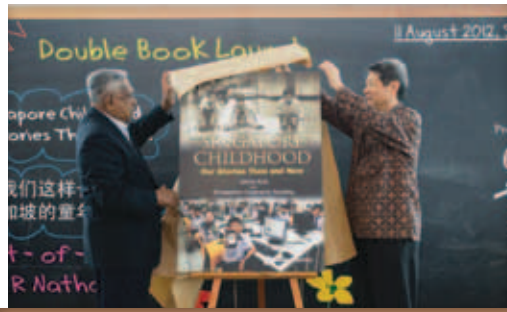




Down Memory Lane with Two Books



Mr S R Nathan, former President and then Singapore Children's Society's Patron-in-Chief (left), unveiling the book with Mr Koh Choon Hui, Chairman of Singapore Children's Society.

Singapore Children's Society held a double Book Launch on Saturday, 11 August this year, at The Pod, National Library Building, for two publications – Singapore Childhood Our Stories Then and Now and 《我们这样长大：新加坡的童年生活》 – published by World Scientific and Global Publishing respectively.

Mooted by then President S R Nathan, who was Children's Society's Patron-in-Chief, the books trace the political, economic and social changes that have taken place over the past six decades and how they transformed the childhood of children in Singapore.

These transformations were vividly brought to life through anecdotes and memories drawn from interviews with contributors hailing from different races and age groups. The stories,

accompanied by archived materials from different sources, revisited the aspects of childhood such as birth, home, play, school, health and welfare. The vintage photographs and narratives in the books provided unique insights about the past to young readers, and at the same time serves as a nostalgic read for adults.

The English and Chinese books were unveiled by Guest-of-Honour Mr S R Nathan and Chairman of Singapore Children's Society, Mr Koh Choon Hui.

Mr Nathan said: "Improving the quality of life for children has been one of our most striking achievements as far as health and education are concerned. We still have work to do when it comes to psychological health and well-being, since modern life is fast and more demanding."

Singapore Childhood Our Stories Then and Now and 《我们这样长大：新加坡的童年生活》 are now available at major bookstores.



The Book Editing Committee with Mr Koh Choon Hui, Chairman of Singapore Children's Society, (extreme right).

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Singapore Children's Society Lauds the

Singapore Children's Society presented the Koh Eng Kheng Eminent Benefactor Award, the Society's new top philanthropy award, at the annual Singapore Children's Society Awards on 7 September. A total of 44 awards were conferred on volunteers and donors in recognition of their contribution to the Society's mission to help children, youth and families in need. The awards ceremony was held in the evening at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

OCBC Bank, the Society's Community Partner since 2004, was conferred the top award, the Koh Eng Kheng Eminent Benefactor Award. The bank has been supporting the Society on an annual basis since 2004, and by 2013, the bank's contributions would amount to \$5 million.

President Tony Tan Keng Yam, the Society's Patron-in-Chief and the Guest-of-Honour at the event, presented the awards. Performers from The Main Wayang Company entertained guests with a fashion show which showcased colourful Peranakan costumes. The evening ended on a high as the performers engaged everyone with songs and dance.

President Tony Tan Keng Yam, Singapore Children's Society's Patron-in-Chief (left) and Mrs Mary Tan having a good time at the Awards ceremony.



Singapore Children's Society Awards 2012 Recipients

Koh Eng Kheng Eminent Benefactor Award

OCBC Bank

Ruth Wong Award

Dr Alice Seng Seok Hoon

Gopal Haridas Award

Mr Kurt Wee Chorng Kien

Gold Service Award

Assoc Prof Daniel Fung

Dr Lee Jee Mui

Captain Suresh Menon

Ms Maria Shiu

Ms Tan Khiaw Nghoh

Ms Wong Heng Mui

Silver Service Award

Dr Bibi Jan Md Ayyub

Mr Chan Eng Thai

Mr Harry Chua Chin Nam

Captain David Eliathamby

ITE College East

Dr Lena Lee

Madam Quah Siew Kheng

Mr Philip Tan

Dr Tan Seok Hui

Mr Kurt Wee Chorng Kien

Ms Yap Bee Cheng

Dr Yong Wern Mei



The Koh Eng Kheng Eminent Benefactor Award is named after the late Dr Koh Eng Kheng, who passed away on 5 July 2006. Dr Koh dedicated 39 years to volunteering for the Society, from 1967 to 2006. He started volunteering with the Society as Chairman of the Convalescent Home Standing Committee in 1967 until 1972. He then became the Children's Society's Chairman from 1973 to 1978 and resumed chairmanship of the Convalescent Home from 1979 to 1991.

