



Singapore Children's Society 60th Anniversary Charity Gala Dinner



Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (centre), Executive Committee, staff and children from Singapore Children's Society celebrating the Society's 60th anniversary.



To conclude the year-long 60th anniversary celebrations, Singapore Children's Society organised a Charity Gala Dinner at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore on 9 November 2012. Graced by Guest-of-Honour Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, the event saw more than 670 distinguished guests gathering to celebrate the occasion and also raise funds for the children, youths and families in need.

Guests were from large conglomerates such as OCBC Bank and Keppel Corporation as well as numerous SMEs, such as Star Controls Engineering Co. Pte Ltd and EL Development (Clementi) Pte Ltd.

The evening commenced with the upbeat and interactive drum performance by TENKO. Also on stage was Hong Kong songbird, Ms Frances Yip, who joined in the celebrations and dazzled guests with her stage presence. Her exuberant performance and a beautiful rendition of the classic, 'Shanghai Beach' had the crowd shouting for 'more'. A sand art performance and video were also part of the evening's entertainment. The video showcased the Society's milestones and services.

In line with the evening's agenda, 13 items were put up for live and silent auctions. The live auction segment was hosted by local artiste, Ms Michelle Chong, who charmed the audience with her humour.

Two calligraphy pieces, 'Long' and 'Fu', which were painted by the late venerable Song Nian, received intense bidding and raised the significant sums of \$48,000 and \$38,888 respectively. These two calligraphies were donated by the Society's chairman, Mr Koh Choon Hui. A total of \$1,004,616 was raised that evening.

"The evening wouldn't have been possible if not for the support and generosity of our sponsors and donors. It is through them that we are able to reach out and help our beneficiaries," shared Mr Kurt Wee, Chairman of the Appeals Standing Committee, Singapore Children's Society.

To commemorate Singapore Children's Society's 60th anniversary, a commemorative book was published and presented to all guests while a Heritage Corner exhibit was set up at the Charity Gala Dinner.

A copy of the 97-page commemorative book titled 'Every Child A Gift', which pays tribute to all the Society's volunteers and staff past and present, was presented to Guest-of-Honour Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. PM Lee was the first recipient of the book that evening.

The Heritage Corner features a ten-panel exhibition that showcased interesting nuggets of information of the Society's involvement with children in need and its evolution over the past 60 years. It is now on display at the MSF Building and will move to several locations over the next few months.

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MILESTONES OF THE FIFTH DECADE:

1992 – 2001

1992–1993



- The Administration Office moved to Goldhill Plaza in Thomson Road in 1992.
- On 27 June 1993, the Society officially launched a new logo and a new tagline 'Caring for the Future'. The logo is the one used today.
- The Singapore Children's Society Research Grant for Social Work and Psychology Honours and Post-Graduate students of National University of Singapore was established in 1993.

1994–1995

- The first Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Poster Competition was launched on 15 October 1994.
- The Bukit Merah Social Work Service Centre and Children Centre 1 at Block 94, Henderson Road moved to Block 91, Henderson Road on 28 November 1994.
- On 28 December 1994, the Administration Office was relocated to Tiong Bahru Plaza.
- The first Project CABIN, which was then called Pop-In Cabin, was launched at Westlake Secondary School in 1994.
- A new Family Service Centre and third Children Centre opened in Yishun in 1995.
- In 1995, the Convalescent Home extended its residential service to children whose parents/guardians needed respite care.



- In July 1996, Project CABIN was extended to Braddell Secondary School.
- 1997 marked the Society's 45th anniversary and a special event logo was created.
- The Society's first Child Abuse and Neglect research monograph, titled 'Public Perceptions of Child Abuse and Neglect in Singapore' was published in 1997.
- A compilation of prize-winning songs from the 1997 Song Writing Competition was launched. It is the Society's first music compact disc based on the theme 'Love Our Children'.



