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Message from Chief Executive Officer

James Wong

Children Giving Back to the Community -

We are deeply encouraged to continually witness our children, from different races and religions, giving back to the community. Recently, kids from Friends of Children (FOC) programme, together with their beat-boxing instructor, Charles Wong, did a great



performance entertaining 600 distinguished guests at the Yellow Ribbon Fund Charity Gala Dinner held at Shangri-La Hotel. Our children managed to put aside their personal family challenges, acquired a new skill – beat-boxing and overcame stage fright to perform, to the delight of the Guest-of-Honor Deputy PM Teo Chee Hean, VIPs and guests. Jesus once said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Indeed it is our joy to see our clients become contributors to the community.

Life Community Charity Golf Event -

We had a fun-filled & fund-full event! Great weather, wonderful golfing, many attractive prizes won and \$200,000 raised. Many thanks to all participating corporations, individuals and the Organizing Committee who have given generously of their time, talents and treasure to make this biennial event a great success. Do log on to www.life-community.org to view the event photos and perhaps view your professional golfer poses.

Life Student Care (LSC) New Corporate Branding -

LSC is a community outreach project initiated 15 years ago by Life Community Services Society. We have evolved along the way and have recently enhanced our curriculum to add more values into these community children's lives while they attend our 3 centres in Hougang, Sengkang and Yishun. We are pleased to update you: our debut school-based student care centre at Meridian Primary School will be operational by January 2012 and it will kick-off with a new Corporate Branding.

(Artist impression)



"ICU" Fund -

Currently, 12 kids from FOC are under our "I Coach U" tuition programme. We are seeing progress from this group of children who are from low income families with weak academic foundation and low self-esteem. Our tutor-coaches motivate and teach them. They now dare to try, show more interest, develop better self-esteem and some have even shown improvement in their grades. We hope to extend this ICU programme to all the children and at-risk youths in our other 3 core services. However, the cost per child per subject is approximately \$3,600 per annum. To keep this sustainable and to benefit more of them, we hope to raise a starting fund of \$200,000. Children are our hope and future leaders in the generations to come. I'd like to invite you to join us to run this marathon in nurturing them for our future.



Once again, I wish to thank you for your past and continual support towards Life Community's cause. May God bless you always with good health and success.

Partnerships

A Corporation with a Big Heart - Verztec Consulting Pte Ltd

With full sponsorship from **Verztec Consulting Pte Ltd**, the FOC children visited Hay Dairies Farm and Jurong Frog Farm for an educational tour. This outing was especially meaningful to the children of the lower income group as such opportunities are rare. Besides sponsoring the event, the staff from Verztec also volunteered their time on a Saturday morning to enjoy the day with the children. Thank you Verztec for the meaningful day!

On top of leading the team to the farms, **Mr Nicholas Goh, CEO of Verztec Consulting** also came aboard our Charity Golf Organising Committee to help raise funds for the good cause of Life Community Services Society (LCSS).

Thank you Mr Nicholas Goh and team for walking the extra mile with us!



A Corporation with Commitment - Johnson & Johnson

On 9 June the children were treated to a day at Universal Studios, Singapore! Battlestar Galactica, Madagascar and The Accelerator were just some of the thrills enjoyed by the children. Food and gifts were also lavished upon them. For the 3rd time, a team of volunteering staff from **Johnson & Johnson Asia Pacific** made a dream outing a reality for the children. Together with the children, a big THANK YOU to Johnson & Johnson Asia Pacific's team of volunteers led by **Ms Flora Ng (VP & CIO, Information Technology Department)** (featured top)!

Touching Young Lives with Love - Bartley Christian Church

Thirty of our children thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Snow City, courtesy of **Bartley Christian Church (BCC)** on 16 July. Together with the friendly BCC volunteers, they learnt to make ice-cream and heartily enjoyed the treat. After lunch, everyone suited up and began their play time in the chilling land of snow, an experience like no other! Fun and laughter filled the air as everyone unleashed their inner child. 'Thank You' to all the volunteers who made this a special day, especially **Michael, Andrew** and **Ashley** for coordinating and planning the event!



Boys with a Purpose - Boy's Brigade

The **74th Boys' Brigade (BB) Company** sponsored by The Bible Church organized an outing for our children at Hougang Life Student Care (LSC) at West Coast Park on 8 September. The children learnt to fly kites. They also had an enjoyable time on the playground at the park such as the 'Pyramid Spiderweb'. Two children shared that they learnt to overcome their fears while climbing the 'Pyramid Spiderweb'. After an exhausting time of play, the children

were treated to their favorite, MacDonald's lunch, sponsored by BB.



