



BRIGHT SIDE PROJECTS

臺灣嚮光協會

EDUCATION AND MEALS FOR TAIWANESE YOUTH

The first half of the year was non-stop as we continued our therapeutic music classes with the signature DJ for LOVE series that took place in ChingChuan and Taitung with our youth after first launching in December 2025. Ice skating, Muay Thai, Bollywood dancing, plant-based brunch charcuterie board all played into our creative education workshops.

Muay Thai boxing session with Coach Andre Terere was introduced that featured kids creation of a Brazilian curry reflecting the coach's

background and culture before they set out on a grueling but fun workout.

So far, the first half of the year has been packed and we are looking forward to our annual surf camp in just a few weeks. We also have a lineup of BUILD A HOME projects in Taichung and Taitung that beautifies children's homes and community centers alongside them. A huge project we mentioned last year that brings our creative education and most importantly for us, meals on wheel, is looking to launch very soon by fall. There's so much going on but we want to thank you first for supporting our journey with the children and am excited about the next update!



THANK YOU!



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Recap



9

WORKSHOPS

44

AFTERSCHOOL SESSION

6

LOCATIONS

359

YOUTH SPOTS

242 AFTERSCHOOL SESSIONS



Recap

332

**PLANT-BASED MEALS
SERVED**

JANUARY 1, 2026 - JUNE 29, 2026

Recap

NECESSITIES INCLUDES 2025 YEAR END
DELIVERIES FROM CHINGCHUAN WITH TAITUNG



595

PORTIONS OF DRIED
NOODLES IN 70 BAGS

25

FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH
PLANT BASED FOOD STAPLES

52

KIDS AND SENIORS
WISHLIST FULFILLED
INCLUDING FOOTWEAR
AND BLANKETS

340

PLANT BASED FOOD STAPLES



BRIGHT MOMENTS

Wanhua Taipei

ICE SKATING

Kids for Kids Initiative is a Bright Side Projects initiative kickstarted in 2016 where in an act of love, kids empower other kids through fundraising and other forms of support. We were very fortunate that to start of 2026, we celebrated the 10th year of this program with Skater Sasa sponsoring our Wanhua youth in a winter wonderland adventure right in the heart of Taipei City.

None of the youth had ice skated before and several of them immediately took to the ice. Under Skate Samantha's guidance, each and everyone was able to get up and around, adapting the skate rink to their individual levels. Each person felt accomplished in what they were able to achieve that day and asked for more time in the rink - we have another session scheduled this fall due to the high demand! Ooh Cha Cha's amazing plant-based sandwiches were made for them to replenish their energy source afterwards.







Menu

OOH CHA CHA SANDWICHES
SUNRISE PESTO & MOZARRELLA
MUSHROOM



BRIGHT MOMENTS

 ChingChuan

GRADUATION

Another year another successful graduation ceremony! All year round we continue to be involved in the lives of our ChingChuan youth, joining in their elementary school graduation not only marks a new chapter in their lives as they enter middle school, but is also of great honor for us to be able to join in this part of their journey.





BRIGHT MOMENTS

📍 Taitung (FUKID and Beinan)

GINGERBREAD CREATION AND DECOR

As part of our Jia-Xin year end gifts and necessities delivery, inclusive of plant-based food staples, diapers, blankets, and more, we were also able to have a gingerbread creation workshop with the indigneous Taitung Amis youth in Beinan. The FUKID tribe youth was also able to partake in the decoration of the cookies before helping us with unpacking and sorting through necessities items and help deliver them alongside us. We love being able to spread the warmth and love to more children!







DJ FOR LOVE

The new year brings back some of the best of last year - our DJ for Love series. We have been eagerly anticipating bringing one of Taiwan's homegrown top DJs, DJ Noodles, to ChingChuan. ChingChuan has been a part of the Bright Side neighborhood since we visited in 2011 and we've known Noodles for many years even before that - having our two worlds meet felt like coming full circle. We began this event with a little something new - decorating the indoors and inviting the kids into the "party" with darkened room and loud beats, DJ Noodles serving as the headliner for this act. The complicated rhythms and

techniques, listening carefully and coordinating hand skill motions with intent, took focus to a whole new level. Through this form of music creativity, a form of therapy as they used it as an outlet to arrange and rearrange music with varying volumes, brought out a new side to some of the children.

SKILLS LEARNED

**RHYTHM AND MUSICAL
STRUCTURE, SOUND
EXPLORATION**

**DJ MIXING, EQUIPMENT
USE, PHYSICAL
COORDINATION**

COMMUNICATION

DJ HISTORY & CULTURE







Menu

**OOH CHA CHA SANDWICHES
SUNRISE PESTO & MOZARRELLA
MUSHROOM**

BAKED VEGAN CHICKEN WINGS

**SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT SALAD
WITH COCONUT MILK**





DJ FOR LOVE

Music and learning should be accessible to everyone; we were more than happy to bring DJ Rino to MiaoLi with turntables and handmade props in hand for our year end DJ for Love series. Students were very attentative during this detailed workshop that featured a myriad of instructions regarding the turntable and the software utilized in modern DJing. Assessing their passion in new music was an experience was an interest also for us in understanding trends that spoke to them. Each patiently waited their turn at the DJ table and putting out beats while switching up and down the volume and adjusting the BPM.

The God of Fortune also made an appearance during the dance festivities to usher in the Lunar New Year! Lunch was Taiwanese styled homemade braised tofu, radish, and seaweed set paired with white rice.