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- The Society started the Mandatory Counselling for Spousal Violence Cases in April 1998.
- On 5 June 1998, the Society launched its first website.
- Children's Society launched the Vulnerable Witness Support Programme on 1 August 1998. The Society is the sole agency/voluntary welfare organisation to provide this service. The Society also started the Police Caution Cases and Guidance Programme in August 1998.
- The Convalescent Home was renovated in 1998 to provide a conducive place for children to stay.
- The Society appointed its first Executive Director, Mr Alfred Tan, on 1 March 1999, to spearhead the development of the Society. To further promote a stronger and cohesive workforce, a new, independently run staff club (known as Kachan Club) was founded in April 1999.
- Children's Society held its first 'Walk for Our Children' at Bishan Park on 1 August 1999.
- On 9 December 1999, the Society launched new logo for the Tinkle Friend helpline.

2000–2001

- In 2000, the Corporate Office was relocated to 6 Jalan Klapa and the Convalescent Home hired its first Child Development Officer.
- The pilot project for the Alpha Teens programme kicked off at Bishan Park Secondary School in January 2000.
- The Society launched the Step Thinker Programme in July 2000.
- The first 'KidzLive' talk, whose aim is to educate primary school-going children on the prevention of sexual abuse, was launched on 29 September 2000 as part of Children's Day celebrations.
- The first CABIN Links Seminar was held in November 2000. It brought together all the 'Project CABIN' schools.
- RoundBox, a youth drop-in centre, located at Toa Payoh, was launched in 2000.
- In April 2000, the Society held a seminar on Child Abuse and concurrently launched two new monographs.
- Children's Society jointly organised a seminar with the Ministry of Education on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect on 26 May 2001. About 300 principals and teacher counsellors from primary schools turned up.
- Towards the end of 2001, the Society launched a brand new website designed specially for the 50th anniversary.



MILESTONES OF THE SIXTH DECADE: 2002 – 2012



2002

- A special 50th anniversary logo and slogan 'We Celebrate Children' were introduced. It launched a 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book, a corporate CD ROM, and SEEDS, an early intervention programme for child abuse. The 50th Anniversary Charity Ball was held on 9 November at the Ritz Carlton Millenia.
- Project CABIN introduced CABIN Club as an approved co-curricular activity in secondary schools. It was officially launched on 2 February, at the opening of the 10th CABIN at Chua Chu Kang Secondary School.
- A free public talk, 'The Absent Papa' and seminar were held on 16 March. It was jointly organised with Central Singapore Community Development Council.
- The Childhood in the Millennium regional conference, a first-ever regional event organised by the Society, attracted more than 300 participants from ASEAN, was held on 27 and 28 September.



- The Society initiated online donations via our website in March 2003.
- The Society published the 5th Monograph on Child Sexual Abuse and received the 'Best Corporate Volunteer' from the Subordinate Courts. CABIN Club members organised the youth forum: Are Parents From Mars.
- The Society launched an Information Knowledge Management System (IKM) for all centres in September.
- A Strategic Planning Taskforce was set up to establish future direction.
- A new Research and Outreach Department was established and launched KidzVoices, and the Child Loneliness Forum was held with the National Library Board.
- The Corporate Office relocated to Central Plaza, at Tiong Bahru.

2003



2004



- 2004 marked the 10th year of Project CABIN and saw the start of the Bully-Free Week campaign. RoundBox roadshows were held in secondary schools to increase membership.
- The play: 'Sunshine Children Moonlight Parents' was put up by the Convalescent Home on 1 October.
- A partnership with the Singapore General Hospital resulted in the opening of a brand new Peritoneal Dialysis Centre at the hospital campus on 21 October.
- Children's Society won the 2nd runner-up in the 2004 Asia Pacific NGO Awards and won in the Non-Profit Organisation category in the National Volunteerism and Philanthropy Awards, 2004.

- The Society launched the inaugural fund raising project, 'Street Sale 2005', and finalised its Strategic Planning process with Strategic Initiatives to be carried out in years 2005 and 2006.
- The year launched Youth Centre (Jurong) – the first Singapore Children's Society centre in western Singapore.
- The Society organised the 6th International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Asian Regional Conference from 16 to 18 November. It hosted 458 delegates from 29 countries.

2005



2006



- The Society launched the Tinkle Friend newsletter, 'Buzz', for primary school students in April and its new website on 15 November.
- The Convalescent Home moved from Keramat Road to Hong San Terrace on 29 May and was renamed Sunbeam Place. The Research and Outreach centre moved to Junction 8.
- On 14 October, the Society held its charity gala dinner, 'Dim Sum Dollies Goes to Dinner'.
- The 6th Monograph, 'The Parenting Project: Disciplinary Practices, Child Care Arrangements and Parenting Practices in Singapore', was published and parenting survey results were released.
- On 29 November, the Society took over the Children's Medical Fund (CMF) from the National Kidney Foundation.



