

## NEW LIFE STUDENT CARE GIVES TO PACIFIC HEALTHCARE NURSING HOME

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we **make a life** by what we give."

Giving back to the community was what the children at New Life Student Care learnt and experienced during their December school holidays. The Community Service Project was a pilot project anchored by staff at New Life Student Care. Seeking to instill in the students a heart of compassion and understanding for others, the project exposes them to serving the community, and nurturing them to be caring and considerate individuals.

Pacific Healthcare Nursing Home was selected as the beneficiary for the community Service Project. To prepare for the event, the students rehearsed Christmas Carols for three weeks on an average of 2 hours daily to perform for the elderly at the nursing home.



"It was an incredibly meaningful programme and it exposes the children to valuable life lessons while serving the elderly in the community. I am pleased to know that New Life Student Care not only focuses on academic fundamentals but also character development," shared New Life Student Care volunteer, Corrina Lim.



"Through this project, we hope our students learn to respect others, even those who are less fortunate or different from themselves. The project increases students' social awareness of the rewards and joy of volunteering," shared New Life Student Care teacher, Ms Marianne Chan.

Apart from performing Christmas Carols, Primary Five students also gave out goodie bags to the elderly who were bed-ridden. Through a simple activity, they learned what a heart of servanthood meant.

*"It was my first time visiting a nursing home but I enjoyed myself while helping the elderly. I want to return there again to make them smile," shared Primary 1 student, Sin Ni.*

## LEARNING OUT OF CLASSROOM

Children at New Life Student Care had an eye-opening experience when they visited the Science Centre during December for an educational trip. Learning out of classroom became fun and memorable as the environment became informal and theories in textbooks came to life.



The lower primary students attended a 'Seeing Heat' workshop that taught them about heat, temperature and different conductors of heat, while children from primary three to five were taken on a tour around the Eco-garden which got them interested in tropical plants. They even learnt to make fruit salad using the plants they saw at the garden after the eco-tour.

"While the essential purpose of the trip is to educate, it can also create a fun bonding experience for all teachers and students involved," shared New Life Student Care Supervisor, Calvin Sue.

## NEW LIFE'S INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Walter Lee, New Life's Executive Director has moved to the commercial sector with effect 1 March 2016.

We thank Walter for his vast contributions to the organisation for the past 2.5 years. During this period, New Life has experienced tremendous blessings such as expansion of childcare services from one to three centres, gifting of a property at Junction 10, awarding of \$2.25M Care and Share grant, doubling of staff strength and building a strong leadership team, to name a few.

Mr Johnny Tan will be the interim Executive Director (ED) of New Life with effect on 1 March 2016 until the new ED is appointed. You may reach him at [johnny.tan@cefc.org.sg](mailto:johnny.tan@cefc.org.sg)



## MINISTRY PARTNER Q&A CORNER

Neo Wei Siong is one of the volunteer mentors of New Life Steady Readers Programme. Below are some of his thoughts on being a New Life Ministry partner.

### Q: What made you decide to volunteer?

Service is an integral aspect of discipleship, and I identify with New Life's vision of loving and impacting the community – to be the hands and legs of CEFC. I have always loved interacting with children, for they indirectly offer us so much to learn, and and the Steady Readers Programme impacts not only the lives of children in the community but also their families. Eventually, I was prompted to volunteer and serve the church and the community.

### Q: How do you feel every time you volunteer?

There is always a sense of excitement, sometimes more and sometimes less. It is such a privilege (and a responsibility) to be involved in the lives of even a few children for a few hours, simply by reading with them and engaging them through games. The children also often make me smile with their words and deeds. So, when I witness the children becoming more confident in their reading and their interactions with one another, it provides more than enough motivation for me to look forward to the weekly reading sessions with them.

### Q: What was your most memorable experience?

One of them was the graduation day at the end of my first run of Steady Readers. When the three children, whom I had interacted with over multiple weeks, stood on stage and shared their Sentosa excursion experiences with such joy and confidence, I realised how significantly they had grown in a short period of time. Needless to say, I was so proud of them! I am certain that their parents must have felt the same way, and even more!

