



Message from

Chief Executive Officer

Challenges

Recently, my team handled a few difficult and heart-breaking cases referred from Prison, Family Service Centres and our Student Care Centre.

To cite two cases in particular: The first case is 9-year-old *Ahmad (article featured right) whose mother will be in jail till 2012 and whose father is missing-in-action. Not under the care of relatives, his school attendance is irregular and he has already changed school three times. Worse still, he is well-acquainted with various drugs. We are still trying our best to win him over with love and practical care. The second case is a 6-year-old girl, *Sharon, of Life Student Care Centre who lost her mother and brother in a car accident in Malaysia and who sustained serious injuries herself. Initially devastated by her crisis, she has since begun rebuilding her life with our team's patience, love and counselling.

Centre

After months of waiting and preparation, our new activity centre for Friends Of Children & Youth and MightyKids, Families & Community will be officially opened on 28th November. It will run enrichment and tuition classes to assist weaker academic and needy children and youth and to impart life-skills and inculcate right moral values. Please come and be a part in running this initiative.

Co-workers

We thank God for the organisations and individuals who run our course with us. Our supporters, to name a few, are: **Johnson & Johnson Asia Pacific (IT)** who brought the FOC kids out to sea for a fun-filled day; **International Full Gospel Fellowship** youth leaders who befriend the youths of FOY; **Victoria and National Junior College** students who organized outings for FOC & LSC children respectively.

We were privileged that **Mr. Phillip Tan**, Chairman of Yellow Ribbon Fund and Vice-Chairman of National Council of Social Services, graced our Appreciation Dinner 2009 for Donors, Volunteers and Staff. We still remember his rallying cry to stakeholders and friends *"to support Life Community for they are a Christian organization that has good principles"*, and are moved by his estimation of us: *"Though they do not take Tote Board fund, they take in clients from all races and religions"*.


Above all, in this year's President's Challenge Fund-Raising Event, LCSS was selected as one of its beneficiaries. A special moment for LCSS came when, one hot afternoon, the **President, Mr. S R Nathan** lingered at our Orchard Road booth to be acquainted with our work. Warm, caring and fatherly, the People's President, in affirming us, echoed the tagline on our banner: "Keep up the mission". Thank you Mr. President!

Again, I thank all stakeholders for your unwavering support and look forward to more co-workers to support this meaningful cause. May God bless you with good health and wealth always.

James Wong



Treading the Rough Road



*Ahmad, aged 9, last saw his mother late last year before her arrest. Living with his mother who struggled with drug addiction, he gained a wide knowledge of drugs. He knew where to get drugs from, what kinds of drugs were available and how much they cost. He had also witnessed his mother consuming drugs. During this time, he spent long periods of time out of school. He has been to three different schools and was irregular. This was Ahmad's life about a year ago.

Ahmad was urgently referred to us by Winnie Chng, Senior Social Worker at Fei Yue Family Resource Centre – Changi. By this time, Ahmad had not seen his mum for about 6 months. He did not have the necessary documents to visit her. Since then, LCSS staff has obtained these documents and accompanies him for his monthly visits to his mum.

When LCSS staff met him, in March 2009, he was living with an elderly lady whom he calls 'Nenek' (grandma). Nenek is his mother's boyfriend's mother. Nenek has kindly taken him in to care for him but struggles to financially support him.

During his monthly visits to prison, his bond with his mother has grown as she does her best to remind him to do the right things. Ahmad has also been transferred to a fourth school to ensure regular attendance. Thus far, he has successfully maintained quite regular attendance.

Ahmad's mother will only be released when he is 12 years old. In these three years ahead, Ahmad requires constant support such as counselling, academic and financial support. LCSS will do our best to tread this rough road, with Ahmad, one small step at a time.

*Not his/her real name

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES



Johnson & Johnson Sail with LCSS' Children - Octopus, Stingray and Dolphin were just some of the 'sea creatures caught alive' onboard a yacht at SAF Yacht Club, Tanah Merah on 30 May 2009!

These were more than sea creatures; they were the group names for about 80 Friends Of Children's (FOC) children who attended the school holiday outing themed, "Under the Sea".

The fun-filled activities brought excitement and joy to the children while they learnt values such as accepting others' differences. The highlight of the outing was an exhilarating yacht ride out to sea. It was a new experience for all the children and they enjoyed it tremendously. **This was only made possible by the social conscious staff of Johnson & Johnson (J&J), Asia Pacific's IT department, headed by Mrs. Kerrie Ann Hoffman, VP & CIO, Information Technology.**



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The impact of this new experience was captured by one of the children, who is visually impaired, when she shared her thoughts with Mrs. Kerrie, *"It is like a dream come true to me."*

We believe that it was a dream for the other FOC children too.

Thank you, Johnson & Johnson for making their dreams a reality!

International Full Gospel Fellowship (IFGF) – Friends of Youth (FOY) Race to the Finish Line

IFGF organised a FUN-tastic day at the East Coast Park for the youths of FOY. They raced across the park, stopping at different stations to face challenges that equipped the youth with some necessary life skills. The youths put their energy in a positive manner in completing the race. Through perseverance and determination, all the teams made it to the finishing line, where they received prizes for finishing the race!



Great FUN! Human Bowling – sliding down a slippery mat to score a strike!



From the organising Committee, Sheila (in red) and Heidi (in white) giving out specially designed bags to the youths for finishing the race!