2007

- Children's Society launched its 55th anniversary logo. To celebrate this occasion, three events were organised: Tribute to Volunteers Dinner on 28 August; the inaugural Singapore Children's Society Lecture on 28 September, with the topic 'Children – Our Hope and Future'; and the Charity Gala Dinner on 16 November, with the theme, 'Psychedelica'.
- The Society established a formalised Code of Conduct, which represents its commitment to activities and operations responsibly and ethically to the highest standards possible.
- The Society set up the Financial Assistance Unit in January to manage the CMF.
- Sunbeam Place was jointly launched with Evergreen Place on 26 May.
- The 3rd Bully-Free Campaign launched the bully-free website and a bully-free survey was conducted on primary school students. A bully-free camp, forum and seminar were held.
- The Society developed its Electronic Volunteer Management System (eVMS).



2008

- The latest centre, Children Service Centre, was launched on 15 March.
- NCSS appointed Children's Society as a Centre of Specialisation at the Leadership Xchange Network session on 10 July.
- The Bully-Free Forum took place on 12 July and a bully-free monograph was launched. An anti-bullying school-based intervention programme and a Bully-Free Inter-CABIN Club competition among CABIN schools were started.
- Youth Centre (Jurong) organised its inaugural concert YouthGIG on 15 August at the Taman Jurong Community Club.
- A townhall meeting was held in 16 August for a strategic review and planning session.
- The Society presented five papers at the ISPCAN International Congress in Hong Kong, held from 7 to 10 September 2008.
- Guest speaker Mrs Ann Wee, a veteran in the social service sector, spoke at the Second Singapore Children's Society Lecture on 15 November at Raffles Junior College. The topic was 'Childhood and Family: Observations over Five Decades'.



2009

- The Executive Committee and staff presented three-year plans during the Strategic Planning Meeting on 7 February 2009.
- The 1000 Enterprises for Children-in-Need programme was launched on 25 February.
- Guest speaker, Attorney-General Professor Walter Woon, spoke about 'Changing Social Mores, Protecting Children from Themselves' at the Third Singapore Children's Society Lecture on 31 October.
- A series of road shows in the HDB heartlands were initiated to raise awareness and publicity for the Society.
- On 17 November, the Society won the Singapore Prestige Brand Award (SPBA) Special Merit award, which was given to government agencies and not-for-profit organisations for their branding initiatives. The Society was one of five winners in this category.



2010

- The Society held the 1000 Enterprises for Children-in-Need Appreciation Dinner on 1 March 2010. Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, is the Patron.
- Mr Koh Choon Hui, Chairman of Singapore Children's Society, was appointed representative to the new ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWA) and represented Singapore on children's rights.
- The Society received the Singapore Quality Class certification on 31 August. To date, it is one of the only two Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs) in Singapore with this certification. In the same year, the Society was conferred another award, the inaugural NCSS Outstanding VWO Award 2010 in Innovations (Special Mention) by the National Council of Social Services (NCSS).
- Guests-of-Honour, former President S R Nathan and Mrs Nathan graced the Charity Gala Dinner held on 1 October, at the Ritz-Carlton. Mr Nathan auctioned two signed copies of his first book 'Why Am I Here?' that evening.
- Sunbeam Place hosted a visit by Western Australian Minister for Child Protection, Community Services and Women's Interests, the Honourable Robyn McSweeney, on 4 November.





- Bowen Secondary CABIN Club was the first CABIN to head overseas for a learning journey. They went to Cambodia from 10 to 15 November.
- Subordinate Courts presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Youth Service Centre (Toa Payoh) for its youth-related work – Buddy Care Programme and Youth Family Care programme – on 12 November.



