

1. Youth Movie Night

Date : 2 June 2006 (Friday)
 Time : 7 pm - 9 pm
 Venue : New Life Youth Hub
 Contact : 6892-4419
 Email : youth@newlife.org.sg

2. Discover Character Camp - Punctuality

Date : 22-23 June 2006 (Thursday & Friday)
 Time : 10 am - 5 pm
 Venue : New Life Community Services Centre
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3. Youth Day/X-Box Competition

Date : 1 July 2006 (Saturday)
 Time : 9 am - 1 pm
 Venue : New Life Youth Hub
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4. Youth Movie Night

Date : 7 July 2006 (Friday)
 Time : 7 pm - 9 pm
 Venue : New Life Youth Hub
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 Email : youth@newlife.org.sg

5. Youth Monthly Sports

Date : 15 July 2006 (Saturday)
 Time : 9 am - 12 pm
 Venue : New Life Youth Hub
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For the love of the game. That's why people would spend one whole afternoon out in the field, under the blazing sun, just to put a little ball into 18 holes in the ground. And for a charitable cause, they would even give more than 4 times of what they would usually pay for such a game, just to participate! A fund-raiser such as this would therefore only have raked in the much-needed donations if there were enough people who loved the game, and believed in the cause. And indeed there were.

At about half past eleven on **28 April 2006**, **New Life Charity Golf's** 102 participating golfers began trickling into the **Warren Golf and Country Club**, where they collected their goodie bags, got changed, and were treated to a light chicken rice lunch at the Goller's Terrace. Two hours later, 51 buggies rolled out onto the fairways, carrying the golfers to their respective holes for the shotgun tee-off.

Thanks to the hard work of the organising committee, New Life raked in a full complement of sponsors and donors, including not just one but **two Hole-in-One prizes**. Much to everyone's disappointment, the Toyota Fortuner went unclaimed, but Stan Ghosen's **"Crush for Fun"** prize was auctioned off, bringing in an additional **\$5,200.00** of donations.

And besides the usual novelty games, **"Charity on the Green"**, played at Hole 14, gave golfers an additional opportunity to give generously towards New Life's cause.

For a \$20 donation, golfers who managed to tee off and land on the green were rewarded with a sleeve of golf balls. In spite of the forced break and early end of game resulting from inclement weather, most players were able to complete at least 75% of the game. Following a quick shower, golfers congregated for a 6-course dinner at the Yan Palace Restaurant. Besides giving away the prizes, New Life had the opportunity to further showcase its work, and guests caught a glimpse of the range of services provided to beneficiaries in between savory dishes. Donated clocks, lamps and golf balls were also sold to raise more for the cause.

Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mayor of North West District, and amidst campaigning in the newly-formed Bukit Panjang Single-Member Constituency for the then-upcoming General Elections, nevertheless graced the dinner as Guest-of-Honour, dressed in full Party whites, clearly making time between busy door-to-door block visits.

New Life Charity Golf, together with its spin-off activities, exceeded its target to raise a total of **\$20,725.76**. Much of this was donated by supporters and well-wishers who don't even play golf! This being New Life's first sailing at a charity golf event, is surely much to be thankful for.

Prize Winners

Top Scores

Mr Chen Eng Wye (27 pts)
Mr Lim Kweng Hai (25 pts)
Mr Richard Tan (24 pts)

Longest Drive

Mr Chen Eng Wye
(Hole 12 - 232 meters)

Nearest to the Pin

Mr E. W. Wong (Hole 4)

Nearest to the Line

Mr Raymond Ong

School @ Family Education Fajar Secondary School



With effect from **April 2006**, New Life has ceased to serve as service provider to Fajar Secondary School in the School Family Education (SFE)

Programme. Said New Life Family Life Centre's Manager, Mrs Rebecca Lo, who oversees the SFE programme, "The past two years of partnership have been a valuable learning experience for us. We cherish this relationship, and will continue to find opportunities for future collaborations." At a simple handover meeting held at the school on 13 April 2006, Mr Lee Da-Win, New Life's Centre Manager, exchanged tokens of appreciation with Fajar Secondary School's Principal, Mrs Wong Mee Moo, thanking her for her strong support of the programme in the past years. New Life continues to maintain strong links with the school, and remains the appointed service provider to Greenridge Primary School in the SFE Programme.

staff news!

