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ife Community Services Society (LCSS) is a 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 1000 clients including children 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



## "Empowering children and families through care and mentoring."

organization in helping children with parents who are/were in prison. Life Community entrusts its resources to help children regardless of race, language or religion 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.

t the young age of 13, Amos was facing the huge responsibility of having to care for his 4 siblings and an immobile grandfather as his father was in jail and his mother was working day and night to make ends meet.

Amos despised his life, his home and his family. His mother had a live-in boyfriend who physically disciplined him. He felt his family does not love him. He dreaded going home every day.

It became too overwhelming that Amos began acting up. He disappeared from home, only to return a few days later and stopped attending school. During a session with his caseworker, Amos became violent, resulting in the caseworker being punched and kicked. Still, the caseworker persisted, building trust and convincing Amos that there are people who care for him. It was a long and hard road.

Just as things seemed to get better, Amos's mother suddenly ran away from the family with her boyfriend. The disabled grandfather and children were

## LIFE, GOING BEYOND!

Because we are doing something above & beyond "Our caseworkers have been caring for Amos's grandfather by visiting him at the hospital, providing him with a wheelchair, and getting food rations for the family."

left alone without food for days but when our caseworkers were alerted, we went beyond the line of duty. Our caseworkers have been caring for Amos's grandfather by visiting him at the hospital, providing him with a wheelchair, and getting food rations for the family.

Now, Amos no longer hates his life, knowing that our caseworker cares for him. He confides in our caseworker, sharing that he misses his siblings. The 4 of them had been placed separately in foster home care. He was deeply touched by a photo collage of his family that the caseworker made for him and carries it wherever he goes. There is still a long way to go for Amos but in the meantime, we do our best to let him know there are people who care for him in more ways than one.



Jia Jing teaching the youth cooking

## IF FOOD BE THE GIFT OF LOVE....

Jia Jing is a 14 year-old boy who learned basic cooking from MKFC staff 2 years ago. He now comes back to teach the younger boys how to cook, and even cooked fried rice for lunch before the children's trip to the zoo. Jia Jing has trained 4 younger boys how to marinate and grill chicken for our Family Bonding dinner. He became so proficient that he even taught our new staff how to cook!



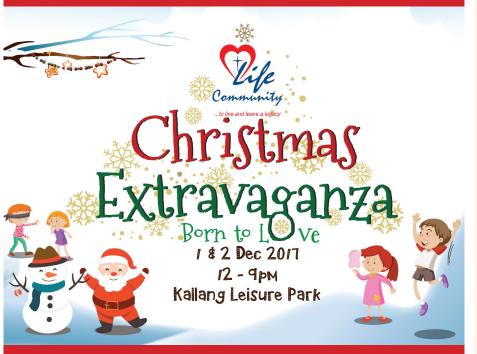
Albert (Staff) & Jia Jing

Being a mentor to Adam (not his real name) has been as simple as spending time with a friend you care for. This journey has been an experience of personal growth, of being open-minded and sincere.

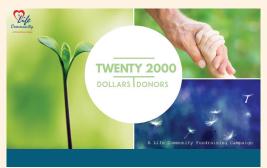
To me, this is a rare opportunity to care for someone else in society who may not otherwise enter my life; someone whom I can offer guidance, and whom I can play a small part to help him achieve his eventual lifelong ambitions. Sharing this dream with EduGrow and Life Community has been amazing. This fulfilment I have received is one that I hope more individuals in Singapore can come to learn of, and love.

We are looking for volunteers just like Victor. Visit our website for the multiple volunteering opportunities that you can be involved in.





LCSS presents "Christmas Extravaganza", an event to bring Christmas cheer to the community. See you there!



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## www.life-community.org

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.