2011



- OCBC sponsored a graffiti makeover of Youth Centre (Jurong) on 8 January. Over 70 OCBC volunteers turned up for the activity.
- Family Service Centre (Yishun) presented a Certificate of Appreciation by NCSS on 13 January for the adoption of the NCSS's electronic case management system (eCMS).
- The e-CSEW (Children's Social and Emotional Well-being) Directory was launched. It lists programmes and publications by local social service agencies targeted at children, youths and care-givers.
- The 1000 Enterprises for Children-in-Need initiative surpassed \$1 million in donations.
- A Strategic Planning Retreat was held at Pan Pacific Orchard Hotel on 16 April, to formulate strategic thrusts for the next five-year plan.
- The Bully-Free Forum took place at the Republic Polytechnic on 16 July.
- Launch of 'A Guide to Youth Drop-in Centres' took place at the OnePeople.SG auditorium on 27 July. It is a sharing of the Society's best practices as NCSS had recognised the Society as a Centre of Specialisation in Youth Drop-in Centres in 2008.
- Staff and volunteers went on a learning trip to Hong Kong in July and visited five Hong Kong Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) that provide a network of services for the welfare of children and youth.
- 'Parenting Guide on Toddlers' was released by the Research and Outreach Centre.
- President Tony Tan Keng Yam accepted the Society's invitation to be Patron-in-Chief of the Society in October after former President Nathan stepped down in September 2011.

2012



- The Society, which turned 60 on 17 April 2012, introduced a 60th anniversary logo and a revamp of the website.
- The 22nd Project CABIN was launched at Yuying Secondary School on 19 April.
- Children's Society and Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) hosted the 2nd ASEAN Children's Forum, held from 6 to 8 June at the NUS University Town. It was attended by 36 delegates from 10 ASEAN countries.
- The Little Caring Hearts Community Service Project was held on 11 June at WildOats@Punggol Park.
- The Bully-Free Forum took place on 21 July at Republic Polytechnic.
- Walk for Our Children 2012 took place at Ang Mo Kio-Bishan Park on 29 July. It entered the Singapore Book of Records for the largest floating balloon inflatable.
- Two books, 'Singapore Childhood: Our Stories Then and Now' and 《我们这样长大：新加坡的童年生活》 were launched at the NLB Building on 11 August. Then President S R Nathan was Guest-of-Honour.
- The 60th anniversary Singapore Children's Society Awards took place on 7 September at the Pan Pacific Hotel. A new top philanthropy award, the Koh Eng Kheng Eminent Benefactor Award, was presented to OCBC Bank.
- The Sixth Singapore Children's Society Lecture was held on 29 September at the Raffles Institution.
- A 60th anniversary Charity Gala Dinner took place at the Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore on 9 November and raised a record of \$1,004,616. Guest-of-Honour Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong was the first recipient of a commemorative book, 'Every Child A Gift', that evening. The Heritage Corner, a ten-panel exhibit about the Society's involvement with children in need and its evolution for the past 60 years, was displayed at the dinner.
- YouthGIG was held at Shuqun Secondary School on 7 December with the theme 'LOVE Life'.



A Youth's Extraordinary F1 Experience

By Jonathan Tan Jia Le, 16



“On Friday, 22 September 2012, I went to the Marina area with Isamel, Safar, Umaria and one of the counsellors, Miss Harveer to watch a Formula One (F1) practice session. We were very excited about this rare experience.

We met our hosts at a hotel and had some drinks at the café. After which, we experienced the opportunity of a lifetime – to interact and have a photo session with F1 driver, Lewis Hamilton. The VIP access area was the most exciting part of the programme and it was very beautifully decorated. It was where we were served an awesome and unique dinner!

Then, we had the opportunity to explore F1 technology. Our knowledgeable guide gave a very detailed explanation of the technology involved in the sport. Later, we got to hear Lewis Hamilton address his fans. The practice sessions began soon after.

I really enjoyed this event! I would like to thank the sponsor, SAP Asia Pte Ltd, our guides and hosts, for giving us the rare opportunity to experience this world-class event. We are very grateful because we brought home many enjoyable memories.”

YouthGIG 2012: Love Life – Say 'NO' To Smoking



The annual YouthGIG 2012 concert held at Shuqun Secondary School on 7 December 2012 was themed 'LOVE Life', whose aim was to encourage youths to say 'no' to smoking and choose to live a healthy lifestyle.

Mr Desmond Lee, Member of Parliament for Jurong GRC, and Advisor for Jurong Spring Grassroots Organisations, was the Guest-of-Honour.

Organised by Singapore Children's Society Youth Centre (Jurong), or JYC in short, the two-hour-long event saw many multi-talented youths showing off their talents. Bobby Prayogi, a youth, shared his story about how he overcame peer pressure to not take up smoking. He did so by channelling his energy into his interest and passion – dancing. Bobby is one such youth who has benefited from the programmes and services at JYC. He became a dance trainer at a community centre and a mentor to the youths of the centre.

The youths participated in an anti-smoking T-shirt design competition and even modelled the designs at a fashion show. An interactive booth was set up for guests to take on a mini challenge where sports apparels were awarded as a token to participants who lived up to the challenge.

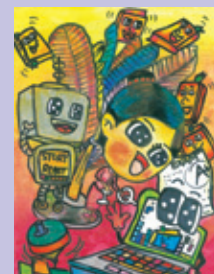
How Little Ones See Study And Play

In conjunction with the launch of the Singapore Children's Society's two new books – *Singapore Childhood: Our Stories Then and Now* and 《我们这样长大：新加坡的童年生活》，it held an art-and-essay competition for primary school children in August 2012. Children were invited to share on how they would like to study and play, in the form of essays or drawings. This event attracted more than 100 entries.

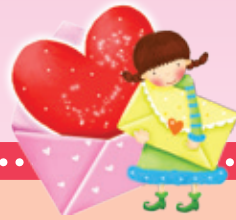
Some, like Claudia Ong (Primary 3), said she wanted excursions to outer space to learn more about stars and asteroids, while others wanted to study about dragons and dinosaurs in school! Rebecca Chua (Primary 5) confessed that she would be happier studying if their teachers were less strict.

When it came to play, there were plenty of creative ideas. Many students expressed that they enjoyed spending time outdoors in the park and at the beach – there was even a suggestion for an annual games carnival in school featuring a snowball fight!

Congratulations to all our winners! Each of them won a copy of our book – *Singapore Childhood: Our Stories Then and Now* – and a \$50 book voucher. All winners have been notified via email. The winning entries can be found at: <http://competition.childrensociety.org.sg>

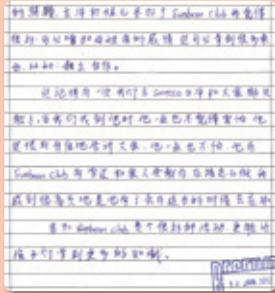


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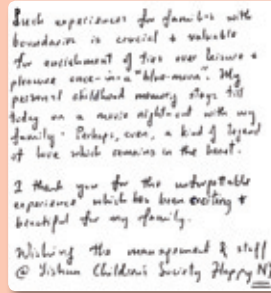


The dedicated and professional staff and volunteers of Singapore Children's Society Family Service Centre (Yishun) have been promoting a stable and happy family life environment through its various services and programmes. These include casework and counselling, financial aid and community support. Children, aged 7 to 12, have benefited from the care and guidance of the Centre's various workshops, camps and other programmes. In addition, the Centre disburses The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund (within the Family Service Centre's service boundaries) to needy students.

From time to time, the Centre receives letters of appreciation from its beneficiaries. In this issue of Sunbeam, we share excerpts from these letters with our readers.



This letter, from a mother, expresses how Sunbeam Friends Club's activities had helped her son and daughter foster a better sibling relationship and how her son had learned independence and self-care.



Another mother expresses how the Centre's family movie outing had brought meaning and an unforgettable experience for her family.



Like the smiles on the children's faces, such letters warm the hearts of our volunteers and staff. Their unstinting service and care for their beneficiaries is what Singapore Children's Society constantly strives for: bringing relief and happiness to children.

YOUNG ONES IN ANTI-DRUGS INITIATIVE



The teaching staff at Sunbeam Place encouraged 17 children, aged 10 and 11-years-old, to participate in the Anti-Drug Ambassadors Activity in June 2012.

The little ones completed the activities in the booklet, such as getting memos from friends and staff, designing mascots and providing answers in the quizzes. Through the various activities, the children gained a better understanding of the dangers and consequences of drug abuse.

The results were announced in end October 2012 and Sunbeam Place scored the highest number in participation. The top two participating agencies with the most number of entries received a \$500 cash prize. The 17 children spent \$150 to purchase their favourite school bags for the brand-new school year in 2013 and shared the balance with yummy treats for the other children in Sunbeam Place.

Another group of 17 children, aged 10 to 15-years-old, participated in the Anti-Drug Art Competition 2012. The theme was 'Towards Our Dreams, We Don't Need Drugs'. All participants received a Certificate of Participation and badges as souvenirs for their commendable effort.

This was the second year Sunbeam Place children had participated in the activity. The annual Anti-Drug Ambassador activities are organised by Preventive Education Unit, Central Narcotics Bureau. Sunbeam Place is proud to share some of the pictures of the children's artworks for the competition.



A DAY OF FUN AND LAUGHTER AT SENTOSA



The Singapore Children's Society's Kachan Club is an annual get-together for staff from various centres to mingle and bond. On Saturday, 3 November 2012, they enthusiastically flocked to the resort island of Sentosa and did just that.

Executive Committee members and staff started their day early with the awarding of Long Service Awards to staff by Professor Ho Lai Yun, Vice Chairman of the Society. The award presentation was made at the Maritime Experiential Museum.

The rest of the itinerary was about fun! After a sumptuous breakfast buffet at the Fish and Crab Shack within the Museum, staff dispersed in groups to visit the Museum, and enjoyed the numerous rides at Universal Studios Singapore.

Long Service Staff

35 years – Ms Koh Wah Khoo, Yishun Family Service Centre

10 years – Ms Sue Cheng, Research and Outreach Centre
– Mr Benedict Kuah, Research and Outreach Centre
– Ms Joy Lim, Youth Service Centre (Toa Payoh)
– Ms Rachel Tan, Student Service Hub (Bukit Merah)

5 years – Ms Kelly Cheong, Family Service Centre (Yishun)
– Mr Chia Boon Kiang, Fund-raising Department
– Ms Tiffany Chia, Sunbeam Place
– Ms Elly Chin, Sunbeam Place
– Ms Goh Si Yong, Family Service Centre (Yishun)
– Ms Jacqueline Hong, Research and Outreach Centre
– Ms Samantha Lim, Student Care Centre (Henderson)
– Ms Ng Mei Chuang, Corporate Services Department
– Ms Rozana Bte Komari, Research and Outreach Centre
– Ms Tang Lye Ying, Corporate Services Department
– Ms Aileen Cortiguerra Urbano, Sunbeam Place



Assembled With Lots Of Love With GIC



Twenty-eight children from KidzSHinE, a drop-in programme for 9 to 12-year-old children from lower income families were pleasantly surprised when they found out that they were getting brand-new bicycles during their quarterly reward outing on 23 November 2012! The bicycles were gifts from the staff of Risk and Performance Management Department of the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC).

As part of their annual staff retreat, GIC volunteers collaborated with the Society's Children Service Centre to organise a four-hour KidzSHinE outing where children and the volunteers assembled all 28 bicycles from scratch together. The volunteers had earlier raised more than \$5,000 which was used to purchase the bicycles and accessories.

To express his gratitude, 12-year-old Muhammad Rafie Bin Mohamad Suib, a KidzSHinE child, wrote this letter.



Dear GIC volunteers,

Thank you for volunteering your time with us. We enjoyed most when we spent time with all of you together. Hence, we participated actively to show that we were appreciative of your efforts and what we had received from you. We hope to have more activities with you in the future.

You have spent a lot of time to raise funds to buy our bicycles, so I, Rafie am writing this letter to you to say that I am very, very appreciative for the gift and your time. Thank you volunteers, thank you very much! There is no other like you out there in the world!

Love, Rafie

CABIN Club Camp 2012 – Camp Facio

On 6 November 2012, 51 students from eight CABIN schools eagerly turned up for the annual CABIN Club Camp – Camp Facio, a three-day overnight camp held at Camp Challenge @ Sembawang.

The camp's theme was 'A Leader in Service', which emphasises leadership skills and excellent service as well as the instillation of CABIN's 3Rs core values: responsibility, resilience and respect. 'Facio' means 'to be of service' in Latin.

The students were tasked to name their groups and design their group flag at the start of the camp. The day wore on and saw them participating in several activities which were designed to improve their leadership and communication skills, and put their teamwork spirit to test.