We are pleased to announce the transfer of **Ho Souk Heng** (previously with FLC) to Youth Centre as a **Programme Assistant** with effect from **15 April 2006**. As a Programme Assistant, she will provide programme & administrative support and assist in the delivery of all programmes & services of New Life's Youth Centre.

Congratulations to **Joshua Cheng** who was recently promoted to a **Programme Co-ordinator (Youth Centre)** with effect from **1 April 2006** to replace Amy Lee whose last day of service with us was 29 March 2006.

We welcome **Low Jan Nee** who joined our Corporate Services department on **6 February 2006** as **Administrative Assistant**. She is no stranger to us, serving as a temporary Childcare Teacher for 3 months. Jan Nee graduated from Singapore Polytechnic with a Diploma in Electronics, Computer and Communication Engineering. She will provide administrative support to Corporate Services and HQ, taking care of office equipment, stationery requisition and reception duties. She does graphic design, water color painting, sketching and drawing in her free time.

We bid farewell to:

Personnel	Department	Department	Last Date
Ellena Marzuki-Senikharaga	Children's Teacher	Children's Centre	31 December 2005
Dir Jun Wan	Counsellor	Family Life Centre	18 January 2006
Chris Lee Mei Chen	Asst. Children's Teacher	Children's Centre	31 January 2006
Adeline Ang	Admin. Executive (Contract)	Corporate Services	29 February 2006
Amy Lee	Programme Co-ordinator	Youth Centre	8 April 2006



The face and hands of the Church

At the heart of Bukit Panjang, hundreds of church-goers began streaming into Covenant Evangelical Free Church - as usual - as early as 8 am. But 7 November 2005 was no ordinary Sunday morning. The church foyer was transformed into a carnival in exuberant celebration of **New Life Day**. All morning, children slurped ice-cream and munched candy floss, while stage games quizzing unsuspecting church-goers on their knowledge of New Life fired up a frenzy crowd. And probably as loudly as the speakers blaring away, amidst the bazaar's hustle and bustle, the social service heartbeat was pounding loud and clear.

One of the objectives of New Life Day was to raise public awareness within the church. New Life's corporate video, publicly screened at all English church services, and the static exhibition in the foyer, served to showcase the full range of New Life's services, demonstrating how New Life served as "the face and hands of the church" to the community.

Appreciating supporters was another goal. Donors and volunteers of New Life each received a limited-edition New Life umbrella in appreciation for their support, dedication and partnership. Said Mr Lee Da-Win, New Life's Centre Manager, "We are truly grateful for our volunteers and donors. They form the backbone of New Life, and our work would not have been possible if not for their commitment and passion."

And for the first time, New Life Day was simultaneously celebrated with a **Open House** at the **New Life Youth Hub** - just a 10 minute stroll away at **Blk 419, Fajar Road**. Church members who took that stroll were treated to a continuous line-up of movie screenings, pool and X-box games. But more importantly, amidst the carnival rah-rah, was a quiet sense of the tremendous impact that New Life was only just beginning to have on the community.

为慈善挥动球棒

只为了一份对高尔夫球的热忱与为慈善尽一份力享受这运动的人常不辍在烈日当空下挥动球棒。他们也慷慨地拨出宝贵的时间与金钱来支持新生民众服务中心首办的**慈善高尔夫球日**。

4月28日当天,参与此活动的**102名**高尔夫球者早在上午十一点便浩浩荡荡地来到位于基厝洞的 **Warren Golf and Country Club**,大家在享用一顿轻便的午餐后,乘着小汽车兴致勃勃地到各自的起点。

除了一般的十八个洞以外,我们也增设了其他让高尔夫球者能考考技巧的挑战,譬如:最靠近线的球与最远的球等。接近尾声时,虽然一场突起而来的雷雨将球赛提早画上了休止符,但是大家依然玩得很尽兴,不曾被这场雨而影响。接着,高尔夫球者纷纷到俱乐部被洗一番,准备参与接下来在高阁的晚宴。

通过在晚宴上的拍卖会与售卖精美的时钟和灯饰,高尔夫球者继续为慈善做出贡献。当晚的会上嘉宾, **Dr Teo Ho Pin** 在百忙之中,抽出了他宝贵的时间到场支持。这的确是新生民众服务中心的一份荣幸。

因为有了这些支持,新生高尔夫球日才能如此成功,筹得 **\$62,121.70** 的善款。正因为这样新生才有能力为武吉路让的居民继续服务。



One word sums up the atmosphere at the **Velocity Concert**: "Exhilarating"! The night was speckled by a continuous, colourful line-up of riveting band performances. Hundreds of youth were rushing down towards the stage to rock with their favourite idols at this concert, held at **Shenghua Square** in **Bukit Panjang** on **28 December 2005**.