SKILLS LEARNED

**RHYTHM AND MUSICAL
STRUCTURE, SOUND
EXPLORATION**

**DJ MIXING, EQUIPMENT
USE, PHYSICAL
COORDINATION**

COMMUNICATION

DJ HISTORY & CULTURE







 Taitung

DJ FOR LOVE

DJ Sang is in the house! Collaborating with an indigenous DJ to share and teach our indigneous youth with the understanding and incorporation of their language and music brought an unique and special feeling to this DJ workshop. Our youth quickly bonded with DJ Sang who drove down 7 hours from Taipei, his own tribe and village located just half a hour's drive away from FUKID. Kids that generally have lower interest in some of our other workshop were invested into this one, although showing some initial apprehension, they warmed up and become lazor focused, shedding away their shyness and opening themselves up to learning something new.

SKILLS LEARNED

**RHYTHM AND MUSICAL
STRUCTURE, SOUND
EXPLORATION**

**DJ MIXING, EQUIPMENT
USE, PHYISCAL
COORDINATION**

COMMUNICATION

DJ HISTORY & CULTURE









Menu

- **CRISPY FRIED VEGAN DRUMSTICKS**
- **MASHED POTATO WITH OLIVE OIL & CORN**
- **SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT SALAD WITH COCONUT MILK**



MUAY THAI

Since 2023, we've welcomed Brazilian boxing coach Andre Terere into the fold as one of our own in the Bright Side Projects neighborhood. Today was a special day as it was his first time to meet the indigenous youth of ChingChuan and as expected they fell in love with the charismatic coach as we all have. The kids inspired us with their energy and enthusiasm for the sports and getting to know Andre and learning the foundation of boxing. We had new sign up from youths who were joining our workshops for the first time; we were happy everyone got to experience learning more about the sport and also Brazilian culture through interactions with the coach and also through creating cuisine together.

SKILLS LEARNED

MUAY THAI AND
BOXING
BRAZILIAN CULTURE
TEAMWORK
CAREER PATHS

FUNDAMENTALS OF
BAKING









Menu

- BRAZILIAN COCONUT CURRY
WITH CHICKPEAS
- LIME RICE
- FRIED MUSHROOM "CHICKEN"
NUGGETS
- SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT
SALAD WITH COCONUT MILK



BRUNCH

Creating a brunch for everyone to get excited about was the goal of the last workshop in ChingChuan before the Taoshan Elementary School graduation. We had a quick study what different cultures had for brunch and learned about its origins; then we broke into four groups to start the process to create an amazing plant-based spread of pancakes, english muffin sandwiches, potato croquettes from stir fried potatoes, and a vast array of fresh fruit from Taiwan's famous seasonal mangos to guavas and fruits from abroad. Everyone was starving by the time our late lunch came around and they all loved their creations, one that could only be made today because everyone put in the work and effort.

SKILLS LEARNED

BASIC KITCHEN SKILLS
BASIC COOKING
TEAMWORK

HISTORY OF BRUNCH







Menu

- PANACKES WITH WHIP CREAM
- ORIGINAL, BLUEBERRY, CHOCOLATE CHIP
- ENGLISH MUFFIN AVOCADO SANDWICHES
- POTATO CROQUETTE WITH CORN
- SEASONAL FRUIT SALAD WITH COCONUT MILK
- MANGO, KIWI, BLUEBERRIES, DRAGON FRUIT, GRAPES





DJ FOR LOVE

We geared up our Wanhua kids with another shot of DJing class at one of Taioei's DJ studios; IMDJ. Founded in 2011, IMDJ is Taiwan's first academy dedicated to DJ music education. While their foundation is built on ultimate professionalism, they have always believed that music should return to its essence: "people" and takes the skill from a profession to a way of life.

Wanhua was our first stop last December with DJ Marcus Aurelius and the kids had so much fun that we felt connecting them with the DJ community to hone their skills and for them to assist in teaching this to our older friends in July would be a fantastic meeting of the worlds. Thank you to the kids and IMDJ DJs who took their Saturday to make this happen!

SKILLS LEARNED

**RHYTHM AND MUSICAL
STRUCTURE, SOUND
EXPLORATION**

**DJ MIXING, EQUIPMENT
USE, PHYSICAL
COORDINATION**

COMMUNICATION







BOLLYWOOD TBC

Bollywood steps that started off as “difficult” for our youth and adults at MiaoLi’s Boarding for the Disabled became a fun Indian dance festival thanks to Teacher Ikram! A creative workshop that combined lessons about Indian traditional culture and folk dress in dance and song, and along with the rhythm of the body, immersed students in an unforgettable lesson.

Paired with an Indian lunch, this Bollywood workshop was not just a class but a it is a multi-experience sensory exploration journey that infuses everyone's everyday life with a little something special in learning about a foreign culture and feeling the energy..

SKILLS LEARNED

INDIAN CULTURE
BOLLYWOOD DANCE







Menu

- HOMEMADE INDIAN
- CHICKPEA CURRY
- NAAN BREAD
- BASMATI RICE



LIKAT AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

We first to know the indigenous youth of Taitung FUKID, an Amis tribe, in 2015 and launched LIKAT in 2025. 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 parents. 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





Taitung Afterschool Likat Program







Taitung Sample Menu

THREE-CUP KING OYSTER
MUSHROOMS
VEGETABLE STIR FRY NOODLES
PURPLE RICE AND MUSHROOM FRY
STIR-FRIED SNOW PEAS
STIR-FRIED CABBAGE
BRAISED TOFU
CORN AND RADISH SOUP





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