BASURA TO KITA

CS - GROUP 6

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Barangay 731 is more than just a community—it's a home to people who care for one another and work together to create positive change. From the moment we stepped in, we were welcomed with warmth and openness, especially by Kagawad AiZa Borleo, who guided us every step of the way.

One thing that stood out about Barangay 731 was their commitment to turning challenges into opportunities. Despite the struggles of waste management and limited livelihood options, they saw potential where others saw trash. The senior citizens, in particular, inspired us with their eagerness to learn and create. Even with their age and experience, they embraced the project with childlike curiosity and a determination to prove that they could still contribute something valuable to their community.

This barangay isn't just about policies and programs—it's about people who uplift each other. Whether it was through small conversations, shared laughter during our workshops, or the pride in their eyes as they completed their handmade crafts, Barangay 731 showed us the true meaning of community. They reminded us that even the simplest efforts, when done together, can create something meaningful and lasting.

ASSIGNED PROJECT



Water Bottle Candle Holder

A decorative candle holder made from recycled plastic bottles. It adds a warm glow to any space while promoting sustainability.



Egg Carton Pots

Small plant pots made from egg cartons. They help seedlings grow and can be planted directly into the soil, reducing waste.



Throw Pillow Case

A creative pillow cover made from old fabric, with chip bags inside for durability and sustainability.

PROGRAM OF ACTION

Visited Barangay 731 and had a meeting with the Barangay Officials.

We were then informed regarding the needs of their community and the products that they wanted to create and sell.













IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS



GROUP ASSESSMENT

Water Bottle Candle Holder

- This product was easy to create as it only requires gravel stones and sand and candles

Egg Carton Pots

- Forming the shape of the pots takes a lot of strength so we used box cutters instead of scissors

Throw Pillow

- The filling of the case may take a while to gather but we found an alternative.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Our experience as Group 6 in the Community Service Program of De La Salle–College of Saint Benilde was both eye-opening and rewarding. Assigned to the "Basura to Kita" project, we had the opportunity to work closely with Barangay 731, under the guidance of our contact person, Kagawad Aiza Borleo. This project aimed to transform recyclable materials—PET bottles, plastic wrappers, and used cloths—into functional and sellable products, while also providing a source of livelihood for the senior citizens in the barangay.

Our first meeting with the barangay officials set the tone for the entire project. We prioritized understanding their needs, learning about the senior citizens' capabilities, and identifying the materials available in the community. This consultation helped us develop realistic and sustainable plans. After some brainstorming and prototyping, we settled on three products that could be easily replicated by the senior citizens: a water bottle candle holder, throw pillows stuffed with shredded plastic, and decorative egg carton pots. These items not only gave value to what was once considered waste, but also had the potential to be marketed as upcycled crafts.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

The second meeting was perhaps the most challenging, yet fulfilling part of our journey. We facilitated a hands-on workshop with the senior citizens, patiently guiding them through the process of creating each product. Teaching older adults requires a lot of time, effort, and sensitivity to their pace and preferences. But with every instruction, we saw their curiosity grow and their excitement build up. The best part was witnessing their joy as they completed their first handmade items. It was heartwarming to see their sense of accomplishment, and it reminded us of the value of empowerment through simple acts.

For the following weeks, we could no longer meet with them physically, so we coordinated with Kagawad Aiza and other assigned officials to document their progress. We were thrilled to receive photo updates showing how the senior citizens continued to work on the projects. What touched us most was seeing how they personalized their outputs, adding their own creative twists to the original designs. It proved that our project was not just a one-time activity, but a sustainable initiative that fostered creativity, livelihood, and community pride.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In reflecting on this experience, we realized how meaningful service becomes when it is rooted in collaboration, empathy, and shared purpose. The "Basura to Kita" project reminded us that social change does not always have to come from grand gestures—it can begin with something as simple as a plastic bottle, a pair of willing hands, and a community that believes in each other.

We are deeply grateful for the trust given to us by Barangay 731 and the warm hospitality of the senior citizens. Their openness and enthusiasm inspired us to do better not just for this project, but for the communities we will encounter in the future. This experience not only allowed us to serve, but also to grow as more socially aware and compassionate Benildeans.

RECOMMENDATION

Utilize barangay events, such as festivals or community gatherings, to showcase and sell recycled products. These events can serve as platforms for promoting eco-friendly practices.

Offer discounts or rewards for residents who purchase recycled goods, fostering a sense of community responsibility while encouraging adoption.

THANK YOU!

IT HAS BEEN A DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE.