friends and Kids creates a safe space for building trusts and friendships, setting a firm foundation for our future "Faces of the Youth" mentorship program.

To start off 2015 we have a few things planned. We will be re-constructing our website, host more activities stemming from our Kitchen Table, are in talks to cooperate on many future events with different folks and organizations, and will focus on fundraising. After over two years, we are still an one-person unpaid run and executed non profit organization so we must fundraise to do more and do better. We don't wish for this to be the last year of friendships and creations for Bright Side Projects and we're pretty sure others also feel the same!

This is the first newsletter and will be longer in order to get everyone up to speed on our activities from 2012-2014! Happy readings and feel free to share the good news!

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What we've been doing...

Bright Side Projects provides the logistics and resource planning for those that want to get involved in their community. Positive change becomes simply about if an individual wants to make the effort to take action. Everyone can wake up each and every day excited that today and the future can be better!

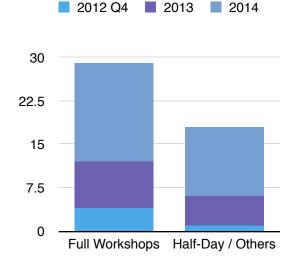
Our workshops are a series of carefully crafted magical moments led by various Big Friends who have the passion to share their skills and knowledge with others. The main categories fall under arts & crafts, athletics, and science. Over 27 months starting in Q2 2012, we've created over 50 Bright Side Projects events so friendships can grow organically. This means over a thousand spots in these funpacked events have filled by children and our big friends in the past 27 months.

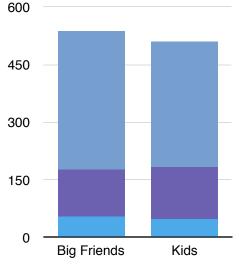
Events generally have a 1:1 or 1:2 ratio for every Big Friend and Kid. Full workshops

are fun filled days with packed itineraries, including breaks for freshly prepared vegetarian meals and healthy snacks. Half day workshops and collaborative events are also just as integral to Bright Side, taking the same amount of planning and execution each from 65-90 hours.

Workshops and events are stepping stones introducing people while building trust and friendship, welcoming both short term and long term participants. The good news is that Big Friends have a 70% return rate, with 50% securing a permanent place on our Neighbourhood and in the children's hearts by joining 4 times or more. We hope these long term pals can join our "Faces of the Youth" mentorship program.

Individuals and kids are no longer nameless bodies, but are friends with faces. So far we have focused our limited resources in Hsinchu's ChingChuan (2012) and at Taoyuan's MuHsiang's Children's Home (2013).





Our DNA

What sets us apart?

KITCHEN TABLE

Freshly cooked nutritious
vegetarian meal
options from our
Kitchen Table at all
events, especially during
workshops with children.

Veering towards local, organic, unprocessed foods. Junk food and candy items are not permitted to be brought by Big Friends.

SOCIAL AWARENESS

Workshops always
have a deeper
message by trying
to raise awareness
of different social
issues and how our
lives are impacted by it.

INTERACTIVE & INTIMATE

We don't have just one teacher facing 30 kids. We attempt to bring a 1:1 or 1:2 ratio of "Big Friends" to "Kids," to get more people involved and to enhance engagement. 30 people maximum per workshop. Everyone shares in the task of setting up, sharing food, bringing workshops to fruition, and cleaning up.

GENDER EQUALITY

zone and respect so that
no one is limited or
discriminated of their full
potential based on a social

construct.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & DIVERSITY POLICY

Event is open to all who wish to get involved. We all have our differences so we



request everyone have tolerance, respect, and to teach LOVE.

KITCHEN TABLE

We spend a good chunk of our budget (approximately 44%) and time to plan and gather raw ingredients for our Table. A day of creation can leave one hungry!

Providing nutritious and innovative freshly cooked vegetarian meals is important because creating and sharing food is a bonding experience.



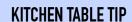
Eating is a very intimate act and also one that we can more easily control to change our lives and the planet. It's also a great way to introduce new cultures with menu items ranging from Tibetan curries, Mexican chili, burritos, American styled "meat"loaf with mash potato and gravy, etc. Sometimes kids get hands on with the food in making their own english muffin pizzas or caramel apple lollipop slices.