He was also an active member of the Appeals, Social Work Service as well as the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Standing Committees. Dr Koh's last position in the Society was Consultant to the Convalescent Home, ending his illustrious volunteering stint with the Society.

A Man of Many Talents

The Koh Eng Kheng Eminent Benefactor Award is named after its namesake. Mrs Irene Koh, wife of Dr Koh, reminisces on how the doctor reached out to needy.

When asked for her reaction when she heard that the Society would honour her husband by having a new top philanthropy award named after him, the Koh Eng Kheng Eminent Benefactor Award, Mrs Irene Koh, 85, had two words to say: "Very honoured."

What was your first impression of Dr Koh when you first met him?

He was a 'happy-go-lucky' man who easily got tanned and had a wide smile on his face. He was short for a man and had distinct stiff hair that reminded me of porcupine quills!

How was he as a father, husband and son?

As a father, he taught by example – through kindness, not smoking or drinking. His four sons have followed his example. He rarely applied corporal punishment to his sons. As a husband, his artistic side often cast a critical eye on my clothes and accessories.

He was a man of many talents – he was scholastic, though he didn't always apply this on himself, could draw well and was especially good with caricatures. He also had a good ear for music and shared a great interest in World War II aircrafts with his brother.

He had a very close relationship with his father and accompanied him on holidays and sometimes to work. He was also close to his mother since he was a little sickly when young.

Why did he decide to volunteer for the Society?

E K was always very fond of young children. When he joined the Society, it was natural love at first sight. The Convalescent Home at Changi was an excellent home for children to recover from long term diseases as it provided nutritious food and healthy sea air. The Home also served to help relieve hospital beds from the Mistri Wing at Outram Road General Hospital, now renamed as Singapore General Hospital.

With his busy schedule as a professional doctor, how did he find time for the Children's Society?

I took responsibility for the household and the children and that freed E K to focus on the Society and other pet interests which included the Mental Society, Homes for the Elderly, the College of General Practitioners and the Singapore Medical Association.

Platinum Award

The Family of the late Mr Yong Thiam Loong

Gold Award

Air Line Pilots Association Singapore
Amway (Singapore) Pte Ltd
MI Limited
NTUC Income Insurance Co-operative Limited
Noble Group Limited
Singapore Totalisator Board
Mr Tan Kok Teng

Silver Award

CapitaLand Hope Foundation
Mr Chan Heng Kian
KLA-Tencor (Singapore) Pte Ltd
Lee Foundation, Singapore
Mr Lee Kim Boon
MasterCard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd
Dr Peh Lai Huat
Rose Marie Khoo Foundation
Rotary Engineering Limited
Salesforce.com Singapore Pte Ltd
Singapore Island Country Club
The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf (S) Pte Ltd
Union Contractors (S) Pte Ltd
Wee Aik Koon Pte Ltd
Winning Alliance (S) Pte Ltd



Mr Samuel Tsien, CEO of OCBC Bank, accepting the Koh Eng Kheng Eminent Benefactor Award from President Tony Tan Keng Yam.

Milestones of the Third Decade:

1972 - 1981

In this issue of Sunbeam, we continue to share the Children's Society's milestones of the third and fourth decades.



There was plenty of fresh air and space for the children to play when the Convalescent Home moved to Sembawang in 1976.



The Used Stamps Project raised quite a lot of money for the Society when it started in 1978. Stamps were cut out, sorted and packed by the Society's volunteers and then sold to collectors.

1972 – 1973

- On 15 July 1972, then President Benjamin H. Sheares opened another extension of the Convalescent Home, increasing the capacity from 50 to 70. The Ministry of Education stationed a second teacher to meet the increase in educational needs.
- An 'Experimental Pre-school Project' was conducted in 1973 for selected younger siblings of children from disadvantaged families. The aim was for early detection and prevention of potential behavioural problems.

