

## Message from Chief Executive Officer

### Dear Stakeholders and Friends,

The six months since my last update have passed so quickly. I trust you are doing well in health and wealth. It is my pleasure to fill you in on what has been happening at Life Community Services Society (LCSS).

**Positive Spill Over** - We were honored to have Ms Tina Hung, Deputy CEO of NCSS as our Guest-of-Honor at our Annual Appreciation Dinner in April. She delivered a passionate speech in regards to our work. In June we had a surprise visit from NCSS' President, RADM (Ret) Kwek, CEO, Ms Ang Bee Lian and the management team (*Right photo*). We were truly humbled and encouraged by their keen interest in our small agency and work. They acknowledged our good work in the community and want to help us grow our services. A team was formed to understand our services and to give suggestions on how we can further impact lives. We are now in the process of developing an enhanced programme for Friends of Children & Youth (FOC&Y).



**Negative Outcome** - We shared in the previous newsletter about the desperate case of little \*Sarah & \*Peter whose parent faces the gallows. Recently an appeal against the sentence was made but it was turned down. Our FOC team has been closely attending to the emotional and material needs of the children, their dad and their caregiver to help them tide over this harrowing period.

**Extended Family** - Like a big extended family, we recently celebrated the wedding anniversaries of our befriender leaders, Daniel & Patsy and Ricky & Vicky. LCSS has also invited donor- doctor to share health-related matters at our Quarterly Befriender Session (QBS). Our bendifenders were not only encouraged by the doctor's sharing and QBS' case study but also gained from the whole cross-learning experience. For all their services rendered, we are glad for the incidental benefits LCSS can value-add to the lives of our bendifenders and clients.

We had our Annual Staff Retreat in July at The Bottle Tree Park. Staff and Board Members had a great time catching up with one another. With our spirits refreshed and renewed, we are ready to better serve in the community.

**Heartfelt Appreciation** - LCSS is encouraged by our stakeholders' commitment to our mission. Special thanks go to Verztec's CEO Nicholas Goh who has been actively linking us up with his contacts, besides sponsoring an outing and donating towards this cause. Also J&J's former VP & CIO(IT), Ms Kerrie Ann Hoffman has greatly inspired us through her strong leadership which undergirded her team's commitment to our cause.

Above all, we are indeed thankful to all our stakeholders who have contributed much to this ministry.

**Celebration** - Praise God for His favour and faithfulness. Next year will be our 15th year in operation. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you at our April 2011 Donors, Volunteers & Staff (DVS) Appreciation Dinner.

Once again thank you in anticipation of your generous support and your continual partnership. God bless you and your family.

**James Wong**

## A Heart warming story...

\*John is a 16 year-old teenage boy. His father has been incarcerated since he was 14 years old. He started to display delinquent behavior, such as irregular attendance at school, insubordination, underage smoking, tattooing and stealing. He was eventually suspended from school. He was very indifferent during our staff's visits and would frequently miss his appointment with us. He has also kept our staff waiting hours for him.

Staff worked with the school authority. However, John refused to abide by the school's rules. His delinquent behavior continued to escalate until he was caught for stealing a bicycle. He was then sent to the Boys' Home for a month, thereafter, a year in Boys' Hostel, followed by several months of probation.

Despite no initial, visible change, staff persevered with John. A turning point came when he ran away from the Boy's Hostel. One weekend, he came down with a high fever and decided to call our staff for help. Our staff, Reuben, set aside his weekend plans and brought him to the doctor, offered him a meal and sent him back to the Boy's Hostel.

John is now on probation. He has since begun to take some positive steps. Now, John is in the midst of his 'N' level examinations. He studies on his own and is motivated to do well in his exams. With persistence and hope, our staff pressed on despite the many discouraging events. If not for our staff's determination, compassion and passion to touch lives, John's delinquent behavior could have escalated. He is now more responsive to our staff and has not missed any appointment.

\*Not their real names





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## Johnson & Johnson - An Extremely Memorable Experience

This June school holiday outing proved to be extremely fun for the children from FOC as they were transported to Singapore's latest and most talked-about attraction – Universal Studios Singapore on 10 June 2010!

Children entered the rain forests of **Madagascar**. As they ventured deeper, they found themselves **Far Far Away** in a castle where donkeys talked! Their adventure did not stop here. The children had to run from dinosaurs as they stepped into the **Lost World**. This led them to **Ancient Egypt** where they discovered Pharaoh's tombs and pyramids. Through this ancient land, they arrived in the city of the future - **Sci-Fi City**. The children also travelled to one of America's popular cities – **New York** where they enjoyed the classic landmarks. Finally, the children experienced the 'Walk of Fame', surrounded by star characters such as Kung-Fu Panda and Charlie Chaplin in **Hollywood**.



