



BRIGHT SIDE PROJECTS

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EDUCATION AND MEALS FOR TAIWANESE YOUTH

How is already the middle of the year? The first half of 2025 went by quickly and before we knew it, we had once again scoured through thousands of photos dating back to 2013 to print out images for our indigenous kids from ChingChuan, graduating from elementary school!

This was a special season as we were able to expand Bright Side Projects workshops out to youth in Taipei City and also Taichung, through the No Meat Festival and the sustainable art market. This allowed us to be able to

let more people know what we were doing and how they can help - all so that we are able to continue our journey of close to 15 years - and that they may also be welcomed to join us.

From the mountains of ChingChuan to the oceans of Yilan and our indigenous village in Taitung, we really want hope that you can see what we are up to in this report. The act of choosing love may seem so difficult at times but always worth it when we see the smiles on the faces of the youth and the faces of the adults that were once in our creative education workshops.

THANK YOU!



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Recap



16

WORKSHOPS

31

AFTERSCHOOL SESSION

6

LOCATIONS

624

YOUTH SPOTS

428 AFTERSCHOOL SESSIONS





Recap

595

**PLANT-BASED MEALS
SERVED**





BOXING CHAMPIONS

After our first training session last year, boxing was eagerly awaited by the children. We were happy to bring back Coach Andre and smiles and laughter were had all around with the coach and his team of Big Friend volunteers. Despite the language barrier, Andre was able to connect and tell us about his culture and how he became an instructor that allowed him to travel worldwide. Kids made chocolate chip cookies in the beginning of class, treating everyone to snacks after class.