The highlight of the camp was the dinner by the campfire on the second day. After a long day, hungry campers gathered and tucked into a sumptuous dinner which was served by staff and facilitators. The students had fun at the 'Dance King and Dance Queen' segment, where male campers had to mimic dance moves and females danced blindfolded! Awards given out that night included the Video Making Competition and the CABIN Core Value Awards. Those who have shown outstanding character and abilities were recognised in front of their camp-mates.

On the last day, awards for Best Male and Female Campers were given out to deserving groups and individuals.





Singapore Children's Society Plays Host To Korean Youth Study Group

Singapore Children's Society's Bully-Free workgroup put up a warm welcome to the Korean Youth Study Group in the early morning of 4 October, last year.

The Korean group arrived with the intention to explore the possibility of developing a bully-free programme in their own country. The Jeollabukdo Province Office arranged the interview with the Bully-Free workgroup as part of their programme, 'Youth Leader International Exchange' Corps. They consisted mainly of members from movements such as the School Violence and Prevention Human Right, Youth Group Council and Harmful Environment Monitoring Team for Youth.

Ms Rachel Tan, Director of Student Service Hub (Bukit Merah), started the ball rolling when she outlined the background of Singapore Children's Society, its programmes and services. This was followed by Ms Sylvia Ang, the Bully-Free Programme in-charge, who gave a presentation of the Society's bully-free services as well as research and statistics on bullying in schools. Showing great enthusiasm and listening intently, the visitors enquired on details of the Society's various programmes and services throughout the presentation and many were seen taking down notes for future reference.

Keen to understand about how the bully-free initiative was first established, they asked about the programme's history, challenges as well as milestones. The visit's finale was the group's sharing of the bullying scene in Korea. As a token of appreciation, the visitors presented the hosts with gifts.

The meeting and interview could not have been a smooth-sailing session without the help of a Korean translator who facilitated communications.



After the two hour session, both sides gained invaluable insights on the youth culture in their respective countries. Singapore Children's Society was happy to share our experiences with our Korean counterparts.

The Bully-Free workgroup is proud to celebrate this milestone of taking its baby step into the international arena. It has come this far to have captured the attention of an international youth group and potentially influence them to follow our footsteps. We hope to continue to take this programme to greater heights in the years to come!

Christmas Cheer At St Luke's

On 3 December last year, 55 children from Children Service Centre brought Christmas cheer to the elderly at St Luke's Eldercare at Telok Blangah. The children aged 5 to 12, danced and sang for some 60 seniors and their caregivers at the centre.

Having received much from various donors throughout the year, it was a gesture by the children to give back to the community in the form of a Christmas party. A month before the event, with help from Children Service Centre's staff, the children hand-made Christmas ornaments, prepared goodie bags and rehearsed their performances. During the party, the children performed with much enthusiasm, and later served cakes and beverages to the seniors. The event brought much cheer and warmth to the centre. Some of the elderly enjoyed so much that they shook their pompoms along to the songs!

This Christmas party not only enabled the children to find out and unleash their hidden talents, it also gave them the opportunity to spend an enjoyable and fulfilling afternoon with the elderly.



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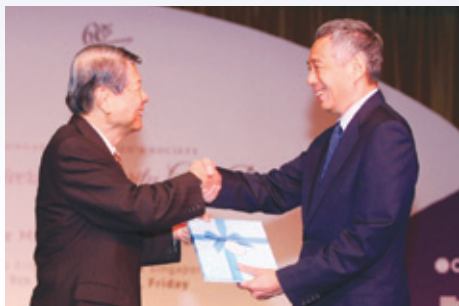
作为60周年钻禧全年系列庆祝活动的结尾，新加坡儿童会于2012年11月9日，在丽嘉登酒店举办了一场慈善筹款晚宴。李显龙总理是晚宴的特别嘉宾。另外，还有超过670名宾客齐聚一堂，同欢共庆，并为有需要的儿童、青少年和家庭筹募善款。

晚宴的演出精彩绝伦。首先是来自日本的表演团体“天鼓”呈献慷慨激昂的击鼓演奏。香港巨星叶丽仪也在台上献唱经典名曲《上海滩》，听得在场宾客意犹未尽。当晚还有一项沙画表演和一段短片，短片阐述了儿童会的里程碑和各项服务。

