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CHARITY RUN 2019

The third New Life Charity Run with the theme 'Be a Runner, Be a Fundraiser' was held on 12 October during CSC Run by the Bay at Gardens by the Bay East. 210 runners from all ages and backgrounds formed 55 teams to run for the 6KM category and fundraised on behalf of New Life by rallying their friends and networks to donate via their team's fundraising page.

Runners shared their experiences from their participation.

"We had a great experience running together as a family which made it more meaningful to us," shared Chris Foo, a second-time runner with this family. His wife Amy, added, "We find that the work of New Life is very meaningful, so we thought we want to do our small part to raise funds to support their cause. Our families and friends are very supportive because our kids are also running with us." One of their children, Kimberly reflected, "Even if it's just a small thing you do, it can actually make a big difference!"

Jonathan Loh, a first-time runner also shared, "I signed up as a

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runner to support even if I didn't have a team yet, but I'm glad that I was connected with other runners looking for a team. We didn't just run and fundraise together, we also became friends."

"It was fun and very rewarding to see people supporting us through donations and cheering us on. It's also a good time to bond together with your friends or families for a good cause," said Charissa Liew.

"It's such a joy to see everyone today enjoying themselves in a fun day of fellowship and raising funds for New Life. It's indeed "fun"-raising! We are deeply overwhelmed and thankful for the runners' support. I am encouraged to see them believe in our cause and become an advocate for the next generation," said Mr Felix Wong, Executive Director of New Life Community Services.

For two years in a row, New Life is privileged to be the adopted charity of MetaSport, the event organiser of CSC Run by the Bay as well as being fully sponsored by DC Productions, the developer of the campaign's web platform.

As of writing, the teams have already raised approximately \$203,000. Online donations to the teams are still open until 12 November to reach the target of \$260,000. Visit tinyurl.com/nlcsrunteams to donate and get 250% tax deduction. All proceeds of this campaign will go to the work of blessing children and youth in the community.

Check out the event photos here.



EVENTS & UPDATES



New Life Childcare @ Junction 10 receives SPARK Accreditation

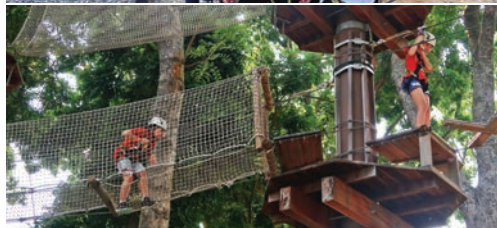
New Life Childcare @ Junction 10 proudly received its SPARK recognition on 13 September. The Singapore Pre-school Accreditation Framework (SPARK) is a quality assurance framework by Early Childhood Development Agency to assist preschools in Singapore in raising their quality. The vigorous SPARK journey strengthened the centre's internal processes, curriculum implementation and bonded the staff and Childcare Competency Centre team in hearts and spirits.

Both New Life Childcare centres at Bukit Panjang and Woodlands had also achieved their SPARK Accreditation in 2017 and 2018 respectively.



Partnership with Covenant EFC for Silver Fest

Silver Fest is an event organised by Covenant EFC on 13 July to bless the seniors in the community. The elderlies joyfully connected with one another, engaged in meaningful activities and had fun together. 25 children from New Life Childcare @ Junction 10 and Bukit Panjang participated through song performances. The songs expressed the children's thanksgiving and joy for families, loved ones and all that God has given to them. This performance provided a great opportunity for our children to build their confidence as they presented themselves before supportive parents and bringing joy and smiles to the seniors.



Learning Journey at Forest Adventure

60 children from P.A.N.D.A. Champs programme together with eight volunteers and staff had fun together on 25 & 27 June during their Learning Journey at Forest Adventure. The children learnt several life lessons such as following instructions on injury-prevention, looking out for one another and being responsible for each other's safety through the obstacle course. "This activity has really helped the children cement their learning on courage and overcoming their fear. It was great to see them encourage each other and recognise their friends' courage during reflection time," shared Hannah Jeanes, Student Care Programme Assistant. "The Forest Adventure is a great initiative to help the children put what they have learnt into practice!" shared Shirley Tay, P.A.N.D.A Champs volunteer.



STAFF INSIGHT

When I was young, there was nobody at home to take care of me because my parents were working. In secondary school, I joined several CCAs just to fill up my time. I was aimless and unsure. After I graduated from secondary school, I enrolled into Ngee Ann Polytechnic. But I wasn't motivated to study. I didn't realise the consequences of my choices until I was kicked out for failing my examinations twice.

In 2011, God led me to New Life's Youth Services. I was given an opportunity to mentor youths, plan programmes and do school work. Through these platforms, I was able to connect with youths from various backgrounds. The rejuvenation and renovation of Fajar Youth Hub in 2017 has sparked a renewed commitment in me to continue serving the youths in Bukit Panjang. God provided another area for me to serve youths through CEFCs WEB ministry.

After eight years in New Life, I'm thankful that I am still passionate about mentoring youths.



Steady Readers Graduation

After 25 lessons during the first run of 2019, 104 children from Steady Readers Programme celebrated their graduation at Bukit Panjang and Woodlands on 25 May and 16 May respectively. 131 proud parents attended to support their children. To provide the children a platform to showcase their confidence in speech and reading, each group presented on stage a topic related to the graduation theme "Steady Readers Visits Jurong Bird Park". "This is a very good effort by New Life to help children who are not able to read English," Mr Toh, father of Ian from Steady Readers. New Life is thankful for the 61 volunteers who tirelessly served in this run.



Baking 101

Seven youths from Fajar Youth Hub graduated from Baking 101 Programme which was conducted over six sessions every Saturday from 6 July to 24 August. Baking 101 enabled New Life youth mentors to use baking as a platform to foster mentoring relationship with the youths and develop their understanding and interest in academic topics such as Science. The baking classes also helped the youths develop their confidence and baking skills while having fun, develop competence by using baking to gain understanding of science concepts, and connect with each other while learning to bake with a partner.

Charity Golf 2019

New Life's fourth Charity Golf was held on 12 September at Warren Golf & Country Club with Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs & MP for Holland - Bukit Timah as Guest-of-Honour. It was a fun-filled afternoon of tournament and fellowship over dinner as 144 golfers took a swing for the next generation. New Life thanks the generous donors and sponsors who made it possible to raise approximately \$260,000.



Edwin Wee
Team Lead,
Woodlands Youth Hub

WHAT'S NEXT



Kids Champ Club Adventure

To consolidate the entire year of learning, children will be going to the Forest School on the 9 November where they will have the opportunity to live out the values of responsibility, kindness, courage and sportsmanship.



Christmas Celebration

Children from P.A.N.D.A Champs and Kids Champ Club will be celebrating Christmas on the 13 and 14 December respectively. This celebration will conclude the sessions for the year and provide the opportunity to share the meaning of Christmas with the children and their family members.

RECRUITMENT



New Life needs committed and passionate staff to reach the next generation!

New Life is deepening and expanding our services to the community. We are looking for talented people of all ages with a passion to mentor the next generation of youths and children. The following positions are available:

- Childcare Principal (Bukit Panjang Centre)
- Human Resource Manager
- Personal Assistant to the Executive Director

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DONATION



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