SKILLS LEARNED

MUAY THAI AND
BOXING
BRAZILIAN CULTURE
TEAMWORK
CAREER PATHS

FUNDAMENTALS OF
BAKING

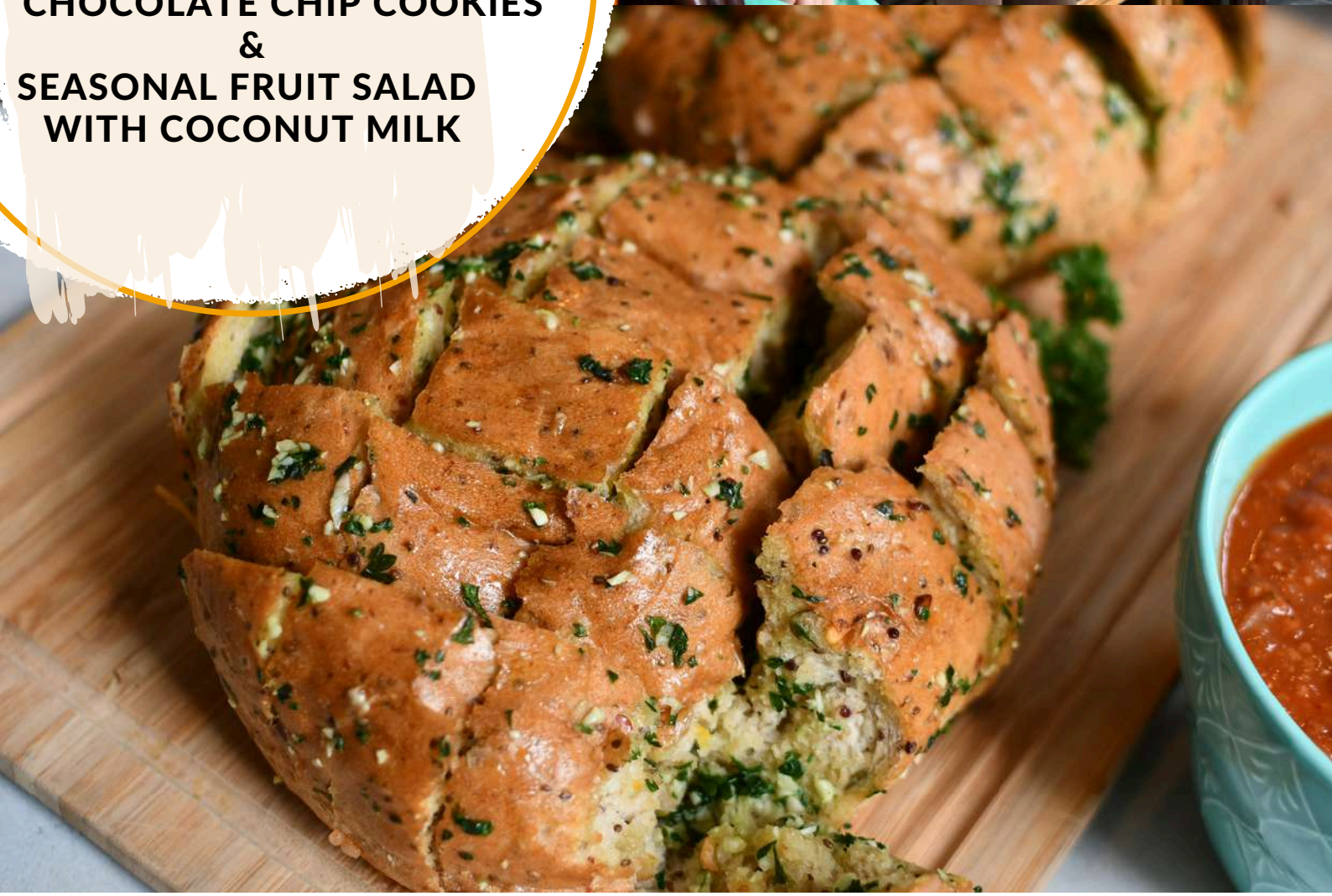






menu

**MULTI LAYERED FRESH
BAKED GARLIC BREAD
TOMATO SAUCE PASTA
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
&
SEASONAL FRUIT SALAD
WITH COCONUT MILK**







EARTH DAY

As we approached April, we could not forget about the upcoming international Earth Day and choosing to celebrate this with our kids and adults in MiaoLi YuAn Boarding Shelter for the Disabled. Through the five senses, and rummaging through trash, we went through the importance of reducing our waste and the impact that it and they have on the planet. With some leftover colored paper we constructed mini earths along with adding on colorful pieces of topography.

SKILLS LEARNED
SDGS
UPCYCLING MATERIALS
EARTH DAY
HAND DEXTERITY







menu

CLASSIC TAIWANESE
NOODLES
TOPPED WITH CHILI AND
CILANTRO



Advocacy through Art

 ChingChuan

FROSTY FACES PORTRAITS

Wrapping up our year end series of animal welfare introduction with paintings for charity sale, we were happy to be able to introduce a cat rescue association to our ChingChuan indigenous kids. We paired the day's meal with vegan filet o fish burgers and olive oil seasoned mixed grilled vegetables and their favorite coconut milk salad.

SKILLS LEARNED

BASIC PAINTING SKILLS
ANIMAL WELFARE
CATS APPRECIATION







Menu

- OMNISEAFOOD FILET O FISH BURGERS
- OLIVE OIL GRILLED VEGETABLE MIX
- SEASONAL SALAD WITH COCONUT MILK



Advocacy through Art

 **Wanhua**

MARYS DOGGIES CLEANUP

This wrapped up a series of animal welfare workshops from Bright Side x Wanhua ; we started with letting kids know about the plight of stray dogs in Taiwan through baking and donating doggy treats and inviting Mary's Doggies for photo session plus a meet and greet with children of many who were initially very hesitant to approach them. Through photography, kids overcame their fear and apprehension.

The next step came at the end of 2024 working with Sioh Sioh that features senior dogs and kids painting and donating their artworks to the charities. We rounded up this year with a day trip to Mary's Doggies rescue center where they learned that taking care of doggies is not just about play and fun but also ensuring that their environment are optimized, cleaning and snaitizing their homes and kennels. Kids were amazing! The dogs are amazing!

SKILLS LEARNED

Taking care of dogs
Training dogs
Cleaning and hygiene









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 ChingChuan

FRUITY FLORAL CUPCAKES

Kids love delicious classes and making vegan chocolate cupcakes was no exception. Topped with dairy free whipped cream which the kids took upon themselves and two forks to manually whip up and the cutting of various seasonal fruit as toppers, it made for a delicious afternoon snack. For their lunch they also made potato croquettes. Spending time making food and sharing a meal together is an essential aspect of learning and socializing.