1974 – 1975

- The Society's administration and fund-raising departments were moved to the Singapore Council of Social Service Building at Penang Lane in January 1974.
- In 1975, the Society was notified that the Convalescent Home had to make way for the construction of Changi International Airport.

1976 – 1977

- In January 1976, the Singapore Turf Club sponsored the employment of a Community Worker at the Toa Payoh Centre for two years. The Community Worker's role was to coordinate all outreach projects. A second Community Worker was appointed to the Society's Everton Park office in March 1977.
- On 16 May 1976, the Convalescent Home occupied some army barracks at Keramat Road in Sembawang. A total of \$200,000 was spent on renovations to prepare the premises for the children. The home was officially opened on 8 May, 1977 by then First Lady Mrs Benjamin H. Sheares.
- The Appeals Committee, which oversees fund-raising projects, introduced projects such as Direct Appeals, a Singapore City Cruise, and T-shirt projects. Civic organisations such as the Dale Carnegie Rock Chapter and Singapore Jaycees were invited to organise the Society's Flag Day and Donation Draw projects respectively.

1978 – 1979

- On 1 April 1978, the Social Work Service office at Everton Park moved to Redhill Close in Bukit Merah. It occupied two, 3-room HDB flats and was officially opened on 23 July 1978. Community outreach programmes such as the Mobile Play Leadership Scheme and Holiday Street Camps for children were pioneered in Bukit Merah.
- The first Jean Marshall Soccer Tournament was held on 8 October 1978. It was organised for disadvantaged and detached youths from the Society as well as other social work agencies. Mrs Jean Marshall (a former Executive Committee Member of the Society and the wife of Singapore's first Chief Minister David Marshall) sponsored the trophies and funds for the tournament for four years.
- The Used Stamps Project was started in 1978. Organisations gave their used letter envelopes to the Society to be processed. The stamps were cut out, packed and sold to stamp collectors. It became a regular source of income for the Society.
- 1979, the International Year of the Child, was especially significant for the Society: the Latchkey Child Development Centre was opened on 2 April at Block 94, Henderson Road. The facility provided children a safe haven to play and study when their parents were not at home when they returned from school.

1980 – 1981

- An extension of the Convalescent Home at Keramat Road was opened on 4 May 1980 by Dr Ahmad Mattar, then Acting Minister for Social Affairs. This increased the capacity of the Home from 40 to 60.
- At the request of the Singapore Council of Social Service, social workers experienced in work with detached youth were involved in the formation of a support group to study the needs of detached youth and the services available to them.

1982 – 1983

- On 24 October 1982, Singapore Children's Society was conferred the inaugural Gold Award for the 'Most Outstanding Civic Organisation' by the United Nations Association of Singapore. The judges found Children's Society to be persistent and innovative in service delivery.
- In conjunction with the Society's 30th anniversary in 1982, the Ruth Wong and Gopal Haridas Awards were created to recognise the top volunteers and donors respectively. Dr Gopal Haridas and Dr Ruth Wong were staunch supporters of the Society and their efforts laid the foundation for the Society's early work.
- As Singapore's standard of living continued to rise, cases of malnutrition steadily declined. In 1983, the Convalescent Home began admitting needy children from broken homes.

1984 – 1985

- Children's Society was again conferred the Gold Award by the United Nations Association of Singapore.
- The Tinkle Friend Helpline was launched in November 1984. It is a helpline for primary school children offering support, advice and information if they are lonely and distressed.
- The first Inter-Social Work Agency Basketball Tournament was held on 26 May 1985, organised for youths at risk from the Society and other voluntary welfare organisations.

1986 – 1987

- Children's Society was conferred the Silver Award by the United Nations Association of Singapore.
- The Society won one of two inaugural Community Excellence Awards held in conjunction with the first Earth Run Project, organised by the Singapore Jaycees City Chapter and UNICEF.
- Due to the success and increasing demand for the Society's latchkey child services in Bukit Merah, a second children's centre was opened at Bukit Merah View in August 1986.