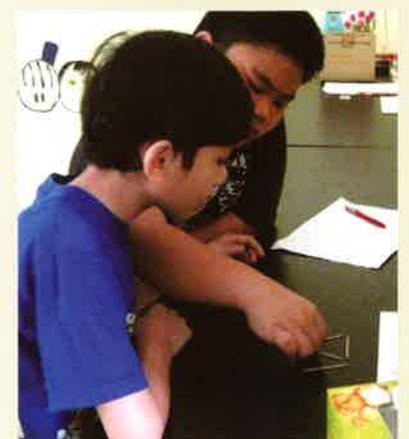
Inspiring the Next Generation - Scholars from Ministry of Home Affairs

Fifteen scholars from the **Ministry of Home Affairs** spent an afternoon at Sengkang LSC on 15 July. The scholars engaged our 76 children in a series of games. The competitive games generated fun, spontaneity and imparted life lessons on the importance of communication

and teamwork. MHA sponsored prizes for the winning team and awards for various categories such as 'Best Team Spirit'. Every one was a winner! Kudos to the MHA scholars who provided an afternoon of fun and learning for the children.

Never too Young to Volunteer - Xinmin Secondary School

During the June school holidays, a group of 14 students and teachers from **Xinmin Secondary School** played team building games with our children. In the afternoon, they taught our children to design their own kites before bringing them to Marina Barrage to try them out! Thank you for such an interesting and fun day!



Committed Volunteer Tutors - SMU Volunteers

MKFC is privileged to have 2 students, **Wei Pang** and **Pamela**, from **SMU**, volunteering at our Telok Blangah Activities Centre from January to May 2011. Our Primary 4 and 5 children enjoyed and benefited much from their interactive ways of tutoring Maths. They rounded up their volunteering service by taking the children to visit the Singapore Discovery Centre.

Charity Golf Open 2011

Life Community Services Society had its 2nd Charity Golf event on 30 September at the Warren Golf & Country Club. 147 enthusiastic golfers came geared up to show their support for the cause of LCSS! After a long but undoubtedly fun day on the golf course, our golfers joined us for a sumptuous dinner at Yan Palace. During the dinner, Mr. James Wong, CEO of LCSS, took the opportunity to thank all our guests for their participation and generous support. Our clients entertained everyone with a beat-boxing performance. We also auctioned off some exclusive items such as an electric guitar signed by the Eagles. Then it was time to congratulate our lucky draw winners, Novelty Prize winners, and not forgetting, the top 3 finishers. We ended the eventful day with a cheque presentation of the money raised through generous donors, sponsors and participants who gave freely to help LCSS raise a total of \$200,000.

We would like to give our heartfelt appreciation to all who have contributed in one way or another. We want to especially acknowledge the committee who worked tirelessly in organising this event - **Seow Kiat Wang** (Chairman), **Bert Chow**, **Fong Ban Meng**, **Nicholas Goh**, **Jenny Chong**, **Melvin Ho**, **William Tay**, **Angelina Yeo**, **Irene Mathavan**, **James Wong** and **Nicholas Lo**. THANK YOU everyone who gave towards the worthy cause of LCSS.



Snapshots of the event



SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Donors



Tony Lim Chee Khun, Kevin Ng Wei Yeow, Assoc Professor Gilbert Tan, James KH Wong, Ng Cher Yew

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Participants



Chan Lai Foong, Cheng Heng Yu, Frankie Chia, Choo Heng Thong, Bert Chow, Nicholas Goh, Nicholas Goh Sian Yuen, Melvin Ho, Kee Teck Koon, Lee How Cheng Gerard, Lee Kong Ann, Kenneth Neo, Sharma Vivek, Sim Beng Chye, Sim Cheng Hee, Tan Chow Boon, Tan Geh, Michael Tay Gim Hoe, William Tay, David Tsang, Chye Sing Pte Ltd, Citystate Management Group Holdings P/L, GLT Engineers Pte, Hatim Capital Pte. Ltd., Lighthouse Endowment Ltd, Powen Electrical Engineering Pte Ltd, Ryobi Kiso (S) Pte. Ltd, Wulf Gaertner Autoparts (S) Pte Ltd



Quarterly Befrienders' Session – The People behind the Scenes

Befrienders are an integral part of our FOC program. All our befrienders are assigned a leader under our Volunteer Management System (VMS), chaired by **Mr Daniel Gan** (a volunteer himself – featured left in picture, standing). Together with **Lily, Eunice, Ricky & Vicky, Lawrence, Hedy & Margaret**, these leaders are known as our Magnificent 7 (M7)! We begin our Quarterly Befriender's Sessions (QBS) with dinner, discuss issues we face in befriending and equip ourselves with practical skills. We engage knowledgeable speakers as well as run our own in-house training. On 1 August, we practiced skills learnt from our previous QBS using a case study. 'Thank You' to all befrienders who attended and we look forward to having more on board our team of befrienders!

