



Deeper Roots, Wider Branches

New Life welcomes Mr Walter Lee as its new Executive Director effective November 2013.

As the organisation deepens its roots of mentoring the young and widening its branches of expanding work, New Life also builds and strengthens its leadership team.

Over the past 25 years of his corporate experience, Walter has worked in senior management roles at IBM, Hewlett Packard, International Data Corporation and Singapore Airlines. He was also the senior vice president of A*STAR, a government agency.

Prior to joining New Life, Walter was the CEO of the e-Cop group of companies with operations in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, India, and Hong Kong.

Both Walter and his wife Cindy have the burden of investing in and touching the lives of the young. Despite his busy schedules, they have been actively engaged in volunteer work with children and youth for the past two decades.

“ New Life's mission is to **mentor** the next generation of youths and children to **master** life transitions, so they may be able to **make** a positive contribution to their homes, communities, and society. ”

Mr Walter Lee
Executive Director,
New Life Community Services

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Children and youth work has been growing

Walter shares his thoughts as to why he came to New Life, his aspirations and the challenges he sees ahead.



Q: Coming from a lucrative corporate career, what brought you to serve in a non-profit organization?

Walter: The need for strong and rooted values of the young people in Singapore is a calling that I resonate with. It has always been my ultimate desire to contribute back to the society and leave behind a lasting legacy by building a team of next generation leaders.

Q: What are your aspirations for New Life?

Walter: I envision New Life to deepen and expand its work to serve the community by building deeper in mentoring and expanding our human and physical infrastructure throughout the country. I can't help but be excited to witness new milestones in strengthening our mentoring strategies, building our mission partners and magnifying our reach.



Walter Lee (middle) is an Ex-Officio on the New Life Board and chairs the Executive Director's office comprising of Diana Ooi, Director of Services (left) and Low Puay Khee, Head of Human Resources and Corporate Administration (right).

Q: What are the challenges you see ahead?

Walter: The need for resources grows as the work expands. Our greatest challenge is finding and recruiting like-minded volunteers and staff who have the same passion to invest in the next generation and empower the community through compassionate service and love.

"As we deepen our roots and widen our branches, together with your support and partnership, we can inch closer to the vision of New Life to be thought leader in mentoring the next generation of young people to be secure, upright and contributing," added the new Executive Director.

Walter is a father of two children, Paul, 23 and Christine, 20. He has just celebrated his 25th anniversary with his wife Cindy.

Mr John Lim, New Life Chairman said, "The board is grateful that God has led Walter, a member of Covenant Evangelical Free Church as our Executive Director. We believe that Walter has the right calling, character and competencies to work hand in hand with the board to chart the course and solidify our plans to fulfil New Life's 2018 vision."

*You can be part of New Life's journey to build the next generation. To find out how, please call **6892 4366** or email volunteer@newlife.org.sg / donate@newlife.org.sg*



New Life's programmes are 'staff-led, volunteer driven'

NEW LIFE'S MILESTONES

2000



Registered as a Society

New Life formally came into being as a registered society under the Societies Act on 3 Mar 2000.

2002

Family Life Services Launched

New Life began conducting family life education talks and workshops.

Full NCSS Membership

New Life became a Full Member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) on 16 Sep 2002, and was officially recognized as a voluntary welfare organization (VWO) in Singapore.

IPC Status Awarded

New Life was admitted as an NCSS Central Fund member on 18 Nov 2002 and thereby granted status as an Institution of a Public Character (IPC).

2004

Restructuring

Services were reorganized around four "centres" for service delivery: Childcare Centre, Family Life Centre, Community Health Centre and Youth Centre.

2005

Bukit Panjang Youth Hub Opens

A boost to New Life's youth work, the hub opened on 4 July 2005 to welcome youths in the community into its doors with attractive programmes and a cozy, friendly environment.



2007

IPC Renewal

New Life's IPC status was renewed in July 2007 for 5 years, the maximum period allowed.



2009

New Life in Woodlands

New Life ventures beyond Bukit Panjang to inaugurate youth work in Woodlands with a Sports Challenge. School-based work and a drop-in service were also started.



2010

Children & Student Care Completed

The building of our second community-based centre was completed and ready to take in students in 2011.



New Life Celebrates 10 Years of Goodness

A new milestone is reached after serving the community for 10 years.



**2001****New Life Childcare Commenced**

39 children were enrolled in January, and by year's end, this had nearly doubled to 76 children.

Inception of Social Services

Tuition services and holiday camps for children were started by volunteers. Volunteer counselors began working with youths in secondary schools. Health talks were begun, and family counseling services also began.

Gazetted as a Charity

New Life was gazette as a registered charity with the Commissioner of Charities on 13 Aug 2001.

