

# THE PAYATAS PAPER

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# LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN

BY MARKY, 13

My name is Marky, I am 13 years old and a grade 6 student. I am fond of playing football together with my friends. We hang out whenever we don't have school. We also spend a lot of our time at the Fairplay Youth Center to study.

It's been a few months since the lockdown here in Payatas started. A lot of the families here lost their jobs or had to stop working for a while. It's been affecting us greatly. For us kids, we can't do the things we used to do anymore. Things like going around the neighborhood to play or going

to our football practice. We are not allowed to be outside of our homes anymore, as advised by the authority. Even our schools had to close. We don't know how long this will last but my friends and I are very eager to meet again.

While we are in this quarantine, I spend more of my time helping around the house. This has impacted so much of our lives that sometimes I see my grandparents struggling and I can't help but feel worried about them. Other than the fact the it's hard to put food on the table nowadays, we're also having a hard time getting my grandpa's

medicine. The food we have are not usually enough and we're just getting by. Our life definitely isn't how it used to be. That's why I'm always grateful for the people who make an effort to help others. Everyone has been affected by this pandemic but many still choose to support our community.

I pray to God that this crisis will end soon and that the disease will disappear. More than anything, I hope my grandpa will get treated soon. We will continue to hope for better days and help fight covid-19 in our own little ways.

## ARTISTS' CORNER



BY AXELXAN, 13

## STARTING-OUT

BY HANNAH, 13

My name is Hannah, I am 13 years old and a grade 7 student. Aside from going to school, I also do a lot of football. I've been doing this for about 5 years now.

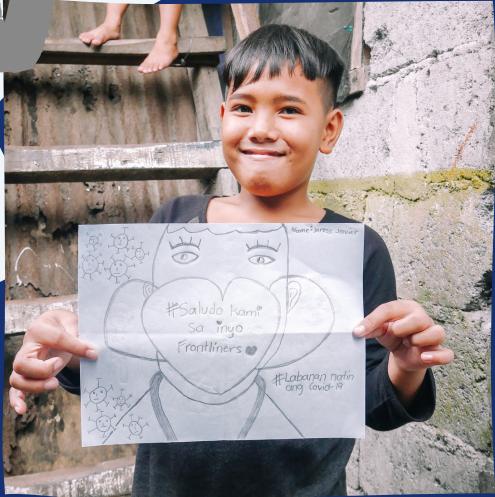
I had my first football practice in our community basketball court which we had to share with those playing basketball. There were times that the older people would tell us to go some place else to practice. They didn't want to share the court with us so we'd move to

the streets sometimes. A lot of the kids were curious and wanted to learn how to play. There were so many of us. It was chaotic, loud, but also fun. Over time we developed a system, a routine, and things became more organized.

One of the highlights for us was the opening of the Payatas Sports Center. It was built for us kids in Payatas. A place where we won't get kicked out and where we were free to play. It was fun because every afternoon

my friends and I walked together to practice. Eventually, I got to improve my skills and gained more friends at the same time. With my hard work, I was granted a scholarship and now able to study.

As of now, we are not yet able to get back to playing football as precaution to the virus. I pray that everything ends well because I really miss my friends and I'm hoping to see them again soon.



LET US ALL WORK TOGETHER SO THAT THIS DISEASE WILL STOP SPREADING. I AM STILL A KID BUT I TRY TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES SET BY INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. IN MY SIMPLE WAY, I BELIEVE I AM ALREADY CONTRIBUTING TO MY COMMUNITY.

-Joross, 12

## WORD SEARCH

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### HEALTHY FOOD

1. Carrots
2. Cabbage
3. Eggplant
4. Mushroom
5. Pumpkin
6. Potato
7. Tomato
8. String beans
9. Onion
10. Bell pepper