Life Community Charity Golf and Yellow Ribbon Fund Charity Gala Dinner

Five children made themselves available to learn beat-boxing from Singapore Idol's 4th finalist - **Charles 'Stitch' Wong**. It took the children a couple of months of hard practice on top of their hectic school schedules. Charles, together with the children, experienced several challenges as they prepared for the performances for LCSS Charity Golf and Yellow Ribbon Fund Charity Gala Dinner. However, the opportunities

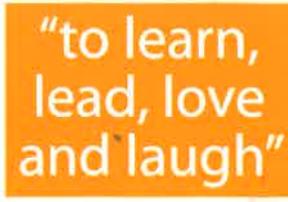


taught the children the value of patience and perseverance as they worked hard to excel in beat-boxing. They gave an enthusiastic and entertaining performance at the LCSS Charity Golf. We would also like to thank Yellow Ribbon for giving the FOC children a wonderful opportunity to perform at their recent Yellow Ribbon Fund Charity Gala Dinner hosted at the Shangri La Hotel on 19 August. The 'never give up' spirit was displayed distinctly by our children as they trained for the performances that were inspirational for all.

Debut of 'Happy Meridians' and Life Student Care Corporate Branding

LCSS will be making its debut in operating a school based student care centre as our existing 3 centres are operating at void decks. This 4th student care centre, "Life Student Care – Happy Meridians" in Meridian Primary School is scheduled to be operational in Jan 2012. Renovation works are currently in progress.

As in the existing centres, our Life Student Care "SPICES" programme which emphasises on the total development of the child with activities focusing on the Social, Physical, Intellectual, Creative, Emotional and Spiritual (moral) aspects of well-being will be offered at this new Centre.



Our existing motto of "to learn, love and laugh" will be expanded to "to learn, lead, love and laugh". Equipping the children with leadership qualities has been part of our holistic programme and is also in line with the school's motto of "to learn, love and lead".

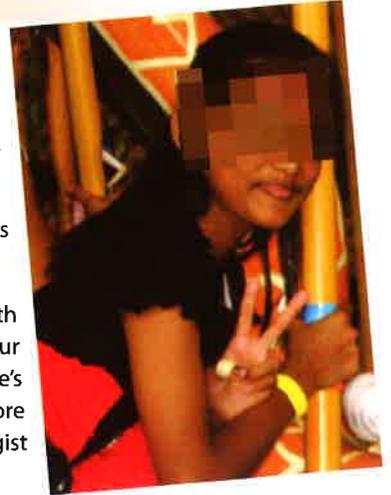
This new centre, when ready, will showcase our Life Student Care branding. This corporate branding will also be extended to our other 3 Life Student Care centres over time.

A Long Road Ahead

Natalie* is 12 years old. She took her PSLE this year. She is the oldest of 4 children. Her father is the sole-breadwinner. He has an extra marital affair and only comes home occasionally. Natalie's mum, Mdm Nish* is unable to cope with the stress of caring for her 4 children. Mdm Nish was previously incarcerated on assault charges. She is also known to have consumed drugs. She recently left home for about a month, leaving her husband to look after the four children.

Natalie's two youngest siblings were taken out from preschool as they were irregular. Natalie attends school 2-3 days per week. She spends most of her time taking care of her siblings.

Our caseworker secured her a place in Lorna Whiston, one of our strategic partners, to assist Natalie with her English Language. Natalie has also been assigned a befriender to provide additional support. Our caseworker works with the social worker at the Family Service Centre in the vicinity as well as Natalie's school counselor. Our caseworker assisted in obtaining a preschool for Natalie's two youngest siblings. More recently, an appointment has been arranged for the child to be professionally assessed by a psychologist for depression.



Natalie and her siblings need emotional support and positive relationships to support them. They also need academic support. The family has great financial difficulties. The family needs committed social, emotional, academic and financial support to ensure the children continue their education and break out of the cycle of poverty and crime.

**Not their real names*

Donor & Volunteer Form

Please fill in your particulars, indicate your interest(s) clearly and fax it to **6387 3768**. Donor's personal particulars **MUST** be completed for tax-deductable receipts.

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3. FOY event committee
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