New Life Home Care Launched

New Life Home Care was established on 1 Nov 2002 with strong networks in the healthcare sector and was recognized by the Ministry of Health in the same year as an approved step-down care provider.

2003**Youth Services Established**

School-based counseling, talks and camps were started on 2 May 2003.

2008**Refocusing to Build the Next Generation**

New Life's services refocused on "building the next generation".

2009**Children Services Re-established**

New Life Children Services began full-scale operations as a separate department after having been subsumed under New Life Youth since 2004.

Project Love Begun

A financial aid scheme to assist children and youth in their educational needs was started.

2011**Children & Student Care Opens**

New Life officially opened its first before-and-after school centre in Bukit Panjang on 26 March 2011 with 29 enrolled students.

2012**IPC Renewal**

New Life's IPC status was once again renewed in July 2012 for 5 years.

Woodlands Youth Hub Opens

A 400-square metre youth drop-in centre with learning and leisure facilities was officially opened on 4 November 2012 to reach out to the youths in Admiralty community.



Despite the hostile grey clouds and a mood-dampening rain, there was no stopping children in continuing the ninja's path of overcoming the challenges of skills, knowledge and character at The Ninja Academy.

Following the success of Children's Fest held on October 2013, New Life and Covenant Evangelical Free Church organised The Ninja Academy to further engage the children in the community.

This outdoor adventure created a zestful and electrifyingly spirited atmosphere on the morning of 9 November at Woodlands

Waterfront. An astounding 128 children who have also attended Children's Fest revelled in playful enjoyment and laughter as they completed a series of station games together with 38 volunteer mentors.

Wong Yau Chung, one of the volunteers shared, "I'm amazed how enthusiastic and competitive the children are. It's really fun to experience serving in events like this. I find it very fulfilling to share with their joy and see them learn good character values."

"In line with Children's Fest's theme, we have intentionally designed the games in such a



Ninjas overcoming the challenges of skills, knowledge and character

way that the children will learn how to build their courage through skills, build teamwork with knowledge and build their determination as part of character formation," said Wendy Sim, Head of New Life Children.

"Apart from enjoying the fun and educational activities and having a break from their usual academic schedule, we also aim to bridge the children to New Life's mentoring programmes," she added.

"I'm glad that my son Cedric participated in Children's Fest and The Ninja Academy. Through these events, I found out about Steady Readers. I registered him in this programme to improve his reading comprehension," Mr Lau, one of the parents shared.

The Ninja Academy is only one of the many platforms of New Life to reach out to the children in the community. New Life Children aims to build character champions via a three-pronged approach: school-based, centre-based and community-based.

To find out more about New Life Children, please call **6892 8020** or email **children@newlife.org.sg**



Ninjas in action



For Your Interest.

Carnival of the Animals

Animals came to life at Tan Chin Tuan Foundation's Centennial concert on 22 November at Esplanade Concert Hall. 25 children from Steady Readers and New Life Children & Student Care were amazed by the performance and enjoyed a time to unwind from school.



Protect Yourself, Protect Your Home

35 children from New Life Children & Student Care went through an emergency preparedness workshop conducted by People's Association on 10 December. They had a fun and interactive learning of useful tips on fire safety, dengue and crime prevention through storytelling, discussion and role play.

NEW LIFE NEEDS YOU TO IMPACT THE COMMUNITY!

We are hiring for the following positions:

1. Childcare Teachers/Senior Teachers
2. Finance Executive
3. Youth Service Executives
4. Children Service Programme Coordinator
5. Student Care Programme Coordinator
6. Operations Executive/Manager (Facilities/IT)
7. Social Worker/Counsellor

Email us at hr@newlife.org.sg or call 6892 7191.

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 & 24 May

Steady Readers Graduation

84 children are all set to march and perform on stage on their most awaited graduation ceremony. Join the children's celebration of their achievements and reading progress. For more details, please call Chua Joo Leng at 6892 8020 or email chua.jooleng@newlife.org.sg.

25 May

New Life Friends' Day

Be inspired and be part of this celebration as New Life once again salutes and honours its volunteers, donors and partners. New Life Annual General Meeting (AGM) is also happening at 2.30pm at Bukit Panjang chapel.

OUR SERVICES

New Life Childcare (Bukit Panjang)

Nurturing Wholesome Children in Partnership with Parents

New Life Children

(Bukit Panjang & Woodlands)

Loving Children by Mentoring them to become Character Champions

New Life Children & Student Care

(Bukit Panjang)

Mentoring Children to become Disciplined and Confident Individuals

New Life Youth

(Bukit Panjang & Woodlands)

Building Character & Developing Resilience

Counselling and Case Work

(Bukit Panjang and Woodlands)

Providing Professional Help to Individuals, Families and Communities

Support New Life!

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 Young and Meet the Needs. Join us to Make the Difference!

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.

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