

Postal Address:

Volunteer for the Visayans
Lot 63, Cluster 2, Brgy 64
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Tacloban City
Philippines

Filipino Family Customs

Filipino's are very respectful people, especially to older family members.

Because of this, younger generations often address older family members or peers with titles.

For example older males will be referred to as 'kuya' and older females will be referred to as 'ate'. Whilst the terms 'nanay' and 'tatay' will be used when referring to mothers and fathers.

During your time as a volunteer, it will also be respectful for you to refer to your homestay family members by using the respective titles.

Note: Joy prefers to be called Ate Joy rather than Nanay Joy – being called nanay makes her feel old!



The Verunque family are a small friendly family who live in barangay 64, approximately thirty seconds from the VFV Community Center.

The small family live in a semi-concrete, 2 storey building, complete with running water and electricity. The family has one bathroom, which is shared with the family.

Mosquito net, electric fan, bottled war, utensils, blankets, bedding and toilet paper are all provided by the family.

It takes approximately 10-15 minutes to travel to the downtown area from the Hidalgo homestay.

Family Composition

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nickname</u>
Joy*	Homestay Mother	36	Joy
Jeffrey*	Joys brother	26	Jeffrey
Uzziel Job	Son of Joy	14	Job
Mhykho	Son of Joy	5	Mhykho

- Family members with * can speak English