### Q: What have you learnt from volunteering? Any lessons you wish to share?

I think there will always be an initial apprehension when considering to volunteer. Through this short time serving with New Life, I am very glad to have taken that leap of faith to obey God's prompting. Volunteering at Steady Readers makes you excited to connect with the children on a regular basis. When I see them at Steady Readers sessions or other church outreach programmes, I can't help it but to want to interact more with them!



## DANCE MENTORING GRADUATION

12 weeks of hard work to mentor girls through dance finally paid off as 13 girls between the ages of 12 to 16 years old showed off their dance moves confidently on stage. 98 guests comprising of their parents, teachers and classmates applauded with admiration at the stunning performance, and they could not contain their pride when each girl took the centre stage to share their journey of mentoring through dance.

The dance mentoring programme aims to mentor girls through the avenue of dance, with basic to intermediate dance skills to build their character through discipline and resilience.



"It did not matter if we had any dance background prior to the programme. As long as we were willing to commit ourselves, we were being treated equally, we learnt the same moves and the whole team progressed at the same speed," shared Xin Nian.

## CHILDREN'S FEST 2016: LET'S CELEBRATE!

We need more than 500+ volunteers to partner with us in blessing the children in the community on 26 June, Sunday. You may choose to serve at Shift 1 (7.30am-10.30am) or Shift 2 (10.15am-1.15pm). Serving at both shifts is encouraged!

If you're serving together with your CG, sign up through SGI. If you do not have a CG, please contact Aiwei at 6892 0979 or email [caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg](mailto:caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg).

Children's Fest starts from 9:00am – 1:00pm simultaneously at Bukit Panjang Jelapang Square (beside Greenridge Shopping Centre and open field opposite Block 533 Woodlands Drive 16. Admission is FREE.

See you there!



## CHECK OUT OUR NEW SPACES!

New Life's third childcare centre at Junction 10 (The Tenny) is up and running! Besides that, New Life Youth Services also extends its outreach to youths in the schools and the community at the youth hub. With a capacity of 76 kids and 30 youths respectively at the childcare centre and youth hub, New Life needs more community partners to impact the next generation!

Explore community and school partnerships with us! Email Keith at [keithchan@newlife.org.sg](mailto:keithchan@newlife.org.sg). Or join us as a Childcare Teacher. Download the application form at [www.newlife.org.sg](http://www.newlife.org.sg) and submit to [hr@newlife.org.sg](mailto:hr@newlife.org.sg). You may also call 6892 7191.

## CHILDCARE CELEBRATES CHINESE NEW YEAR

Ushering in the lunar new year, children at New Life Childcare (Bukit Panjang) sang and danced to festive songs joyfully. Teachers, together with the children, dressed up in traditional Chinese costumes learned how to write spring festival couplets and their original meanings.



## JOIN OUR TEAM TO IMPACT THE COMMUNITY!

New Life is hiring for the following positions:

- **Social Work Supervisor**
- **Social Workers (Adjunct/Full-Time/Part-Time)**
- **Infant Educators**
- **Childcare Teachers**
- **Children Programme**
- **Finance Executive/Assistants**
- **Facilities Maintenance Technician**
- **Administrator for Casework & Counselling**



Download the application form at [www.newlife.org.sg](http://www.newlife.org.sg) and submit to [hr@newlife.org.sg](mailto:hr@newlife.org.sg). You may also call 6892 7191

## YOU CAN BE A NEW LIFE MINISTRY PARTNER!

Your support allows young lives to be transformed, dreams to be realised and destinies to be changed!

New Life Community Services is a not-for-profit voluntary welfare organisation committed to mentor the next generation and meet the needs of the community.

Donations received by 31 December will be 2.5 times tax deductible the following year. Kindly provide your NRIC, FIN or CRN to enjoy tax benefits.

For more information, call 6892 8100 or email [donate@newlife.org.sg](mailto:donate@newlife.org.sg)

New Life Community Services is affiliated to Covenant Evangelical Free Church and a member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS).

## OUR SERVICES

### New Life Childcare

Nurturing wholesome children in partnership with families & the community.

### New Life Children & Student Care

Mentoring children to become disciplined and confident individuals.

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### New Life Children Programmes and Support

Loving children by mentoring them to become character champions.

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6892 8020

### New Life Youth

Building character and developing resilience in youths through life-transforming purpose.

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### New Life Casework & Counselling

Promoting social change and empowerment to individuals to enhance their well-being.

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