1988 – 1989

- From 1 November 1988, the Convalescent Home was gazetted as a 'place of safety'. This enabled the Home to take in children who were suspected to have been abused.
- The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Standing Committee was formed in the same month to develop appropriate services to address the issue of child abuse and neglect.
- A Computer Appreciation Project was introduced in 1989 to provide disadvantaged children with opportunities to access to computer knowledge. The Rotary Club of Marina City sponsored the equipment for this project.

1990 – 1991

- The Society's Family Service Centre and third latchkey child centre was set up at Bukit Gombak in July 1990. It was a one-stop centre that catered to the needs of residents in the area.
- In October 1990, the Society undertook the task of handling children and youth deemed beyond parental control and placed on statutory supervision by the Juvenile Court. The Society remains the only voluntary welfare organisation tasked to do so.
- The growth and expansion of the Society created a need for the community to be kept informed of the Society's work and activities. The Information Committee (which has since been renamed as the Information and Corporate Relations Standing Committee) was formed in March 1991, and the inaugural newsletter was launched in October that year.

Sunbeam will publish the milestones of Children's Society's fifth and last decades in the next issue.

Milestones of the Fourth Decade:

1982 - 1991



The Tinkle Friend Helpline was introduced in 1984 to provide advice and a listening ear to young children. Today it remains the only helpline for primary school children.



Holiday Street Camps were organised during school vacations to provide wholesome activities for children to have fun. Parents were encouraged to join and bond with their children.

The Society's first Family Service Centre was opened at Bukit Gombak. The centre worked with families facing financial problems, children with behaviour problems and ran outreach programmes for youth.



6,000 Walk Their Way to \$420,000



Almost 6,000 participants comprising the public and staff from various companies participated in the Singapore Children's Society's signature annual fund-raising event, Walk for Our Children, on 29 July at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park.

The objective of the event, which raised more than \$420,000, was to encourage children and their families to spend the weekend together for a good cause. Adopting the fairy-tale theme of "Jack and the Beanstalk" for the Walk, the Society made an entry in the Singapore Book of Records for the largest floating balloon inflatable – a two-storey-tall giant beanstalk, topped off with an inflatable castle. It dominated the surroundings and was a crowd-pleaser, delighting children and adults, when it rose into the air.

Guest-of-Honour Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Deputy Prime Minister, flagged off the three-kilometre-long Walk.

Among the many highlights that supported the event were national athletes from the Singapore Sports Council, who led the warm up on stage before the flag-off. NTUC Income, the Presenter of this event, arranged for stunt kite demonstrators to show off their kite flying skills. Also on hand were several performances such as Wushu and freestyle football.

In addition, there were 40 carnival stalls offering games, food and trinkets, a large bouncy castle as well as a Parent and Child Look-a-Like Contest. Coupons used to redeem food and drinks and rounds of games and gift items were also available for purchase.

The proceeds go to furthering the Society's mission of bringing relief and happiness to children-in-need. Poh Pin Loong, a 12-year-old who has been with the Society's Student Care Centre (Henderson) for four years, said: "The aunties and volunteers helped me in my studies and I have improved a lot. During school holidays, they also brought me to places where I will not get a chance to go to if I had not joined Student Care Centre. Lastly, the staff helped me to better cope with my family problems."

Two Aspects On Bully-Free Forum

This year's Bully-Free Forum carried the theme: "Shaping a Respectful School Culture and the Role of Parents and Teachers". Held on 21 July at the Republic Polytechnic, about 270 participants attended and they included teachers, social work service personnel, parents and students.

Gracing the event was Guest-of-Honour Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education. The speaker was Dr Debra Pepler, a distinguished Research Professor of Psychology at York University and Senior Associate Scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children. Dr Pepler's research focuses on aggression and victimisation among children and adolescents within the peer and family contexts.

Topics covered at the Forum were understanding the developmental pathways of children who bully and children who are victimised, strategies to promote healthy relationships and individualised support for students.

In the wrap-up, students from the English Club of Woodlands Ring Secondary School performed a skit "Silent Pain", which highlighted common bullying scenes happening in schools, the importance of parent-child communication and the critical role that parents play in intervention.



Guest speaker Dr Debra Pepler sharing a light-hearted moment with Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education.