Co-organised by **New Life Youth Hub** and **Covenant Evangelical Free Church's Young People Ministry** with partial funding from the **National Youth Council**, this starry night featured an astoundingly unique blend of music fever with a message - to the community and perhaps, more specifically, to the youth - to stay drug-free. What more effective channel to promote public awareness of preventing drug abuse to youth than a rock concert subtitled **"Breaking the Sound Barrier"**?

Topping it all, guest performer **Pastor Glen Lim**, 35, an anti-drug counsellor and pastor, testified of his perilously close shave with drugs. Miraculously delivered from life imprisonment to 6 months sentence for importing drugs, his life story moved my heart and moved me to tears.



sound barrier: broken!

The message was clear, and not just to me: The price is exceedingly high for such transient entertainment that drugs provided.

The night drew to a close with all returning home having learnt a precious lesson to cherish life and make life's choices carefully. And as far as these young ones were concerned, that was simply awesome.

胜负之外

敏捷的身手，满溢的才情。这就是63位三人篮球竞赛参赛者的最佳写照。这项由新生青年部主办的活动已迈入第二个年头。

今年参赛的共有21队，比去年的16队更多。此外，今年也首次有女队参赛。比赛在2006年3月18日举行，地点就在Blk 419 Fajar Road前的球场。

卫冕队857的队长，19岁的 **Ong Ming Khang** 在赛前谦虚的表示大家都有胜出的机会。他也承认他和队友曾多次练习对形和设球。比赛一开始，他们在第一场比赛以8比2高分获胜。

比赛时，观众的熱情和人数同步上升，他们都被参赛者矫捷的身手深深吸引。其中有位家长 **Mr Toh** 受访时说：“我的儿子从去年开始学习篮球，看到他参加这个比赛，我很开心。希望会有更多类似的活动。”

一名前参赛者的家长 **Suzanne** 表示：“让年轻人参与这样的活动非常好。它激励了我的儿子。输赢是其次竞赛的精神更重要。”两位受访家长都同意培养健康的生活方式对年轻人很重要。

比赛渐渐升温。15岁以下组和20岁以下组都得加时再赛才能分出胜负。女子组则由 **Powerpuff Gals** 夺得冠军。**The Highlights** 表示明年还要再参赛。

年轻的朋友们开始为明年备战吧！

when winning is not everything

by Denash Daryanani



Talent, effort and fluid movements were oozing out from the pores of these 63 enthusiastic young men and women participating in the 2nd Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Challenge organised by New Life Youth Centre.

21 teams - up from the previous year's 16 - participated in this event, held at the basketball court at 604 419 Fajar Road, on the morning of 18 March 2006. More significantly, this year saw 3 ladies teams participating.



Speaking before the event, Defending Champion Team 657's Captain, Ong Ming Kheng, 19, was coy, saying, "our chances are equal as the rest" but admitted that they "had a couple of training sessions like formation runs and shooting drills". They promptly went on to win their first game by a commanding 8 points to 2.

The crowd grew as did the excitement of the spectators, drawn in by the electrifying adrenalin rush, crisp passing, accurate shooting and incredible vertical jumps. Mr. Toh, a father of a first time participant said, "My son took up basketball last year and I am very happy to see him participating at this New Life 3-on-3 Basketball event and I look forward to more such events."

Suzanne, whose son also took part last year, commented, "it's a great idea to have such an event for the youth. It is very motivating for my son. It's the spirit of the game that is important and not whether one wins or loses." Both parents agreed that it is important to foster a healthy lifestyle in today's young adults.

As the morning heated up, so did the competition. Both Under-Twenty Semi-Finals ended with a sudden death, indicating how closely the teams were matched. While the Powerpuff Gals were modest in their victory, The Highlights threw down the gauntlet, saying, "Yea, of course we'll come again next year and win!"

Young people, start training for next year's New Life 3-on-3 Challenge!



