



LifeComm

GIVING SO THEY CAN SOAR

RUN
FOR
LIFE

2014



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The Board, Management, Staff & Beneficiaries of Life Community shout a big "Thank You" to all participants and supporters for making "Run for Life 2014" a huge success! It was a privilege to have Guest-of-Honour, Emeritus Senior Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong grace the event. Together, we gathered 3,800 participants, beneficiaries and partners, and raised \$619,000 through the charity run. Special thanks to Noel Gifts International Ltd for being our title sponsor.

In this issue of LifeComm, themed "Giving so they can Soar", Life Community shares how we can help children and youths, by meeting each child and young person where they are, and giving them the engagement and connection to thrive. Children and youths are precious - together with you, we believe in nurturing and harnessing their potential to the fullest.

We share with you how opportunities are presented through learning and sharing, facilitated through your partnership. Thank you for coming alongside us as corporate sponsors and volunteers, supporting Life Community to bring a future to the children and youths in our care.

Towards life Transformation and beyond.

MESSAGE
FROM
THE CEO



Lam Moi Kwai



upcoming event

JOIN US FOR OUR GOLF CHARITY!



Support Life Community Charity Golf Open 2015

6 August 2015, Thursday
SINGAPORE ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB
Guest-of-Honor, Mr Seah Kian Peng
Deputy Speaker of Parliament,
MP for Marine Parade GRC

This August 6th, we will be organising our Charity Golf & Dinner to fundraise for our beneficiaries. We invite you to join us as sponsors, to golf for our children, youths and families in the community. Your generosity will surely help us continue to bring hope, love and joy to the less privileged groups. We are grateful for your partnership.

For more details, visit www.life-community.org or contact us at 6387 3700

HIGHLIGHTS



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corporate video



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DISCOVERING A CHILD'S POTENTIAL



MIGHTY KIDS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY

Bi*, 12, is an introvert. She is extremely shy and dares not speak up. She instinctively covers her mouth whenever she has to talk. However, we discovered Bi's love for dancing. Dancing is probably the only way she can freely express herself without inhibitions.

Together with 20 children from other programmes under the umbrella of Life Community, Bi had the privilege of participating in SG Creation's "We have something to say" project from 15 Nov to 16 Dec 2014. Through dancing, Bi developed self-confidence. Bi was even selected to become one of the 4 lead dancers!

The SG Creation project has given our children, particularly Bi, an opportunity to break out of self-restraint and inhibition. Our children are immensely blessed to be able to receive free trainings from professional artistes, in various aspects of performing arts. This privileged learning experience would otherwise be a vague dream, especially for those from disadvantaged families.

"Thank you for helping me discover my talent".



BUILDING TREES, BUILDING LIVES



Grace You,
CSR Coordinator for
Barclays Singapore,
Settlements and Asset
Servicing Citizenship
Committee



On 3 Dec 2014, Barclays hosted 55 children at its office. The event, "Build Your Own Trees (BYOT)" had children organised into groups with staff volunteers teaching them how to build Christmas trees from mostly recycled materials. Not only did it exude the feeling of Christmas, it also provided the opportunity to impart the value of recycling, teamwork and finance management. BYOT was a huge success with more than 50 children from Life Community attending the event, supported by about 30 volunteers from Barclays!

BLEED TO FEEL

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN | FRIENDS OF YOUTH

"WHY DOESN'T ANYONE WANT ME? WILL HE REALLY ACCEPT ME AS HIS DAUGHTER?"

Nancy* is 15 years old and was born out of wedlock. Since her birth, Nancy's biological father has been unaware of her well-being. She was told he never wanted her, and is no longer involved in her life.

Moreover, Nancy's stepfather has been incarcerated since she was 7 years old. She feels confused with the absence and separation from the only father she knows.

Now a teenager, Nancy struggles with her identity. She feels her mother loves and favours her younger sibling over her. Unable to identify with her family members, Nancy feels alone in this world.

Nancy has resorted to severe self-harm behaviours to cope with this bitterness. Every time she feels down her instinct is to hurt herself. She says that when she bleeds, she feels.

Staff of Life Community help to counsel Nancy. Through sharing openly and honestly about her struggles, Nancy realised the need to enlist specialised help.

She now confides in her social worker, who has since gotten her involved in learning a musical instrument as an outlet of expression. Nancy is beginning to develop better coping skills and finds solace in music.

Teenagers like Nancy struggle in silence and need your help. In order to cope with difficult situations in their lives, they need adults who will believe in them and be their pillars of support.

* Not their real names