

President Halimah Yacob Visits New Life Youth Hub



Youths sharing with President Halimah Yacob on their mentoring journey over a paracord art session

President Halimah Yacob visited New Life Youth Hub @ Fajar on 7 September and was introduced to New Life's programmes and initiatives for children and families.

Started in 2000, the President's Challenge (PC) is an annual community outreach and fundraising campaign for beneficiaries selected yearly by the President's Office. Through this initiative, New Life has been receiving support since 2010.

Beneficiaries from Kids Champ Club, Project Love and Youth Services had the opportunity to meet with the President and share how they have benefitted from the programmes which received funding from PC.

The two initiatives that will be receiving funding support from PC 2020 are; 1) Early Engagement of Youths Under 21 (EE21), a partnership with the State Courts that seeks to meaningfully engage youth offenders as part of their rehabilitative efforts; and 2) renovation of Woodlands Youth Hub to create a more conducive space for mentoring sessions.

Engagement with Beneficiaries

"The Kids Champ Club has helped beneficiaries such as Jun Wee and Jun Yi with character-building through experiential learning. I am glad to hear from both of their mothers that the programme has helped the two boys to mature and control their emotions. Mdm Mira shared with me how her family has greatly benefitted from NLCS initiatives which include financial assistance and enrichment classes for her daughter."

"I am also glad to hear that NLCS has extended its financial assistance programme, Project Love. It will now assist those beyond the lower-income families with children/youths, to individuals and the elderly who are facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is heartening to see the community coming together to help those in need through various means to uplift one another, especially during this

challenging time," shared President Yacob on her Facebook page.

Ayumi, Jia Xin and Vin from New Life Youth shared with the President over a paracord art session how the mentoring programme not only inculcated positive values such as patience and tenacity but also developed leadership and communication skills which made them more resilient and confident.

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L-R: Mr Liang Eng Hwa, MP for Bukit Panjang SMC, President Halimah Yacob, Patrick Lim, NLCS Board Chairman and Felix Wong, NLCS Executive Director

Mr Liang Eng Hwa, MP for Bukit Panjang SMC also joined the staff and beneficiaries in welcoming the President.

EVENTS & UPDATES



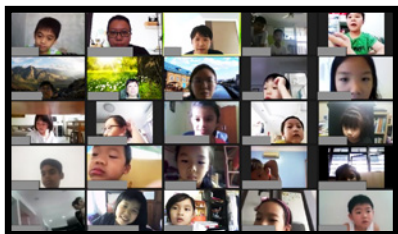
Youth Hub @ Woodlands Re-opening

New Life Youth Hub @ Woodlands went through a revamp and has opened its doors to the community since 1 September 2020. Through the partial funding from President's Challenge, the renovation works created a more conducive environment for mentoring youths and conducting activities. The improvements include enhanced kitchen facilities, projection screening, console gaming and installing glass windows to increase visibility in the community, and attract youths to drop in. To support our youth work, visit tinyurl.com/nlcseyouthdonate.



Student Care @ Woodlands Open House

New Life Children & Student Care @ Woodlands held two open house events on 3 and 24 October to showcase the centre to interested families. The centre is located on the fourth floor of the newly renovated Covenant EFC and is a short walk from Innova Primary School. Operating in January 2021 with a maximum capacity of 75 children, the centre caters for 7-12 years old. Register your interest via tinyurl.com/nlcscsreg2021. For more info, contact 6892 8039 or wldstudentcare@newlife.org.sg



Steady Readers Enrichment Workshop

The Steady Readers Holiday Enrichment Workshop was held during the school holidays on 8 September virtually over Zoom and attended by 28 children. In line with the theme "Kindness Begins With Me", the children learnt through a story and small group discussions that there are many ways of showing kindness and any act of kindness can make a difference to others.



Website Revamp & 2019 Annual Report

Our new website is now live with a fresh and new look! Meanwhile, check out our 2019 Annual report here

<https://www.newlife.org.sg/annual-reports/>



STORIES OF IMPACT



"My son, Prince, hardly had friends in school and didn't want to hang around with anybody. He was always bullied. He used to be very quiet and he seldom talked. He can also be very hyperactive. He sometimes even made other kids cry, probably because he was imitating the actions of the bullies. It was not easy for me.

In 2019, I got to know about Kids Champ Club (KCC) through my Vietnamese friend. When I shared with her about the behaviour challenges of my son, she suggested to me, 'Why don't you register him for KCC'. So I got the contact from her and reached out to New Life to get more info. The staff then asked me to bring him over for an assessment and then I decided to register him.



session, but he would even remind me, "Mommy, today I have KCC!". That's really how excited he is.

I am very happy that he learnt about moral values like caring and sharing with friends. He is now more willing to share, talks more and expresses his emotions. Last time, he hardly opens up but now he would share about his day in school.

I want to send my appreciation to all staff and volunteers of KCC. They are all very patient with the kids. I know how it can be challenging to manage the kids, but I can see from Zoom that they manage them very well. I always tell Prince that his teachers are very good. He says that he loves them very much. Thank you so much for positively influencing my son!"

Anita Tram
Mother of Prince from
Kids Champ Club

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At first, he didn't want to go to the sessions. But after a while, he was able to warm up and became very happy to join! He's always looking forward to attending, even now that KCC moved to Zoom. There was even a time that I forgot about the

STAFF INSIGHT



We hear a lot of opinions about social work such as, 'You shouldn't go to social work... because you won't earn much.'

But to me, the meaning behind the work is more important.

I have always desired to play my part in empowering the vulnerable groups in the society. I took up this traineeship because New Life's mission and vision align with my personal goal— to serve and empower the next generation. I enjoy being a part of a person's growth.

I've learnt many things. One is the importance of adaptability especially during Circuit Breaker wherein we explored different platforms to engage youths. The second thing is about the value of mentoring. One adult mentor can make such a huge difference in a youth's life by investing time and efforts or being a listening ear to build a trusting relationship with them. And thirdly, despite being tech-savvy, youths still want to physically visit the hubs because they desire the physical connection and interaction.



Chloe Tan
Bachelor of Business Graduate
& Youth Worker Trainee

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HISTORY TRIVIA



New Life Day 2020

With the theme "20 Years of Faithfulness", New Life Day will be celebrated on 8 November via online and onsite services across three centres of Covenant EFC.

Stay tuned to watch testimonies by Darrel Koh on how his life was mentored in New Life Youth and Mdm Yang, whose family members are beneficiaries of New Life Children Services and Project Love.

Check out cefc.ch/live to access online.

New Headquarters Office

New Life's headquarters will move to its new address at Woods Square, 14 Woodlands Square S(737716) by December 2020. It is right next to Woodlands MRT station. The new office space is co-shared with Care Corner Singapore and World Vision Singapore. We want to thank Far East Organisation for their generous donation of this facility.

In 2008, after eight good years of community work, having provided an all-encompassing service with a wide span and variety of programmes, New Life has received a fresh call to review and evaluate her primary existence for the community. New Life focused on what she's called to and be best at – building the next generation.



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