THE CHAMPS

Endless (Under 19)

- Alvin Tan
- Aron Yip
- Tan Chut Keat

- The Highlights (Under 20)**
- Louis Tan
 - Benjamin Liew
 - Terrence Ang

Powerpuff Gals (Ladies)

- Jacqueline Lim
- Chee Bao Zhen
- Tee Ailing

声音

无界限演唱会



用“精彩”来形容 Velocity 音乐会是最为恰当不过的。2006年3月27日，在圣马可剧场的这场表演紧扣人心。

数以百计的年轻人涌向舞台与他们心仪的偶像一起舞蹈跳跃！

这项节目由国家青年理事会资助，并由新生青年部与圣马可教会协办。节目通过音乐的表达方式，要向我们的社群和年轻人传达远离毒品的讯息。这个构思能取得成功，是因为它用年轻人熟悉和热衷的管道来提高他们对毒品的认识。

当晚节目的高潮是表演嘉宾Glen Lim牧师的分享。现年35岁的他也是名辅导员。过去他曾与毒品打交道，更因吸毒险些落入牢狱之灾。他的故事让我深深感动。所有传达的信息是明确的：涉毒的代价极其高昂。

夜幕低垂，由终人散的时候终于来临。来宾们都感受到了在生命中小心抉择的重要。我们的年轻人也上了宝贵的一课。



Howling good fun learning self-control

by Rose Wei Chung

"Because it's fun and I enjoy it," she said. That's the reason why participants such as 10 years old Faith come back again and again for New Life's "Discover Character" Kid's Camp. This one, held on 24 November 2005 was the starting point for the young participants to learn yet another new character trait. The children were taught the importance of self-control, and the consequences for the lack of it. As usual, the fun and animated and delightfully-exaggerated visual presentations were most enjoyable. Best remembered were the colourful story characters - *Samson and Delilah* (alias Ne-La-Li) and *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego*.

Then the creative juices flowed freely, as each child made a recycled sock puppet. This new handwork that they brought home also became their friend whenever they were frustrated and needed a listening ear. What a creative reminder to practise self-control! Though self-control cannot be said to have been mastered within the day, this Camp, like all the others, served as a springboard for participants to begin practicing and internalizing a new character trait. No wonder children like Faith keep coming back.

Thinking is fun!

by Kenneth Koh

Now into its 3rd run, "The Toolbox" - New Life's creative learning programme for children - was held on 1-5 December 2005. From the very outset, the kids learnt the 5 creative thinking tools that they'd be using throughout the 2 days. And indeed they did, when, after lunch, the kids designed beautiful, funky photo frames and creative pencil holders made from recycled tin cans, applying the very thinking skills they had learnt just a few hours before.

The next day, when tasked to invent their personal musical instruments from recycled items they had brought, the little geniuses again applied the same thinking skills, and came up with many different sounds from just one item. They had loads of fun singing songs in unusual tempo, beats, rhythms and tunes, and in the grand finale, used their inventions to produce variations of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". Every game time called for teams to put on their thinking hats. Faced with challenges such as building the tallest skyscraper, scaling the spider-web, resolving a human traffic jam, and untying a human knot, teams realised quickly that creative problem-solving was again called for. But amidst the great fun and laughter was an important lesson that every child brought home - that thinking creatively can be applied to every aspect of their lives!

The Toolbox's 5 Thinking Tools

- The Tak Tak Tale
- Singing Telegram
- The World Is Flat
- Sunglasses Are For The Man
- This Way, That Way

Huh?
Don't Get it?
Join us for the next
Toolbox and find out!

Primary School, Here, we come!

I wasn't clear who was having more fun at New Life Childcare's Graduation Concert on 12 November 2005, as both the young and old had a rollicking good time. Dressed in glittery costumes, the vibrant little ones wowed the crowd with their well choreographed performances in the Covenant Evangelical Free Church sanctuary, including the mesmerizing Indian Dance and the "The 3 Little Pigs" Speech and Drama.

New Life's Vice-President, Rev. Tan Kay Kong, warmed the hearts of many as he exhorted parents to nurture their children to their fullest potential, by unconditionally loving their children just as they are.

And then, that glorious moment arrived. Striding gallantly towards the stage, with certificates in his hand was Benwin Ng, who, together with all his K2 graduate classmates, was beaming with pride as he basked in the glory of his big day.

His mother Mrs. Katherine Toh, 37, was all praise for New Life Childcare. "With the spacious outdoor compound and dedicated teachers, I have no absolute regrets about placing my boy here," she said. "It is certainly peace of mind for working adults like us."

