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A Guiding Light

Over fifteen years ago, Kelly Teo volunteered in an after-school mentoring programme with New Life and Zhenghua Secondary School. Although she spent less than three months mentoring two teenage girls, Kelly was extremely touched by the experience. "I learned to be more sensitive and open to the needs of people around me. It really enlarged my viewpoint to be more intentional about caring for others."

Working in a global investment asset management firm that has a culture of giving back to the needy, Kelly participates in their Associate Matching Gift programme where the company donates \$2 for every \$1 employees donate to a charity or non-profit organisation. Motivated by her mentoring experience, last year Kelly nominated New Life Youth Services for another grant programme. Her company not only approved the grant of \$10,000, but gave an additional US\$5,000 to New Life for COVID-19 relief.



When Kelly visited the J10 Youth Hub prior to presenting to the grant committee, she was reminded of the importance of mentoring. "The [hub] mentors are walking the talk. They model how to care for others such that the youths want to pass it on too. It's not so much the mentoring activities you do that's important, but the people that you touch through the activities. It's these relationships that will eventually make a difference."

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— Kelly Teo, Volunteer & Donor

One such relationship is the one between Yie Shuen and her mentor Jeannette. Yie Shuen first came to the hub in 2019 through a school project and remains a regular of the Fajar and J10 hub. Jeannette shared, "Her leadership skills really grew a lot. She takes the initiative to engage shy kids and is more intentional about why and how she talks to them. I'm proud of her for catching the heartbeat of what we do and maintaining these unofficial mentoring relationships." Currently, Yie Shuen is excited to start volunteering with New Life Youth Services as a programme planner.

When asked what impact she hopes the grant will have on youths, Kelly replied, "I hope they will have the opportunity to unleash their potential. The mentors act as lighthouses guiding them through the storms of life, equipping and empowering them to discover themselves and pursue their dreams. More importantly, they will discover that there are people around them who will help them flourish as they face the future."



Easter Celebration Planning Team

14 April 2022

Childcare: Bukit Panjang, Woodlands or J10
Student Care: Jelapang, Teck Whye or Woodlands

Steady Readers Enrichment Workshop Facilitators

15 March 2022

Venue TBC

Student Care Lessons of Love Mentors

28 February to 8 April

Once a week (4pm-5pm)

Teck Whye or Woodlands

P.A.N.D.A. Champs Facilitators

6 to 23 June

Teck Whye, Woodlands or Jelapang

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