

WHAT'S NEXT

Children's Fest 2018

Watch out for the most awaited community carnival on 8 April 2018. Look out for more fun and exciting time of family bonding and games with our friendly ninjas. Email volunteer@newlife.org.sg if you wish to serve.

Calling for Steady Readers (SR) Mentors

We are still looking for more SR volunteers to mentor 110 children in Bukit Panjang and Woodlands for the run starting 29 January 2018. Please sign up through <https://tinyurl.com/SRstepup>. Find out more about SR: <https://tinyurl.com/newlifeSR>

Training dates: 6,7,13 & 14 January 2018 (choose 1 of 4 available dates to attend)

STAFF INSIGHTS

CASEWORK & COUNSELLING - CASEWORKER

I have started my journey with New Life since May 2017 with the calling to reach out to the less fortunate. Since then, it has ignited a great passion in me towards serving the community and providing support for families who are going through transitions and difficulties in life. Although there are challenges along the way in my job such as dealing with difficult/demanding clients, I still find it fulfilling and encouraging to witness families receive comfort, support and help through New Life's financial assistance programmes such as Project Love.

~Nicole Lim



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- Programme Coordinator/Assistant (Children Programmes)
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- Facilities Executive
- Finance Executive
- Donor Management Executive
- Child/Infant Care Teachers

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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CORPORATE EVENT

NEW LIFE @ JUNCTION 10 OFFICIAL OPENING

With the theme "Mentoring with Love", New Life Community Services celebrated the official opening ceremony of its new childcare centre and youth hub at Junction 10 on 18 November 2017 followed by an open house.

New Life @ Junction 10 is a 718 sqm property donated by Far East Organization in 2014.

The new childcare centre provides services for children between 18 months to six years old. On top of its academic curriculum, the centre also focuses on cherishing and nurturing every child to become a happy and confident learner with good values. "The teachers are very friendly and helpful. A year ago, my son couldn't eat his food by himself. He would need a lot of attention from the teacher, but I'm thankful that his teacher showed him a lot of patience," shared Mdm Wang Jing, mother of Ryan from N1.

The youth hub is a drop-in centre wherein youths aged 11-21 can chill, play games, study and be positively engaged by friendly mentors. "This hub is a cool place for me to hang out and make friends after school. I'm happy that the staff here are very friendly," shared 13-year old member Atasha.

Guests were entertained by the childcare students and youth hub members' dance performance followed by an interactive guided tour showcasing New Life's other programmes and services such as infant care, student care, casework and counselling and financial assistance.

The event was also graced by Mr Liang Eng Hwa, MP for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC (Zhenghua) and community grassroots leaders.

The two other New Life childcare centres are located at Bukit Panjang and Woodlands while the two other youth hubs are at Fajar Road and Woodlands.



Mr Patrick Lim, New Life Board Chairman giving out token of appreciation to Dr Vivian Balakrishnan

"People need to make friends, have a sense of identity, values, sense of belonging and sense of significance. Having a place like this – safe, nurturing and caring, makes all the difference." -Guest of Honour, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and MP for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC (Cashew)



Children and youth performance



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EVENTS & UPDATES



BOWLING BONANZA

YOUTH

51 youths and mentors went for an exciting game of bowling on 15 November at Bukit Batok Civil Service Club. Whether they were amateurs or professionals in the game, the youths and mentors thoroughly enjoyed the friendly competition, as they competed in 7 lanes for the top prize. This combined youth hubs' bowling session was aimed to strengthen the camaraderie and build new friendships among the youths from all three hubs.



HEART FOR OTHERS CAMP

YOUTH

New Life Youth organised a camp entitled "Heart for Others" for 18 youths on 4-6 December at Boys and Girls Brigade Campsite with the objective to develop empathy for the community and one another. New Life and Wells Fargo partnered together as staff and a volunteer shared their personal journey on serving the community. Youths also participated in different experiential learning activities to heighten their awareness and compassion for the various disabilities that the less fortunate face. The youths initiated

to serve one another through giving out meals and sharing of prizes as well as experiencing the act of service as the staff mentors served them with a special dinner.

CHILDCARE GRADUATION

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New Life Childcare centres celebrated their Year-End Graduation cum Concert on 10 November at Woodlands and 24 November at Bukit Panjang. Parents and guests were entertained by the amazing and excellent performances by the joyful and confident children.



STEADY READERS GRADUATION

CHILDREN PROGRAMMES

112 children from the second run of Steady Readers Programme also celebrated their achievements with graduation ceremonies held on 11 November at Bukit Panjang and 16 November at Woodlands. Children were able to overcome their inhibitions and fear to go on stage to make presentations before their parents and invited guests. It was also a platform to showcase what they have learnt in the sessions which were lovingly guided by their patient and nurturing volunteer mentors.



SPARK ACCREDITATION

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New Life Childcare @ Bukit Panjang and Woodlands both had successfully achieved SPARK Accreditation in July and December respectively. SPARK (Singapore Pre-school Accreditation Framework) is a recognition for pre-school centres in their efforts to improve teaching and learning, administration and management processes to enhance the holistic development and well-being of young children.

MILK – NEW LIFE SUPPORT FUND

CASEWORK & COUNSELLING

New Life has partnered with MILK (Mainly I Love Kids) to provide early intervention support to prevent crisis for families facing situations that may escalate to potential financial difficulties or adverse life events causing instability. The support fund aims to protect the beneficiaries' mental and physical well-being, improve their life's transition and minimise their likelihood of remaining in financial difficulty through counselling. Email milksupportfund@newlife.org.sg for more info.



Ministry Partner

"I have learnt priceless lessons such as patience and humility."



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Q: What made you decide to volunteer?
I witnessed many young women starting Joy Clubs to teach Bible stories to children in their homes back in the 70's. Those memories had greatly inspired and impacted me a great deal. Hence when there was a call volunteer in Steady Readers (SR) in Bukit Panjang in 2009 to help students from Greenridge Primary School who were struggling in reading, I responded. When SR expanded at Woodlands, there were not enough volunteers and since I'm available, I decided to serve. In 2016, I was approached to explore serving in Kids Champ Club (KCC) and I decided to give it a try as well.

were very patient and compassionate towards them and very accepting with their differences. At the end of the run, I was proven wrong that they wouldn't change nor remember the lessons taught! But it surprised me that they remembered the teachings and their parents gave positive feedback about their change in their character and values. That really encouraged me to continue in 2017. The children indeed deserve our respect and admiration for their achievements

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Q: Can you share your experiences while volunteering?
Honestly, I was initially discouraged when I was volunteering at KCC. I used to be taken aback by the children's behaviours. They were very active and were running around everywhere. Sometimes, it made me wonder if they would learn anything at all. But our team of mentors

Q: Any lessons you've learnt about volunteering which you wish to share?
Having the opportunity to mentor and serve the children is life changing to both the volunteer and the child. I have learnt priceless lessons such as patience and humility. I encourage anyone interested to serve not to hesitate but rather step up in faith. There's so much joy seeing the impact on the lives of the children.

~Annie Chin, 62 years old

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You can be like Annie and engage the community by serving in our other programs

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