Learn . Express . Act . Dream



The Ministry of Community, Youth and Sports and Singapore Children's Society jointly organised the 2nd ASEAN Children's Forum with the theme: "Learn. Express. Act. Dream". It was held in Singapore at the University Town, National University of Singapore from 6 to 8 June this year.

Young delegates from ASEAN gathered to discuss on the rights and issues concerning children and youth in their communities. They presented various issues from their country's perspectives and worked together to discuss and propose action plans found necessary to protect and promote the rights and interests of children and youth in the region.

Staff from society's various centres were mobilised to facilitate the fiery and inspiring discussions. A group was heard emphatically calling to attention the decision-makers: "Don't talk about us without us!"

Within the various workshops, children and youth buzzed and discussed on the disadvantages of vulnerable children in the region; their rights to respect, dignity and resources for their survival and development; and who they envision themselves partnering to champion their cause.

It was indeed a meeting of keen minds and passionate hearts. It is certainly a forum from which we hope, will spur more active participation among the young in Singapore and the region.

Singapore Youth at ACWC Meet

Representatives at the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) convened in Jakarta from 2 to 5 July this year, to deliberate its Work Plan 2012-2016.



(From left) Mr Koh Choon Hui, Chairman of Singapore Children's Society and representative on children's rights at the ACWC, Dr Aline Wong, representative on women's rights, Elton Seah and Zhang Ning Xin, both youth delegates of Singapore.

And for the first time, children and youth representatives from ASEAN were invited to present their take on issues that impact their lives, their aspirations and recommendations at the ACWC meeting. This is after the youths made their presentations at the ASEAN Children's Forum (ACF) held in Singapore earlier in June.

Singapore's youth representatives were Elton Seah and Zhang Ning Xin, both 17, who had participated in the ACF in Singapore. The teenagers held discussions with Mr Koh Choon Hui, Chairman of Singapore Children's Society, who attended the ACWC Meeting as Singapore's Representative on Children's Rights. The two spoke to Mr Koh on the right platforms to raise awareness of the rights of children and youth.



The 6th Singapore Children's Society Lecture

More than 150 participants attended the Sixth Singapore Children's Society Lecture, which was held on Saturday, 29 September at the Raffles Institution.

Guest speaker Professor Leong Wai Kum, who teaches at the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore, delivered the lecture: "For Our Children's Sake: Gentle Reminders of Parental Responsibility".



Smoking - Seriously, Don't Start !



The video was screened in the participating primary schools. Thereafter, counsellors engaged the students in an interactive talk about the harmful effects of smoking, how to say “no” to cigarette offers and the advantages of healthy living. Participants were asked to pledge and reflect on their thoughts about smoking. Informative panels about smoking were also displayed.

Moving forward, Youth Centre (Jurong) hopes to reach out to more children and young people and to influence them positively in leading a healthy and smoke-free lifestyle.

Youth Centre (Jurong) rolled out an anti-smoking campaign this year to encourage upper primary school students to say “No” to smoking and opt for a healthy lifestyle. The preventive programme, called “Smoking – Seriously, Don’t Start!”, was conducted in three primary schools located in the west.

The schools involved were Juying Primary School, Fuhua Primary School and Jurong West Primary. The campaign, which was held from July to August, reached out to about 2,000 students.

During their interaction with the youth members at Youth Centre (Jurong), the Centre’s counsellors gathered that many youths were first introduced to cigarettes while they were in primary school. Hence, the idea of doing preventive work with upper primary school students burgeoned. With help from Youth Centre (Jurong) staff, youth members produced a short video to share their personal experiences with the primary school students and to discourage them from picking up smoking.



Inter-CABIN Superstar, where Everyone's a Star

On 7 July, 12 teams made up of close to 100 secondary school students vied for the Inter-CABIN Superstar Award 2012 held at the Woodlands Community Club. The Award is a team singing competition for students from schools who participated in Project CABIN.

Project CABIN is a community project of the Singapore Children's Society, which is an afterschool drop-in programme that reaches out to youths at risk in schools.



Bequeathing Hope Through Legacy Giving



Ms Theresa Sim, Honorary Treasurer of Singapore Children's Society and Mr Koh Choon Hui, Chairman of Singapore Children's Society, accepting the donation from Ms Helen Tjandra (centre).