SKILLS LEARNED

BASIC VEGAN BAKING
FRUIT DECORATIONS







Menu

- POTATO CROQUETTES
- FLORAL CUPCAKES WITH FRESH FRUIT
- SEASONAL FRUIT SALAD WITH COCONUT MILK





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MOMENTS

 **Taitung**

FRUITY FLORAL CUPCAKES

As we went down to Taitung to check on our afterschool care program, we also decided to host a mini workshop with our indigenous Amis kids there. As most of the meals are usually prepared or purchased, this is one of the few times we were able to cook with the kids in FUKID. The kids were especially dedicated to carefully measuring the banking ingredients to make the perfect chocolate cupcakes.

SKILLS LEARNED

BASIC VEGAN BAKING
BASIC COOKING







Menu

- PASTA TOMATO SALAD
- ROUND BREAD GRILLED WITH GARLIC SAUCE
- CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES
- SEASONAL FRUIT SALAD WITH COCONUT MILK





ALOHA

Bringing creative education that provides sensory experiences for our disabled youth is important to Bright Side Projects, as it enhances the experience for our friends in MiaoLi YuAn boarding school. Through the art of dance and some delicious pineapple fried rice, our students were able to learn the basics of this traditional dance taught by our teacher for the day.

They learned about various local fruit native to Hawaii through a small game of smell and touch. We loved the colors and also that one of our Bright Side kids came back as a Big Friend for the day!

SKILLS LEARNED

HAWAIIAN CULTURE
HAWAIIAN DANCE
LANGUAGE EXCHANGE





SPECIAL MOMENTS



TAOSHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATION

We can't believe it as we approach June each year and our kids in ChingChuan continue to grow and graduate, moving onto the next phase in their lives. All the images that you see in our reports are just a small sample of the thousands that we've taken. Each year at this time I go through the past 10-12 years of images from ChingChuan and print out photos of the kids, personalized for them and their photo albums (some kids printing out over 160 images split into 4-5 albums). We tell them that we are still here and will continue to be there for them. Thanks to your support and that we continue to ChooseLove on a daily basis.

SKILLS LEARNED :

TO CHOOSE LOVE
LOVE MATTERS





BRIGHT MOMENTS



FIRST AID AND SURF

Prepping for our third annual surf and ocean conservation camp, we were able to invite the fire department to host an introductory CPR and first aid class with our kids, big friends, and social workers. This was a two hour training session and allowed kids to have access to spotting and know how to ask for help and also on helping others. Our surf camp took place just days after - we hope to provide you with updates on it in the next exciting report. Thank you for your support!

SKILLS LEARNED

CPR
FIRST AID









SPECIAL MOMENTS

Taiwan

NO MEAT FESTIVAL AND SUSTAINABILITY MARKET

We just wanted to give you a few images of some of the weekend festivals and markets we were able to attend this year, promoting what we do and allowing more children and adults to participate in our Advocacy through Art workshops so that they know what our Bright Side Kids are up to. This year we headed to the No Meat Festival in Taichung both times in April and June; and did a back to back session at the Taipei Sustainability Market in June. We invited some of the animal welfare organizations we worked with to join us with their rescued babies as models and even artists themselves!

SKILLS LEARNED :

BASICS OF PAINTING
AI ANIMATION
ANIMAL WELFARE
UPCYCLING













BRIGHTER FUTURES



LIKAT AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

We first to know the indigenous youth of Taitung FUKID, an Amis tribe, in 2015. Closing in our tenth year anniversary we are pleased to announce that we have started our afterschool care program here. With the launch, it means that three days a week in addition to providing educational support, our indigenous youth are able to receive plant-based meals in the evenings. We also provide a small stimulant for the local community in hiring one of our youths to assist with two local mothers; one in charge of administration and the other responsible for meals. Children are responsible for the washing of their dishes and cleaning the center. We started providing additional sports and art workshops after tutoring.

