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I have been working as a US Peace Corps Volunteer at Bahay Tuluyan in Victoria, Laguna for over a year and half and will stay for a full two year contract. Working for Bahay Tuluyan has been an incredible experience for me. I studied social work in university and have been able to strengthen my skills working with the social service staff and the children of Bahay Tuluyan. I have assisted in everything from the case management system, educational programs for the out of school youth, outreach with the 2010 Children's Rights Festival, organizing summer and Christmas camps for the children, strengthening the livelihood magazine bead project, and providing general support to the children residing at Bahay Tuluyan.

As a long term volunteer I have been able to connect with the children and the staff by establishing relationships and learning the language (Tagalog). Living in the Philippines for a longer time period has given me a better understanding and respect for the Filipino culture which has allowed me to better connect and serve the beneficiaries of Bahay Tuluyan. I have also been able to better understand the flow of the organization in order to better assist Bahay Tuluyan since I have been around to see the rotation of activities and projects.

