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UOG School of Health hosts clinic for at-risk residents

The University of Guam School of Health and its Guam/Micronesia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program orchestrated a health clinic and outreach event on Nov. 20 for residents of the Gill-Baza and “Zero Down” subdivisions in Yigo, which are considered underserved and at-risk communities.

As part of their Community Nursing class practicum, senior nursing students completed a community assessment to determine the primary health needs in the area. The assessment directed the clinic activities, which included flu, COVID-19, and other needed vaccinations for more than 50 adults and children. The outreach event also included medical consultations for chronic illness, sports physicals, and exercise demonstrations to promote healthy aging.

The students also distributed books, toys, clothes, and products donated by members of the Social Work Student Alliance student organization, Todu Guam, and the UOG Global Learning & Engagement department.

“For our nursing senior students, it was an eye-opener that nursing is not only about hospital or clinic work, but that there’s a bigger part of the community that needs them and that it’s important to look around and be involved in making the community safe and a better place to live,” said Veronica Alave, nursing instructor and outreach coordinator with the School of Health.

The Micronesian Climate Change Alliance also partnered in the event by leading a community cleanup and a town hall meeting on illegal dumping.

“The outreach event helped make the residents, and especially the younger generation, aware of issues like illegal dumping and encouraged them to take ownership of the problem and finding a solution,” Alave said.

Additional partners in the event were the Department of Public Health and Social Services Immunization Program, the Yigo Mayor’s Office, and the Micronesian Resource Center One-Stop Shop, and the UOG Global Learning & Engagement department.

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Photo caption:

(From left) University of Guam nursing seniors Ivana Reyes, Maria Silvestre, Shenalyn Kadusale, Fredlyn Lumagda, and France Danielle Catolos organize donated books and clothing for distribution at a School of Health outreach event on Nov. 20 in the Gill-Baza and “Zero Down” subdivisions of Yigo.

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