

Valerie Wong brought bubbles of laughter and energy to New Life with her bubbly personality and passion for children when she joined as an Administrative Assistant (Corporate

Services) on 15 November 2006. Having previously been a homemaker, she is thankful that New Life gives her the opportunity both to serve the community and spend time with her family. Together with her husband, Leow Chew Heng, and 7 year-old daughter, Gwendalyn Leow Yi Ting, they are regular worshippers at Covenant EFC.

We bid farewell to Tricia Lim, Programme Assistant, and Christin Tan, Programme Co-ordinator, who left New Life on 31 January 2007, and Sherlene Wan, Social Worker, who left on 5 February 2007.

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(Youth Drop-In Centre)
S.U.P.E.R. Kidz Club
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(Zhenghua Primary School,
Zhenghua Secondary School)
(West Spring Secondary School)

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The new life news

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Taking The Plunge ... with Two New Schools!



Established in its centre-based children and youth programmes, New Life had poised itself to plunge into the deep end of school-based work. So when **West Spring Secondary School** (WSSS) and **Zhenghua Primary School** (ZPS), both approached New Life to collaborate in the MCYS-funded STEP-UP programme, New Life daringly leapt off the springboard at the dawn of 2007.

Compelled by the needs of the pupils and the enthusiasm of the schools, Mr Nelson Ong, Manager of New Life Youth recalls, "West Spring has been most forthcoming and enthusiastic in establishing this partnership with New Life. They sought us out from our website, initiated contact to understand more about our services, visited our centre, and even invited me to join them in one of their technical classes to understand their needs! The programmes that New Life has jointly and meticulously crafted with West Spring will benefit the pupils tremendously."

Mr Seet Tiat Hee, Principal of WSSS, echoed his sentiments, "I am sure the professionalism and the passion of the staff at New Life will be the key factor for a successful partnership. Having



them to help my students to process their own behaviour and needs, to collaborate with my staff and conduct training with my parents will be important for us."

one of the 2,170 pupils - not just a selected few - with a 5-hour dose of "Character First!". Designed to concretise ZPS' vision to nurture every pupil to be of good character, the fun-filled workshops adrenalised pupils with care, respect and responsibility.

In WSSS, the package comprises time-tested favourites such as small group life-skills programmes, the Student Mentoring Scheme and parenting workshops. In addition, New Life specially developed Survival S.T.E.P., a new programme, for WSSS. This intensive 3-day 2-night experiential learning camp that equips youths to develop healthy relationships with the School, Teens (friends, peers), Educators and Parents (S.T.E.P.) is slated for May 2007, but various other programmes in WSSS have already commenced. With a targeted approach to address the needs of different groups of students, Mr Seet hopes "to see more cases of at-risk students becoming role models for others".

Over in ZPS, New Life's flagship programme is a series of six half-day **Character First! Workshops** - one for each level - run consecutively over four days.

Insisting on "starting the year on the right footing" from 16 to 19 January 2007, ZPS set aside curriculum time and had New Life to infuse every

"The collaboration has kicked off well and Character First! is the ideal way to launch as it impacts the whole school. What is special is that this is one occasion that we have everyone chipping in, New Life, teachers, parents, and student leaders, going hand in hand," said a very satisfied ZPS Principal Mr Martin Koh.

While seasoned in running Character First! Day Camps for about 40 children every school holiday for the last 6 years, never before has there been such a phenomenal opportunity for New Life to make a positive impact of such magnitude! "Having the Character First! Workshops run for the first time for the whole school is like a dream come true," said Mr Nelson Ong, beaming from ear to ear. Shrugging off the hard work as well worth it for the greater cause, he went on, "It's a privilege to work with visionary educators in Zhenghua and West Spring who believe in developing the potential of students to its fullest."

新生投身 校园工作

2007年才刚开始，新生民众服务中心就已积极投入与学校合办的项目中。伟源中学和正华小学同时的邀请新生一起合作提供由发展青年与体育部资助的 'STEP UP' 校园社会工作。

新生为伟源中学所提供的活动包括生活技能小组，学生指导，专为家长设计的亲子教育，和特地为伟源中学而设计的 'STEP生存方程式'。伟源中学非常积极地与新生青年中心经理王丁安先生策划了这一系列的节目内容。我们深信这些活动一定能帮助伟源中学的学生。

此外，新生也在十一月十六至十九日为正华小学的2,170名学生主办了一连串的 "品格优先" 学习坊。这 '品格优先' 学习坊是为了帮助正华小学的同学了解有良好品格的重要性。这正符合正华小学注重培养学生具有关怀，尊敬和尽责的异象。

"以 '品格优先' 开始新学年是个理想的起点。这项活动联合了学生领袖，家长，教师与新生一同把 '品格优先' 的重要讯息带给全校师生于家长。" 正华小学的校长许振通先生说道。



New Life Childcare



Friends of New Life - You're Our Lifeline!

Friend (frënd). n. ~ of New Life Community Services Centre - One who supports, sympathises with or patronises New Life and its cause.

These "Friends" began streaming into the poolside cafeteria as it approached 2 o'clock – students, businessmen, accountants, homemakers, managers and directors, retirees, lawyers, doctors, nurses – people from all walks of life. And it became more and more apparent that these seemingly nondescript people were, in fact, far from nondescript.

18 November 2006 was the bright and cheery Saturday afternoon that New Life chose to hold its appreciation tea, in honour of its Friends – donors, sponsors, volunteers – at the SAFRA (Mount Faber) Potter's Café.

Aptly referred to by New Life's Centre Manager Lee Da-Win as "New Life's lifeline", Friends of New Life have been giving generously, of their time and from their pockets, to support the cause to love and serve the community.

And so, with great pleasure, New Life expressed its immense gratitude with a surprise invitation to a delightful afternoon high-tea in appreciation of the faithful partnership of these Friends. Those present expressed how glad they were that they came, because they connected with others who shared in the same cause and learnt about the volunteer experiences of others at New Life.

Commented one volunteer, "I feel special just receiving a phone call by New Life to invite me for (this) Appreciation Tea." Another volunteer, Vincent Sng, echoed this sentiment, "Any gesture of appreciation will be received warmly."

Even those who had to send apologies, had their hearts warmed. Relayed one donor, "It's nice that New Life is going the extra mile to organise something to appreciate us!"

The very next day, church-goers at Covenant Evangelical Free Church were surprised by the barrage of wild, wild, west-styled posters pinned all around the church compound. On more careful inspection, the **"WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE"** faces on display were New Life's volunteers, much deserving of whopping hi-fives for their support of New Life!

In celebration of New Life Friends Day, a tribute video showcasing the array of volunteers in action was screened during the church service, highlighting their efforts and the fruit of their support in 2006. Friends also received a special, psychedelic-coloured, limited-edition water bottle as a small token of appreciation. And, just in case you're wondering if going to all this expense is overly-extravagant, Mr Lee explained, "New Life spent only less than

5% 'giving back' to Friends, in appreciation of what Friends had already given to New Life."

Underscoring his heartfelt appreciation, he reiterated, "Our dear Friends, thank you for all you have done. New Life could not have come so far without you. And we're counting on you as we move ahead into 2007!"

