**ACTIVITY GUIDE**

*Dear Friends of Gentle Hands,*

*It is with a grateful heart that we thank you for extending your blessings to our children. As we eagerly await your visit may we take this opportunity to let you know some policies of our home.*

**APPROVAL**

Due to the high number of activities and visitors at Gentle Hands, the approval of your activity request will depend on the availability of your preferred date. In this regard, it is advised that you consider alternate dates for your activity.

**MUSIC**

1. Music must be appropriate for children. Make sure that the lyrics and message of the songs do not

contain cursing; sexual innuendos; or reference to drugs, alcohol, sex, or violence.

2. Kids songs and praise songs are highly preferred. We discourage mainstream music.

3. It may be in English or in Tagalog.

4. Gentle Hands also has a playlist that you can use.

**DONATIONS and GIFTS**

If you wish to donate to the center, our daily needs are: EQ Dry Medium and Large, Nestogen 2 and 3, baby wipes, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, dishwashing and detergent soap

For other needs please refer to the list in this link:

<https://gentlehandsorphanages.com/our-orphanages/#needs>

* 1. 2. If you would like to bring gifts to the children, the following are great ideas:

Educational Work Books

Balls (Toys or Sports)

Building Blocks

Coloring Books

Cologne for older children

Milk

T-Shirts

Socks

Shorts

Pants

Slippers

* 1. 3. In giving treats, fruits, Yakult, and food with nutritional value are preferred.
  2. 4. **Please do not give gums, sweets (candies, lollipops, chocolates), and other junk foods.** This also applies to loot bags, giveaways, and prizes.

**DRINKS**

Our children are prohibited from drinking soft drinks and other carbonated drinks.

**ACTIVITIES and INTERACTION WITH THE CHILDREN**

1. In order to make the experience more meaningful to both our children and your group, please

prepare activities that are fun-filled, and whenever possible, with lessons.

2. Take care to avoid activities that may remind them of their past or that may illicit negative emotions

from the children.

3. Clowns (with full make up) and restaurant mascots are not allowed. Some of our children have been

frightened by them.

4. Magic shows involving fire are likewise prohibited. Some of our children may try to copy this.

5. In keeping with the confidentiality of each child’s situation, the following must also be observed:

a. **Guests are not allowed to ask personal questions from the children.** Questions like ***“Where did you come from?,”\_Where are your parents?”*** or" “***Why are you here at Gentle Hands?”*** Please ensure that all your guests are aware of this.

* 1. b. Some of our children are not allowed to appear on social media, or any form of print and visual media. **Please check with our representative before publishing any photo or video from your visit.**

6. Some of our children come from backgrounds of trauma and abuse. For our children’s safety and protection, **guests are not allowed to carry, hug, or put the child on your lap**. Our staff will give additional instructions upon your arrival.

**DEMEANOR OF GUESTS**

1. Please wear appropriate and conservative attire when visiting our center.

2. Couples are not allowed to kiss or hug inside the premises.

3. Smoking inside the center is also prohibited.

**TIME-KEEPING**

1. It is strongly advised that you follow the schedule allotted to your group as other activities may also have been scheduled beyond your time allotment.

2. The kids will usually be ready on the time of your event please advise if there is anything that will forbid you from coming on time.

*Thank you very much and we look forward to your visit!*