This adventure was made possible by one of our most committed partners **Johnson & Johnson Asia Pacific**. The team of volunteering staff, which was led by Ms Kerri Hoffman (VP & CIO, Information Technology) and Mr Larry Caldwell (Manager, Information Architecture) turned a dream into reality for the FOC children!

Together with the children, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to Johnson & Johnson Asia Pacific for the extremely fun-filled memorable outing!



## Verztec - A Freezing Good Time!

FOC children had a fun time of snow play and ice-cream making. This was only made possible with the generosity of Verztec Consulting's sponsorship and staff volunteers. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr Nicholas Goh warmly interacted with the children and assisted them in making ice-cream. Thank you Verztec Consulting for the fun, food and freezing good time!

## Lorna Whiston – A Fun Way To Raise Funds

*In celebration of 'Lorna Whiston Schools Celebrates 30 years in Singapore', they have adopted LCSS and raised funds through a couple of events:*

**"Sink or Swim!"** – A parent's guide to 'Surviving Primary School' – a charity event held on 24 July 2010. As part of the event, they held an auction of children's artwork in aid of LCSS. They raised a generous sum of \$3000 for this event. Thank you for helping LCSS to swim and not sink!



**Charity Book Fair & Treasure Hunt and Reading in Jacob Ballas Children's Garden** - held on 12 September. Our FOC children were invited to join in the fun.



They organized a series of exciting children's activities. The highlight of the event was a treasure hunt in the park. They sold both new and used children's books. All proceeds from the sale of books were donated to LCSS.



## Ministry of Home Affairs – An Exciting Way To Learn

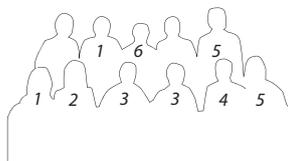
Ministry of Home Affairs HQ partnered with us to organise an educational field trip to the Central Fire Station on 8 September. This was done as part of their One Heart volunteering programme. Mr Benny Oon, Senior Director from the International & Corporate Relations Division together with 34 volunteers engaged our 35 children in fun-filled activities followed by a tour of the fire station and the SCDF Heritage Gallery. The children learnt fire safety tips and had a glimpse of a life as a fire fighter. They were thrilled to be able to try on the fire fighter's gear, board a fire engine and operate the water hose. They were also wowed by the skills of the demonstration put up by the SCDF fire fighters.

# Donors, Volunteers & Staff Appreciation Dinner 2010

'Footprints... in love and harmony' was the theme of our annual appreciation dinner. We had a great time of sharing, award presentations, performances and fellowship to compliment our scrumptious meal. The night was an inspiration for all to join us in our cause to leave our footprints in the hearts and minds of the children.



On behalf of LCSS, Mr Goh Kng Yan (Chairman - top left) and Mr James Wong (CEO - top 2nd right) warmly welcome all our distinguished guests, stakeholders and friends.



1. Mr Phillip Tan (VP, NCSS) & Mrs Phillip Tan,
2. Ms Tina Hung (Deputy CEO / Director, Service Development, NCSS),
3. Rev. Canon Dr & Mrs James Wong,
4. Mrs Kerrie Ann Hoffman (VP & CIO IT, J&J Asia Pacific),
5. Mr and Mrs Helen Marjan (MD & Director of Studies, Lorna Whiston Schools P/L) and
6. Mr Terrence Goh (Superintendent of Prisons, Commander Cluster B)



Stakeholders and friends applauding for the testimonies and performances.



Mr Goh presenting the Token of Appreciation to our Guest-of-Honor, Ms Tina Hung.



Our little clients putting up an exuberant 'stomp' performance much to our guests' delight.



Mr James Wong presenting an Award to Mrs Helen Marjan (CEO, Lorna Whiston). Together with her team, they have contributed greatly towards LCSS.



Mr Larry Caldwell (J&J) our very committed stakeholder, happily clicking every moment away through the evening.



## Core Services

### Friends of Children

To provide care and support for children (7-13 yrs old) with parent/s presently/formerly incarcerated.

### Friends of Youth

To befriend and mentor youths (12-19 yrs old) with parent/s presently/formerly incarcerated.

### Life Student Care

Reaching out to primary school children in the community (regardless of race, language or religion) by rendering quality student care service.

### MightyKids, Families & Community

Nurturing community kids to live an empowered L.I.F.E through enriching activities.

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## 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.

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

| FOC                      | FOY<br><small>(Please tick (✓) accordingly)</small> | LSC                      | MKFC                     |
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1. Befrienders
2. Fund-raising
3. Ad hoc volunteers (Tutors, Counsellors)

### 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

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributed Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Card: \*Visa / Master / AMEX / DINERS

Card Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delete appropriately