晚宴上，共有13件物品进行公开和无声拍卖。其中，由儿童会主席许俊辉先生捐出、出自松年法师之笔的两幅字画——《龙》与《福》，宾客们纷纷踊跃参与竞标，最终分别以4万8千元和3万8千888元的高价拍卖出去。拍卖活动共筹得超过1百万元善款。

为欢庆儿童会成立60周年，儿童会出版了一本厚达97页的纪念特刊——Every Child A Gift，向儿童会历届所有义工和职员致敬。这本纪念特刊也在晚宴上赠送给李总理和所有宾客。

晚宴也设立了历史角落，展出了儿童会过去60年来的变迁，以及儿童会如何致力于协助有需要儿童的相关资讯。



YouthGIG 2012 演出：

热爱生命 对香烟说“不”

2012年12月7日，“YouthGIG”常年演出在树群中学举行。今年演出的主题是“热爱生命”，目的是要鼓励青少年对香烟说“不”，选择健康生活。

裕廊集选区议员兼裕泉基层组织顾问李智陞先生，是当晚演出的特别嘉宾。

这个由新加坡儿童会属下的裕廊青年中心举办的演出，历时两小时。多名表演者纷纷展现才华，也有青年同观众分享了自己如何不受同辈压力影响、拒绝染上烟瘾，而将精力投入热衷的兴趣——舞蹈。青少年也参与了反吸烟T恤设计比赛和时装走秀，展示他们的作品。



感恩的心



在新加坡儿童会家庭服务中心（义顺），尽责且专业的职员和义工通过各项服务和计划，包括：个案工作及辅导、经济援助与社区支援，提倡一个和谐、愉快的家庭生活与环境。中心通过工作坊、学习营等活动，照顾和教导7到12岁的儿童。中心也负责派发“海峡时报学校零用钱基金”给贫困学生。

中心时常收到受益人寄来的感谢信。在此，与您分享部分来函内容：

一位母亲在信中描述晨曦之友活动如何增进一对儿女的手足情，以及儿子如何学会独立和自理能力。



这些信函犹如孩子们的灿烂笑容，温暖了义工们和职员的心窝。儿童会将继续协助有需要的孩童，为他们带来快乐。

集装箱活动社营2012

2012年11月6日，来自8所学校的51名“集装箱活动社”学生会员，出席一年一度的“集装箱活动社营”。为期3天的活动，在三巴旺挑战营举行。

活动今年的主题是“服务中的领袖”。活动强调的是领导能力和卓越服务，同时也向学生们灌输社团的“3R核心价值观”——责任感（responsibility）、坚毅（resilience）和尊重（respect）。

活动的第一天，学生们必须为团队命名、设计队徽。他们也参与多项活动，从中加强领导和沟通能力，并考验他们的团队精神。

第二天的重头戏是营火晚宴。学生们尽情跳舞，乐在其中；当晚也举行颁奖礼。

在最后一天的活动中，则颁发“最佳男、女营友”奖项。



小小学生对学习玩乐的见解

为配合两本新书——Singapore Childhood: Our Stories Then and Now 和《我们这样长大：新加坡的童年生活》的出版，新加坡儿童会在2012年8月间，举办小学生绘画与作文比赛。参赛者必须藉由作文或绘画，表达自己希望通过哪些方式学习和玩乐。比赛共收到100多份作品。

有的参赛者希望到外太空，认识星球和陨石；有的则希望在学校学习有关龙和恐龙的知识。也有学生希望老师不要过于严苛。

谈到玩乐，参赛者的创意点子更是源源不绝。一些学生喜欢到户外的公园和海滩游玩。甚至有学生建议：学校举办常年游戏嘉年华，进行雪球大战！

所有优胜者各可获赠一本Singapore Childhood: Our Stories Then and Now 和一张价值50元的书券。优胜作品已上载到：

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作为员工休假常年活动的一部分，政府投资公司的义工们连同儿童会属下的儿童服务中心（勿洛）于2012年11月23日，举办四小时的KidzSHinE户外活动。当天，参与KidzSHinE计划的孩子们与政府投资公司的义工们齐心协力，亲手组装所有28辆脚车。义工们所筹得的5千多元，全数用来购买脚车和配件。

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