SKILLS LEARNED :

HOMework
TEAMWORK
RESPONSIBILITIES





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Taitung Afterschool Likat Program

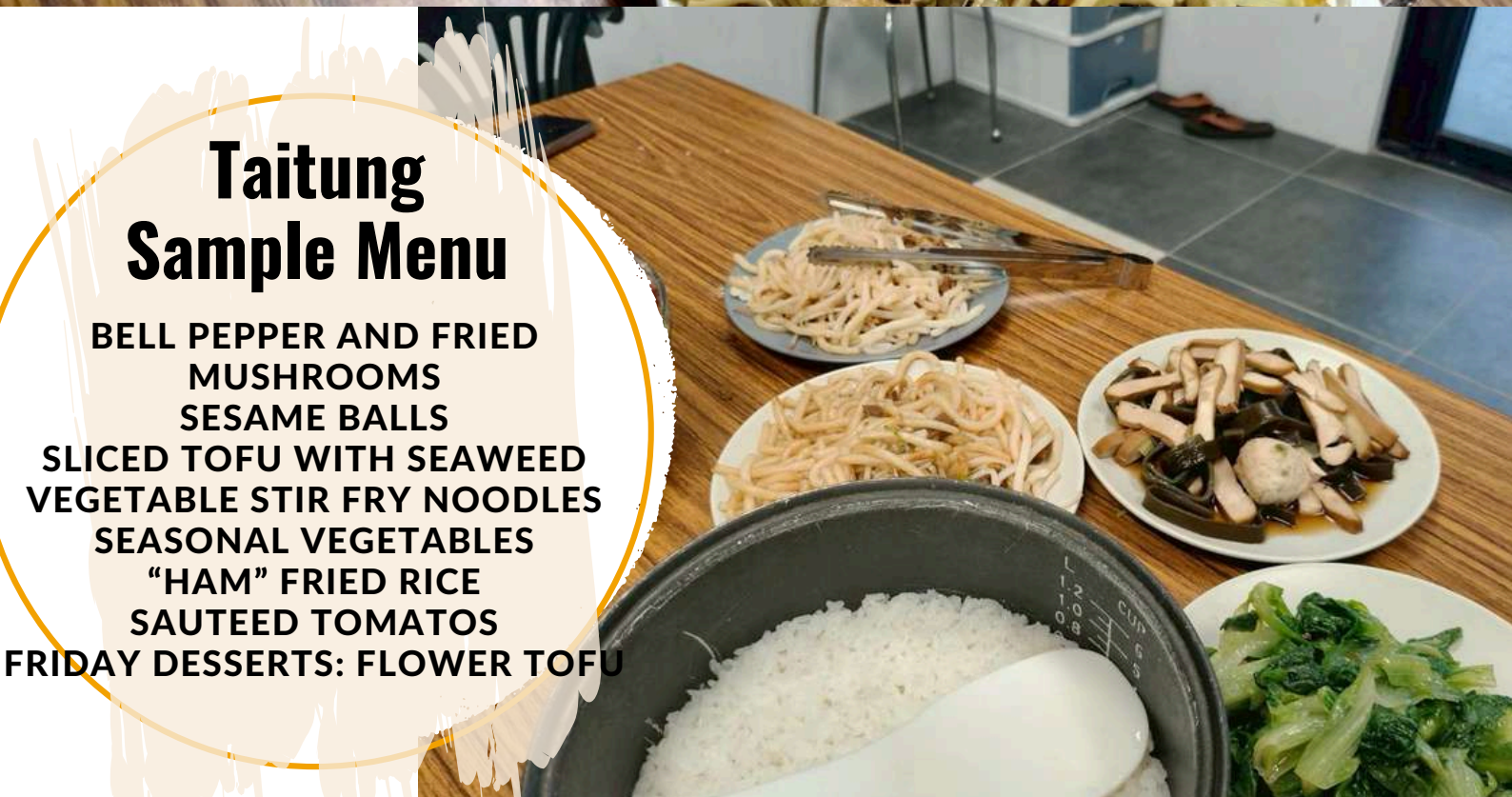






Taitung Sample Menu

BELL PEPPER AND FRIED
MUSHROOMS
SESAME BALLS
SLICED TOFU WITH SEAWEED
VEGETABLE STIR FRY NOODLES
SEASONAL VEGETABLES
"HAM" FRIED RICE
SAUTEED TOMATOS
FRIDAY DESSERTS: FLOWER TOFU







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