

"Growing Young" has been an influential concept in recent years, a phrase that has found its way into numerous books covering topics as diverse as attitudes towards life, friendship, technology, health and wellness, corporate culture, and church growth strategies. However, its meaning can shift significantly depending on the context. For Upward Bound Study Center (UBSC), "Growing Young" encapsulates a unique set of objectives.

Primarily for us, "Growing Young" signifies the broadening scope of our ministry. When UBSC was established 33 years ago, high school students were our primary focus. Over the years, our sphere expanded to include adult learners and later, junior high students. Recently, spurred by a strong demand from local schools and the immigrant community, we felt compelled to reach out to elementary school students as well. A year ago, when an additional unit in our plaza became available, we took a leap of faith and rented it, effectively doubling our capacity. This recent initiative has resulted in the fastest growth we've experienced in our ministry.

Secondly, "Growing Young" for UBSC translates into taking a proactive approach to shape the lives of young individuals at an early stage. We've found that early intervention makes a significant difference in helping children adopt new languages and cultures. Furthermore, their parents are usually more open to collaboration at this stage. With a more extensive period working with these children before they move on to college, we are confident that we are setting up a brighter future for our immigrant community.

As we double the physical size of our study center, our resource needs correspondingly increase. It is our earnest prayer that you are also willing to invest in these young lives, joining us in our endeavor of "Growing Young."

Thank you for considering how you might be part of this journey. Together, we can contribute to shaping the lives of these youngsters and create a more promising future for our community.

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"越活越年輕"是近年來一個頗具影響力的概念,這個短語出現在 眾多書籍中,涵蓋的主題包括對生活的態度、友誼、技術、健康與保 健、企業文化和教會發展戰略。但是, 其含義可能會根據上下文發 生重大變化。對於志上學習中心(簡稱 "UBSC"), "越活越年輕"包 含了一組獨特的目標。

主要對我們來說,"越活越年輕"意味著擴大我們事工的範圍。33年 前, 志上學習中心成立時, 高中生是我們的主要關注點。多年來, 我 們的範圍擴大到包括成人學習者和後來的初中學生。最近,在當地 學校和移民社區強烈需求的推動下, 我們感到有必要也向小學生伸 出援手。一年前,當我們廣場的一個額外單元可用時,我們大膽地租 了它,有效地使我們的容量增加了一倍。最近的這項舉措使我們的 事工經歷了最快的增長。

其次, 志上學習中心的"越活越年輕"轉化為採取積極主動的方法, 在早期階段塑造年輕人的生活。我們發現,早期干預在幫助兒童採 用新語言和文化方面具有顯注的差異。此外,他們的父母在這個階 段通常更願意合作。在這些孩子上大學之前有更長時間與他們一 起工作,我們相信我們正在為我們的移民社區創造一個更光明的未

隨著我們將學習中心的實際規模擴大一倍, 我們的資源需求也相應 增加。我們真誠地祈禱您也願意為這些年輕的生命投資,與我們一 起為"越活越年輕"而努力。

感謝您考慮如何參與此旅程。我們可以一起為塑造這些年輕人的生 活做出貢獻、為我們的社區創造一個更有希望的未來。





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