Often times some really great people with a passion for cooking that will oversee the Kitchen the day of the event. Bright Side Projects has also been fortunate to have vegetarian restaurant SALADAY cooking for or having supported us through approximately a dozen of our events since the end of 2013. Fresh Bakery and Cafe also has a seat at our Kitchen Table and supplies us with top quality unprocessed vegan baked goods from cupcakes, cakes, to gingerbread cookies. We aim to work even closer with organic local Taiwanese farmers in the future. Everyone has a place at our Kitchen Table!









Want to get everyone eating fruits? Our fruit salad drizzled coconut milk has been a big hit. Simply cut up 2 or more seasonal fruits into a bowl and pour coconut milk (1 can) over it. We have been fond of pineapples. bananas, seedless grapes, and even lychee (seeds out) has worked great. Our favourite so far has been pairing this great snack with mangos.





Milestones

2011 August

First visit to ChingChuan as part of Malinda Schultz's "Wufeng Project" raising funds to renovate the youth community centre.

2012 October

Started our first workshop, led by Rippling Tsou to create "Stop Motion Animation" in ChingChuan with the Atayal kids.

First cooperation with Santa Jia-Xin for our annual end of the year necessities drive to provide warmth and love to those who will benefit the most.

2013 September

Our partnership with Taipei's premiere vegetarian restaurant SALADAY begins. Over the course of 1.5 years we work together on almost a dozen workshops.

2013 December

Began our first workshop and our friendship with MuHsiang's Children's Home. Submitted our paperwork to register as an official association in Taiwan.

Began our Basketball Series coached by Mohan Huang July - September 2014

Our successful BUILD A HOME project with a turnaround of only 6 weeks.

2014 November

Officially registered as 社團法人 臺灣嚮光協會 in Taiwan after almost 11 months of work and meetings.

Eager to create
Moments or Spend a
Day with us?

Everyone is welcomed to join us!



Our first workshop in 2012 creation stop motion animation pieces took place over three sessions. The first was to learn the basics, creating flip books and phenakistoscope. Kids received cameras to take pictures around ChingChuan and the film was developed for the second session, cutting out objects in their photos to create the story. At our third session we began shooting,

integrating storytelling, photography, art, and film! View one of them here: https://vimeo.com/81408975

stop motion animation

The "Mini Me" is a series of empowerment courses that commands an introspection of knowing oneself first, and thus, how to interact with others. Through innovative, creative forms and guidance of volunteers children will learn valuable tools to tap their "inner child" and express themselves. Kids and Big Friends asked each other questions to get to know each other. They then created masks for each other, presenting it to the rest of the group. Then they created a paper mini-me version of themselves!

mini me paper workshop



ARTS & CRAFTS





We introduced the basics of Mexico's Day of the Dead traditions to Taiwan through art and plants! Together, we learned the rituals and celebrations of the holiday and how kids and their families marked the passing of loved ones. The concept of cultural appropriation and how to respect others was also presented, especially how it related to indigenous cultures. Kids painted a fusion of their Day of the Dead designs onto clay pots and then selected marigolds to plant. Showing them basic plant care and nurture, we can see that from

death also springs life and love.

day of the dead





Our "Advocacy
Through Art"
series welcomes
us to gain
knowledge
about a new
world and
empowers by
kids channeling
their artistic
talents to make
a positive





impact on the world. This time we kicked off by learning about our canine friends. Splitting into three groups, each group talked about how to care for our friends. Feeding habits, environmental surroundings, and how to make our friends happy. Kids then doodled these discussions and we transferred them onto silkscreens and created t-shirts. A percentage of T-shirt sales then went to animal welfare groups in Taiwan. We still have shirts available: http://wp.me/p326jt-i1

advocacy through art - love dogs!



When we begin to explore nonverbal methods to express ourselves, we might again come to realize a different side of us we didn't know that



existed. Mei Wang utilised her experience of teaching yoga to bring us an

amazing and exhausting day of climbing, leaping, stretching that proved to be one of our funnest workshops yet. We played a game based on the movie "Night at the Museum" where displays would begin moving at night but freeze in position when the lights came on. However, we first integrated a bit of art to bring more magic and fun into the day. Blank masks were passed around along with a few sets of face paint crayons. Kids and Big Friends painted on each others faces, some dolled up to unrecognizable fantastic creatures!