Singapore Children's Society received a cheque of about S\$1.38 million from the estate of the late Madam Chin Mee Ngo in June this year – the biggest single donation from a deceased estate to date.

Madam Chin's niece and an executor of the will, Ms Helen Tjandra, presented the cheque to the Chairman of Singapore Children's Society, Mr Koh Choon Hui.

A regular donor to charities, Madam Chin was in her 60s when she passed away in February 2010. She wrote the thesis: "A Descriptive Analysis of the Diffusion of Family Planning Innovation in Singapore" in 1988 at the Iowa State University.

Two Hong Kong Groups Visit Sunbeam Place

Sunbeam Place opened its doors to two groups of visitors from Hong Kong this year.

On 9 May, Sunbeam Place had the honour of sharing its operations with a team of 16 officers from Po Leung Kuk, one of Hong Kong's leading social service organisations.

Barely three months later, on 1 August, another group of officers from the Hong Kong Student Aid Society, another social service organisation which helps needy children, dropped in at Sunbeam Place to learn about its operations and practices.



Little Caring Hearts Bridging the Age Gap



As part of Singapore Children's Society's 60th Anniversary Celebrations this year, 30 children from the Society and 30 senior citizens from elderly homes participated in Little Caring Hearts, a project promoting inter-generational bonding between the young and the elderly. The children were from the Society's Sunbeam Place and Student Care Centre (Henderson), while the elderly were from Evergreen Home and Thong Keng Senior Activity Centre.

Little Caring Hearts comprises a series of activities held over several months that involve children and the elderly. The project enables the young and elderly to come together to celebrate Mother's Day and Easter Day, with games such as Bingo and Sudoku. There were

also other activities such as vegetable printing. The children also performed three dance performances with the elderly.

Madam Qin Yu, from Thong Keng Senior Activity Centre, said: "I feel very happy with the children around as I treated them like my grandchildren. In addition, I get to learn new things like playing Sudoku."

This project also educates the children and created an opportunity for them to interact with the elderly. The many activities led to the finale of the project which took place at restaurant Wild Oats @ Punggol Park on 11 June. On that day, the children enthusiastically helped with the set up of the dining tables.

One dance item was by the children from Student Care Centre (Henderson) and the elderly from Thong Keng Senior Activity Centre, and another was performed by children from Sunbeam Place and the elderly from Evergreen Home. The third dance item was a combined effort from the children and elderly from all centres. The children also made the dance props for the performances and served the food during lunch.

Patrick, a child from Student Care Centre, said: "Through the time I spent with the ah-gongs and ah-mas, I learnt to speak with them in Mandarin. I enjoyed the activities and the chance to talk with them."

带领读者走进童年的记忆长廊



儿童书委与新加坡儿童会主席许俊辉先生（最右边）。

2012年8月11日（星期六），新加坡儿童会在国家图书馆，为两本新书——Singapore Childhood Our Stories Then and Now和《我们这样长大：新加坡的童年生活》，举行新书发布会。中英两个版本的新书，由世界科技出版公司和八方文化创作室出版。

新书是由当时担任儿童会名誉赞助人的前总统纳丹先生倡议出版的。内容追溯我国过去60年在政治、经济和社会的变迁，并探讨这些转变如何改变本地儿童的童年回忆。

通过不同年龄、不同族群的受访者分享的趣闻轶事以及儿时回忆，这些童年的变迁都生动地展现在字里行间。所有故事加上出自于不同来源的档案资料，带领读者重温童年生活的各个层面，包括：出生、家庭、玩乐、学校、健康和福利。书中的怀旧照片和陈述，不仅能让年轻读者窥探过去的生活面貌，同时也能勾起成年读者的童年回忆。

特别嘉宾纳丹先生联同儿童会主席许俊辉先生，一起为新书主持封面揭幕礼。Singapore Childhood Our Stories Then and Now和《我们这样长大：新加坡的童年生活》，目前已在各大书局出售。

新加坡儿童会表扬善心人士及机构

一年一度的“新加坡儿童会颁奖典礼”于2012年9月7日，在泛太平洋酒店举行。在颁奖礼上，儿童会总共颁发44份奖项，以表扬所有协助儿童会救助贫困儿童、青少年和家庭的义工、善心人士与机构。

