

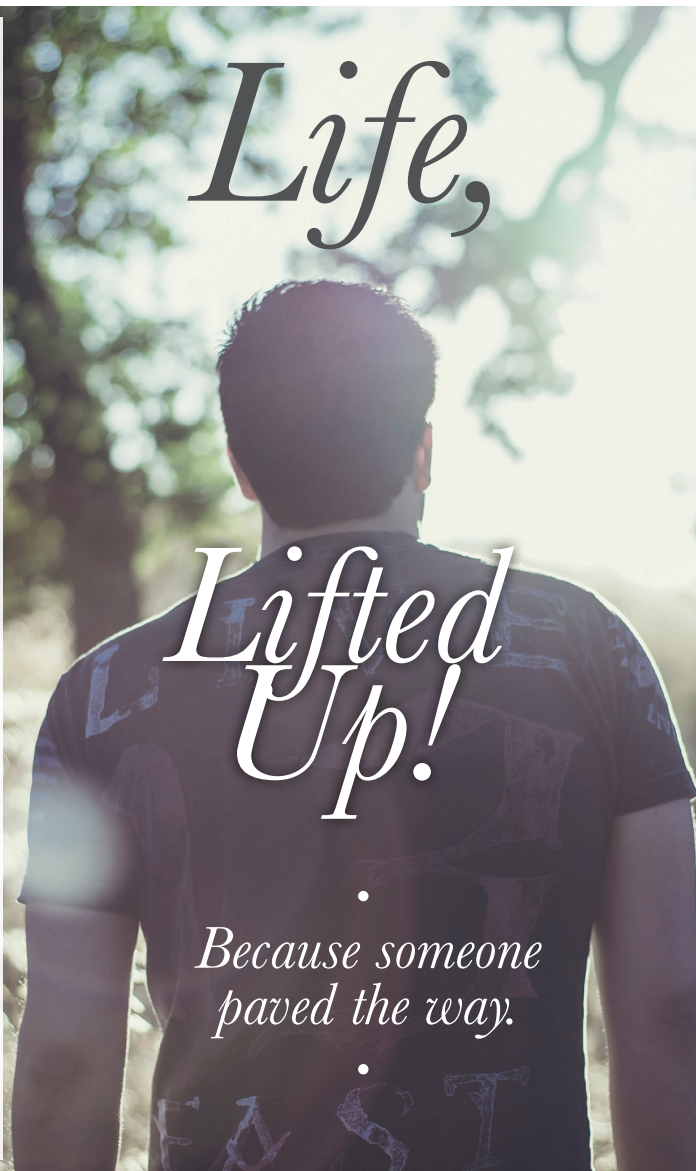
Life Community Services Society (LCSS) is a faith-based Singapore registered charity with a mission to empower children and families through care and mentoring. Established in 1996, it has been reaching out to the community through its five core programmes including Friends of Children/Youth, MightyKids, Families and Community, Life Student Care and EduGrow for Brighter Tomorrows. Today, it serves over 1,000 clients, aged 6-19 and their families with the majority coming from low-income or



dysfunctional families. It operates six centres across Singapore, and is a leading organization in helping children with parent/s who is/are in prison. Believing that all children regardless of race, language or religion are precious in the eyes of God, Life Community entrusts its resources to help the children with the aim of developing them to their fullest potential so that they can be responsible and contributing members of our society.

May these stories bring thoughts of Love, Joy and Hope to you.

Born into a family of six siblings with an abusive, drug-laden father, Kenny was put in a more than unfavourable position to do well in his studies. His failing grades in the report card was telling. Last year, the family situation took a turn for the worse. His father started consuming drugs and even had drugs in the house. He was also physically abusive towards Kenny's mother. Kenny bore witness to this and would have intervened if his mother had not stopped him. He also found out that his father was having an affair. Considering the situation, the emotional stress that a person has to deal with would be huge, what more for 12-year-old Kenny who at the same time had to face the pressure of taking his PSLE like all other Primary Six children. All things looked bleak. Thanks to the Friends of Youth programme, Kenny received timely help to overcome the situation. He attended the weekly tuition classes at Life Community's activity centre at



Kallang Leisure Park together with other Primary Six children. In addition, he also took part in the Character Development workshops under the Friends of Youth Growth programme. His caseworker met him regularly and motivated him to give his best for his studies. All these helped to strengthen his confidence and built character in him.

These interventions helped paved the way for him to improve and do well. His unwavering commitment and hard work paid off! He managed to pass all his subjects with an aggregate score of 152. It was good enough for Kenny who did much better than what he had expected. He was overjoyed when he got his results. He expressed his gratitude to Life Community. At the annual Christmas Party, he also won an award to affirm his transformation.

Way to go Kenny!



*not their real names

20 years of Life Community

Life Community has been given the humble opportunity to serve the vulnerable children & their families for the last 20 years. This would not have been possible without the support of all our donors, volunteers and staff.



The opening performance by the students of Life Student Care, singing 'You Raise Me Up'



Mrs Mary Tan with CEO Lam Moi Kivai and the Board of Life Community, celebrating 20 years since the inception of Life Community



Meet 18-year-old Cheung Yuen Ling who joined Life Student Care (LSC) when she was in Primary Two. Nine years later, she is now a teacher, helping out with the Primary One class in Sengkang LSC. Here is a short excerpt of an interview with her.

WHY CHOOSE TO TEACH IN LIFE STUDENT CARE?

I want to contribute back to the community and I have a heart to teach. After observing the children having fun in their classes and wanting to be part of this, I accepted the job.



WHAT WAS MOST MEMORABLE?

One of my most memorable moments was when I was giving out Christmas presents last year. Each of them came forward and said, 'Thank you, Teacher Yuen Ling'. I was touched because I had only joined them for a few days then. Their gratitude made it all worthwhile.

BENEFICIARY TURNED STAFF

HOW HAS LIFE STUDENT CARE IMPACTED YOU?

I was quite a playful girl when I was a student at Life Student Care. While at outdoor

play, I did not listen to the teacher and was jumping from platform to platform at the playground. I slipped, fell and sprained my ankle. Instead of scolding me for not listening to instructions, my teacher rushed over and carried me back to the centre. She prepared an ice pack for me, contacted my parents and sat with me throughout. I am very grateful for what this teacher has done. I hope to be like this teacher, impacting the children under my tutelage. Now that I have worked as a teacher, I realised it is not easy being one. I also did not realise the amount of work that goes on in running a Student Care Centre.

Life Community's emphasis has always been to give opportunities to children who have been touched and transformed to develop themselves in skills and gifting to serve the community in return. Yuen Ling is a good example of how we are serving together with our beneficiaries. Other examples include getting our children to bake and make gifts to serve the elderly. We want to start them young and inculcate in them an attitude of "freely we receive, freely we give."



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Every giving is precious. Sometimes, a small thing you do can mean everything in another person's life. Thank you for your support and partnership in impacting young lives.

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