movement exploration journey

Lead by our amazing coach Mohan Huang, we have been able to play basketball in ChingChuan on a regular basis. The 2.5 hour journey each way does not deter our coach from the intense 3

hour practice he leads with the kids. Bringing in many of his friends to assist, kids from every level of basketball have been able to join in on this program and gain the benefits of exercising. We are looking forward to doing even more this year!

basketball series



TO ZEIO





Potential in the world is limitless and kids can grow up to do great things! This class led by Clint Siu gave us a better understanding the earth we live on and how science, chemistry, and volcanoes are a part it. Painting the volcanoes and scenery was a big part of it since we prepped for shooting a short film. Kids came up with their own storyboards, with one group



creating a pre-historic love story. The concoction of red vinegar, baking soda, phone cameras, art made for a fun afternoon in ChingChuan!

mad scientist - volcanic explosions!

CREATION HOW-TO:

Want to make a volcano from scratch? Combine science, art, and film-making! To make clay: Flour x 2.5 cups / Salt x 2.5 cups / Oil x 8 TBL / Water x 4 cups. Dry ingredients together and then wet ingredients. Add in more flour until the clay is not sticky. Cream of Tartar (10 TBL) is optional. For constructing the volcano: half cut plastic bottle, newspaper, duct tape. Half of a cardboard box for backdrop. Vinegar and baking soda plus food colouring for the explosion. Also try liquid soap, mentos, and diet coke to let people guess which mixture makes the best explosions.

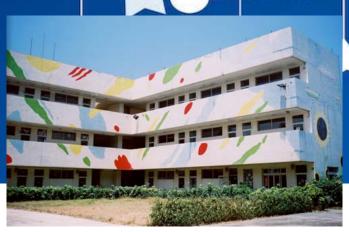
Crumple the newspaper to circle around an old plastic bottle but in half (this will be kept empty for the baking soda & vinegar). Use duct tape around newspapers to maintain the volcanic shape. Add on the clay, sculpt. While you wait for it to dry, take nature walk around with kids to pick up potential props. You can begin to paint the background on the cardboard box. Paint volcano. Prep your explosion materials and look up other ingredients you can test. Have even more time? You can also shoot a short film out of the explosion using just your phone cameras!



BUILD A HOME

BUILD A HOME is a series of art installations collaborations between the youth of Muhsiang Children's Home and Bright Side Projects. 14 creators from diverse backgrounds were asked to brainstorm alongside 27 children to brighten MuHsiang's new home.

Over the course of a short six weeks starting in July 2014 creators from diverse backgrounds joined the summer journey in a series of intimate moments. Artists were each involved in an art session with the children who would live in the rooms to understand their idea of home and happiness. Each space was meaningful on a personal level for those that would grow and dream there.





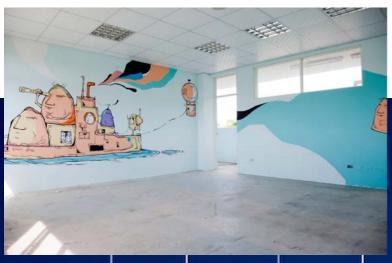




After only 8 work dates with with the immense support of volunteers and benefactors with Nippon Paint as the paint sponsor, unique beautification of 11 bedrooms and 3 staircases was completed. We also integrated weaving, yoga, photography, alongside painting to forge new friendships. Each day we prepared fresh delicious vegetarian meals and boiled water to cut down on oily bento boxes meals and plastic bottles. We hosted a mini art canvas workshop with the kids on August 31st so that they could create a piece of art to hang on the wall of their new home. On September 6th we invited everyone involved in the project for a private pool & vegetarian bbq

session to officially unveil the completed home for the kids. The following day we opened the new house so that the public and media could see all of the hard work and love that went into the creation.

This was an emergency last minute project with no budget and an extremely tight deadline. We were so fortunate to have the community band together to provide what was needed. Bright Side Projects hopes that the new home fosters memories springing from the friendships born and solidified this summer. We should also realize each of us are empowered to influence and create not only the home where we reside, but the world we live in.