Charity Golf Event Helps LCSS Raise \$66,000



The inaugural Life Community Services Society (LCSS) Charity Golf event was held at Warren Golf & Country Club on 25 September 2009. A total of 140 enthusiastic golfers showed up eager to contribute to LCSS cause. The generosity of everyone including corporations that sponsored the event was at the highest level as it helped LCSS raise more than \$66,000.



Kevin Kwek, Seow Kiat Wang and Raymond Chee received an award that night as the top 3 finishers of the event. During the dinner, we also had the opportunity to give our heartfelt appreciation to Bert Chow (in photo), representing the committee (William Tay, Melvin Ho, Angelina Yeo, Seow Kiat Wang, Ann Tan and Antoinette Lek) who worked tirelessly in organising this event.



Christmas Party 2009!

The 'heart-working' event committee for Christmas Party 2009 are in the final stages of planning and preparations. This year's party themed, **'A Love that Refreshes, Renews and Restores'**, will be held at Singapore Discovery Centre on 12 Dec 09. LCSS is thankful to the committee comprising of Denus Ban (Chairman), Ray Oh, Susan Low, Perry Siow, Jamie Yoeng, Hedy Lim, Margaret Teng, Annie Chen and Reuben Siew for their untiring effort in planning this party since the beginning of this year.



Introducing LCSS' NEW Activity Centre!



LCSS will be launching its brand new activity centre on 28th November 2009 for FOC, FOY and MightyKids, Families & Community. Situated in the heart of Telok Blangah, equipped with a jam room, it provides a safe environment for the youths and children to have lots of fun under the supervision of adults.

We need volunteers to support our weekly programme. Corporations and individuals are welcomed to join us in areas of tuition, enrichment and fund raising activities.



Donor, Volunteer and Staff (DVS) Appreciation Dinner '09



'Family Portrait' - LCSS Chairman, Mr. Goh and his wife, Mrs. Goh; Management and Staff with a big "heart" montage, made up of many pebbles hand-painted by LCSS children.



Mr. James Wong and Mrs. Kerrie Ann Hoffman (VP & CIO, Information Technology) from Johnson & Johnson, joining hands to form a heart to kick-start the night's theme, 'Hearts to Love & Hands to Serve'.

'Little chefs' (clients) of LCSS with their cheerful looks, sweet smiles and little hands, served the guests and melted the hearts of many, especially that of William Tay, Kymm Choo and Ps. Colin Wong (from left to right).



Plaques were presented to all award-winners (Donors: Chia Lee Kiat from Dell, Mrs. Kim Lee from Leeway Transact Pte. Ltd, Wong Toon Jin; Volunteers: Alfred Liu and Peng Mui (In photo), Joel and Sandra Sim, Leong Shung Tuck; and Staff: Annie Chen, Pamela Lim, Loh Mei Chan) for their Commitment, Consistency, Competency, Contribution and Compassion in touching the lives of our children and youths.

Mr. Phillip Tan, (Chairman of Yellow Ribbon Fund and Vice-Chairman of NCSS) graced the occasion as our Guest-Of-Honour. He endorsed the good work of LCSS and encouraged all our guests to continue supporting us in touching the lives of the vulnerable children and youths.



Mr. James Wong thanking our guests for their overwhelming response by their presence, presents and participation.

Kim Lee, an ardent and beautiful supporter of LCSS, joins our children to campaign for the continuous support of our Donors, Volunteers and Staff by showing the message 'Please Support FOC/FOY'.



Our children give meaning to the word 'PARTNERS' as they thank LCSS stakeholders for their unwavering support during the current tough times.



Mr. and Mrs. Teo Ah San - our oldest serving befrienders were seen happily posing with the event montage.



Volunteer Management System (VMS) Chairman, Daniel Gan, shares his heart with us and inspires our guests to come on board to touch the lives of LCSS children.



Personal Service - two of our children, making sure that our guest, Leonie Tan, is well taken care of.

Heart-breaking News

Treading the Rough Road

- *Ahmad is 9 years old.
- His mother is incarcerated on drug related offences.
- He has skipped school for long periods of time.
- He now needs intensive academic guidance to catch up.
- Ahmad has lacked parental guidance.
- He requires counselling support.
- Ahmad also needs financial support to sustain him through the next three years.

*not his real name

Zero to Hero

- * Douglas is 12 years old.
- His father was incarcerated.
- He struggled with his studies since primary 1, especially Math.
- He also has a learning disability – dyslexia.
- Together with the encouragement and support of the FOC staff and his befriender, Douglas began to improve in his studies.
- In Primary 5, he topped his level in Math.
- He now strives to do his best in his PSLE.



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Donor & Volunteer Form

Please fill in your particulars & indicate clearly your interest(s). Donor's personal particulars **MUST** be completed for tax-deductable receipts.

Name (as in NRIC): _____ NRIC/FIN No.: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel No: (HP) _____ (O) _____ (H) _____ Email: _____

A) I would like to find out more about volunteering opportunities

*Personal/Corporate

1. Ad hoc volunteers (Pls specify area: _____)
2. Tutors or Teachers
3. Fund-raising
4. Counsellors
5. Support for newsletters
6. Hosting Presentations
7. Befrienders

FOC FOY LSC MKFC
(Please tick (✓) accordingly)

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B) I would like to donate to Life Community Services Society to help this worthy cause.

My contribution of S\$ _____ for the work in LCSS is:

*One-time / Monthly / Annually

*Personal / Corporate

Signature: _____ Date: _____

AUTHORISATION FORM FOR CREDIT CARD PROCESSING

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