儿童会今年首次颁发至高无上的“许永庆卓越贡献奖”给华侨银行。作为儿童会的社区伙伴，华侨银行自2004年起，每年都会捐款资助儿童会。截至2013年，银行总共为儿童会捐出500万元善款。

这个奖项是根据已故的许永庆医生命名的。许医生在1967年到2006年间，在儿童会从事义工服务长达39年。他最初担任儿童疗养院常务委员会主席，也曾是儿童会主席和多个常务



委员会的活跃成员；晚年则担任儿童疗养院顾问一职。不幸的是，许医生在2006年7月5日与世长辞。

儿童会名誉赞助人陈庆炎总统，是颁奖礼的特别嘉宾。他在晚宴上颁发奖项给所有得奖者。

六千人齐步走 筹得42万元义款

将近6千名公众和企业代表在7月29日，参与了新加坡儿童会于碧山-宏茂桥公园举行的常年筹款活动——“新加坡儿童会义走活动”。

活动的目的是要鼓励孩子与家人共享周末时光，同时为慈善尽一份力。今年的活动以童话故事《杰克与魔豆》为主题。现场设置了巨型魔豆和城堡造型的充气气球。其中，两层楼高的巨型魔豆造型充气气球还被列入《新加坡纪录大全》。

原任人力部长、现任副总理兼财政部长尚达曼先生，是活动的特别嘉宾。他为全长3公里的义走活动，主持挥旗礼。

新加坡体育理事会也派出多名国家队健儿，带领大家在义走开始前做热身操。负责主办活动的职总英康，则安排了特技风筝、武术、花式足球等精彩表演。现场还有“亲子相似竞赛”和40个嘉年华会摊位。

活动共筹得超过42万元义款。款项将用来资助儿童会的服务和计划，协助有需要的孩童。



学习·表达·行动·梦想



社会发展、青年及体育部与新加坡儿童会携手合作，主办《第二届亚细安儿童研讨会》。今年的主题是：“学习·表达·行动·梦想”。为期3天的研讨会从2012年6月6日起，于新加坡国立大学的大学城举行。

来自亚细安成员国的小小代表齐聚一堂，共同商讨各自社区内的儿童和青少年权利等问题。他们以各自国家的观点角度，发表了多项课题。他们也互相讨论并制定行动方案，以保护和提倡本区域儿童和青少年的权益。

儿童会希望：通过举办这类研讨会，能够激发更多新加坡和本区域的年轻人，更加积极地参与讨论。

香港社会服务团体访晨曦儿童之家

今年，新加坡儿童会属下的晨曦儿童之家，总共迎来了两组香港访客。

5月9日，来自香港保良局的16名官员拜访晨曦儿童之家。职员向他们介绍了晨曦儿童之家的营运情况。

大约3个月后，另一家专门协助贫困儿童的社会服务机构——香港学生辅助会的职员，则在8月1日到访晨曦儿童之家。他们从中了解晨曦儿童之家的运作情况和工作惯例。



小小爱心大使 跨越年龄鸿沟

作为新加坡儿童会今年成立60周年的庆祝活动之一，30名来自晨曦儿童之家和学生托管中心（亨德申）的孩子们，连同来自长青安老院与同敬乐龄活动中心的30名乐龄人士，共同参与名为“小小爱心大使”的计划。计划的目的是为了增进年轻一代和年长者之间的跨代感情。

这项计划由一系列的活动组成，历时长达几个月。参与者在母亲节和复活节的庆祝活动上，不分老少、一起玩游戏，还一起动手进行美术和手工艺品创作。孩子们也跟年长者联合呈献了三段舞蹈表演。

计划的最后一项活动，在6月11日于榜鹅公园的Wild Oats餐馆举行。活动当天，孩子们都主动地帮忙布置餐桌和摆放餐具，并同年长者一起呈献三段舞蹈表演。孩子们也负责制作表演使用的道具，还将美味的午餐端上桌。



通过这项计划，孩子们从中了解到：自己也能回馈社会奉献心力。年长者也喜欢同孩子们交流，并学习新事物。

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