

Youths' Circuit Breaker Stories

Ayumi and Mei Fong, both 13 years old and members of New Life Youth share their experiences during Circuit Breaker.

Life During CB

Ayumi: The overall CB experience wasn't good for me. I felt bored and had nothing to do at home. In order to fill up my time, I played games on my computer and phone and video called my friends often to stay in touch. I missed school as I can't be with my friends physically.

Mei Fong: CB period was enjoyable for me. I liked being at home as I could wake up late for home-based learning. I was also glad that I got to play online games with my friends. The only thing which I found difficult was that I cannot physically meet up with people. I also missed my friends and staff mentors at the Youth Hub.

Online Engagement

#HangOut and #WatchOut are online engagement programmes such as

e-board games, drawing challenges, as well as group sessions wherein the mentoring aspect comes in. Discord Server, on the other hand is like a virtual version of the Youth Hub wherein they connect through chat or game rooms and music channel.

Ayumi shared, *"I joined all the online programmes available. I enjoyed #HangOuts and the combined monthly specials the most because they are fun and engaging. I'm also glad to connect with different staff and youths from different hubs."*

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L-R: Ayumi with mentor Kai Ning

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Mentoring Experiences

Ayumi: My mentor, Kai Ning, is very kind, funny and loves to cheer people up. And because of her, I learnt to be more focused on my studies. Through her personal sharing, I also learnt how to manage relationship issues. I am thankful for all the staff who have spent so much time with me whenever I face problems. They are always there to listen and help me. I really look forward to the re-opening of the Youth Hub.

Mei Fong: My nice mentor, Kai Ning, helped me with my Maths homework. I also learnt to bake with her during the #BakeOut programme. I am thankful for the space that the Youth Hub created and for a chance to go to youth camps wherein I can eat some food which I usually don't eat like BBQ. I will run to the youth hub immediately when it is open again!



L-R: Mei Fong with mentor Kai Ning

Every youth needs a mentor.

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EVENTS & UPDATES



KCC & SR Goes Online

Kids Champ Club (KCC) started online on 27 April 2020 with 15 children having 1-2-1 sessions with staff. Through stories, newspaper articles and discussion questions, children were imparted the value of accepting differences among family members, friends and people with special needs or disability. Under the guidance of 10 volunteers, the children will learn the values of generosity and self-discipline in second half of the year. Steady Readers (SR) also resumed on 20 July with 74 children and 80 volunteers.

Fundraising Concert



25 students of Crescendo Global Pte Ltd, led by their music teacher and Director, Emmy Yu, performed in an online musical concert on 31 May to raise funds for New Life's Project Love financial assistance. \$1,430 was raised from 26 generous donors.

Gymmboxx Run for Charity

Gymmboxx, a gym brand serving residential neighbourhoods and heartlands has raised \$621 for New Life through a virtual event called Run for Charity from 11 May to 21 June.



Roche Singapore Donates to Project Love



New Life's Project Love received \$138,355 donation from ONE SG ROCHE comprising of five business entities: Roche Diabetes Care Asia Pacific, Roche Diagnostics Asia Pacific, Roche Singapore Pte Ltd, Roche Singapore Technical Operations Pte Ltd and Chugai Pharmabody Research from their fundraising campaign which ran from 20 May to 5 June. Not only did ONE SG ROCHE matched every employees' giving, Roche Diagnostics and Roche Singapore Pte Ltd took one step further and donated their building landlord's property tax rebates from the government.

"As employees working in the healthcare sector, we felt compelled to step up and lend support in any way we can during this pandemic. Roche is made up of more than one organisation here in Singapore and we really felt that this was something that we wanted to do together. New Life is an organisation that supports our community here in Singapore so we wanted to do something to support them," said Thiam Huat Low, Head of Safety, Health and Environment at Roche Singapore Technical Operations.



Engineering Good Laptop Donation

Engineering Good donated four laptops to our beneficiaries such as Yi Ling and Shi Jia from Children Programmes. This was indeed helpful for them during their home-based learning.

STORIES OF IMPACT



*Emma's family is one of the many non-Singaporean families whose livelihood was badly hit by Covid-19 crisis and not covered by the safety net of the government's Job Support Scheme.

Her husband who was a tour guide had lost his job since the end of January, while she also lost her retail job in April. As permanent residents, both their three and six-year old children enrolled in childcare were not eligible for any subsidies hence they had to cover \$1,900 monthly fees. Due to their irregular working hours, they had to engage a domestic helper to look after the children. They were in a dilemma about sending away their helper once they need to return to work.

Together with other expenses such as mortgage, utilities, milk and groceries totalling to no less than \$5,500, they knew that their little savings will not last for them for two more months.

Through Project Love, her youngest child in New Life Childcare was assisted with a bursary for four months. Her family also received grocery vouchers and utilities

subsidies to tide their darkest period of crisis.

In May, she found temporary employment while her husband found a contract job in June as a safe distancing ambassador. Although his salary is half of what he used to earn, they are still thankful for finding work and for the assistance they received from New Life.

Emma shared, *"Since we are not citizens and not eligible for government subsidies, we were helpless and at our wits' end. We could only brace ourselves and hope for the best."*

"I'm not good at expressing what I feel using words especially when I get emotional, but I'm really grateful to what you and New Life did for us. I appreciate all the time and effort you spent to think of solutions for us. Thank you for being there to help us in times like this. We will try our best to stand back on our feet," she added.

Help families in crisis overcome by donating to Project Love:
tinyurl.com/projectlovedonate

(*name was changed to protect identity)

STAFF INSIGHT



I was volunteering in Reformative Training Centre (RTC) in 2015-2016 when I had a stirring in my heart to serve the youth offenders. In May 2016, I met up with an ex-colleague who was then working in New Life. She shared about the RTC project and I felt led to join the organisation.

I was excited at the work as I felt called to pour myself in expanse of the hungry and meet the needs of the oppressed. Moreover, the profile of youths in this work align to the core of my calling to be a vessel to bring comfort, hope, love and restoration.

Serving youths at-risk had always been a part of my heart. In our work, besides youths at-risk, the orphans, fatherless and the poor are whom God has called us to reach out to. It's truly a privilege to serve alongside a committed and tenacious team who's always giving their best to love the community for Christ. Over my past four years in New Life, it had been like a roller coaster of challenges at work as well as the home front but I'm so blessed to be part of this family!



Janice Poon
Head of Casework & Counselling



WHAT'S NEXT

New Student Care Centre at Woodlands

New Life's third Children & Student Care Centre will start operations on 4 January 2021 at L4 Covenant EFC 90 Woodlands Drive 16 S(737878).

Register your interest via tinyurl.com/nlcsscereg2021

For more info, email wldstudentcare@newlife.org.sg

CHARITY RUN 2020

New Life Charity Run is back on 9-18 October!

Gather now your team members and don't miss this opportunity to be a runner-fundraiser for the next generation.

To register and for more info, go to <https://linktr.ee/nlcsscharityrun>

Contact 9824 5817 or email charityrun@newlife.org.sg for enquiries.



HISTORY TRIVIA

2002 was a year of significant milestones for New Life. The full NCSS membership was attained and (Institute of Public Character) IPC status was awarded. This year was also the launch of Family Life Enrichment programmes and Community Health Services comprising of New Life Home Care and New Life Health Care.

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