BUILD A HOME 藝術家 Amazing Creators

Candy Bird, 聖誕節 Christmas, 卡通老師
Cotton Disco, Dan Cuenca, 許淳喻 Grace
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Teng, 徐笠慈 Liz Hsu, 蘇品
蓉 Longlong, 葉映汝 Rita Yeh, 江則穎 Salt
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Please head to http://BrightSide.tw for more images of the amazing masterpieces







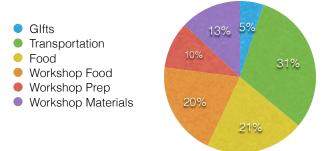
SANTA JIAXIN is a generous warmhearted little girl who was adopted from Taiwan and is now living in Canada. By a "chance" email back in November 2012 JiaXin's father



contacted me and asked me to fulfill a wish for his then little 6 year old girl. Believing she never celebrated the holidays when she was in Taiwan, she wanted to be able to provide gifts to those who would benefit the most from a little warmth during the festive season. For the past three years we were able to fulfill her wish via delivery of needed items (food, blankets, jackets) and gifts to the children. In addition to picking up gifts that people donate, locations such as

ChingChuan (2.5 hours each way) are quite far so a sizeable chunk of our funds are directed towards transportation.

We firmly believe that holidays is not about material items but also about spending time together. Thus a hefty portion of our budget are funnelled to workshops (45% plus transportation). In 2012 we created vegan cupcake



workshop to spend time with the kids. In 2013 we decorated vegan gingerbread cookies and made ornaments. Most recently in 2014 we had white chocolate and caramel apple lollipops in addition to adding tie-dye workshops to add an extra splash of color during these chilly winter months. A 'forest' of thank you trees were forged from nature and clay.















With strategic planning and community outpouring of generosity, in our second and third year we have also included bringing the holiday cheer to Harmony Home and MuHsiang Children's Home. Since we return to the community, has been so amazing each year to watch the children grow. This is our year end staple celebration and we look forward to it each time! For three years, we've had such wonderful support from the local communities, especially in ChingChuan. LaLing Yumin, a local community organizer, Principal Chen (陳聖源) and Principal Su (蘇美娟) from the TaoShan Elementary School, and Father Barry plus Hanna from the Catholic Church. We can always count on our wonderful gaggle of Big Friends to make the meaningful trip to the beautiful mountains. Be sure to check our THANK YOU page for everyone that has pitched in to make the dreams of a generous little girl (and ours) come true!















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We are also extremely pleased that after almost 3 years of hard work and a year of application, we have finally been registered as a non-profit in Taiwan. Thank you very much to our legal consul Yu Fan Chen (Judicial Reform Foundation 財團 法人民間司法改革基金會) for her assistance. All application submission and followup for registration made possible by Olive Pai 白曉玲.

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- **For Student Members: Valid student status and minimum 20 years of age. Endorsed the mission of the Association, submitted application has been approved by two supervisors,

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**For Groups and Organizations: endorsed the mission of the Association, submitted application has been approved by two



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One time council membership fee of 200NT.

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JOIN US!

We would love to have more Friends who have an interest in leading our courses. Many of our Teachers previously had little to no prior experience in leading courses or working with children - we can make this a possibility.



Big Friends to join the workshops are always welcomed but remember to sign up early in advance as most of the limited spots fill up within 72 hours! We also need skilled volunteers for the following: translation from English to Mandarin, project assistants for events, video editors, fundraising, and basic database entry. If you have a skill and time to contribute, let us know!

We would love to have you on board and to join in our Neighborhood!

SPONSOR US!

By sponsoring a dream in the Neighborhood, it brings us closer to knowing our targeted communities. We can achieve the dreams of workshop creations from start to finish. We urgently need funding to keep things at the quality they are now and to move forward. Our work for 27 months and over 50 events from conception to execution has been mainly driven by one person who does not receive a salary.

From pre-event tasks in sourcing teachers, meetings, rundowns, call-outs for volunteers, venues, transportation logistics, course materials, Kitchen Table ingredients and preparation, post reports, each event requires 60-95 hours of work. This is an accumulated average of 3,875 hours. This is not inclusive of the tasks behind the scene in administrative tasks, volunteer management, website creation, member and benefactor relations, project planning, accounting, and more.

Workshops are conducted at a threadbare minimum with attention paid to the quality of fresh nutritious food and striving to enhance interaction and fun for all. We want to do better and we want to do more. Please support us with an one-time transfer or regular monthly donation and we can issue with a tax-deductible receipt for your

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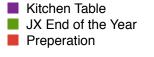
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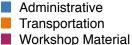
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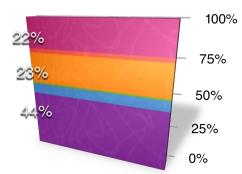
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