



It Takes a Village

"We didn't know what to expect," says Maisarah, BA Cares' Public Relations Manager. "We didn't know if the children would like it, but seeing their excitement while playing the games, hearing their reflections after the activities, made me feel quite touched and happy."

BA Cares, a volunteerism CCA in the Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Business & Accounting School, was referred to New Life Student Care @ Woodlands (WDLSCC) by Ngee Ann Business School when the latter was unable to continue its regular service learning collaboration with WDLSCC after the pandemic struck. During last year's June and December holidays, students from BA Cares taught P.A.N.D.A. values to the WDLSCC children with activities such as crafting paper lanterns, watching clips from Finding Nemo and 'guess and check'.

Nathania, Acting Supervisor of WDLSCC, appreciated their enthusiasm. "BA Cares had a lot of enriching ideas, which was honestly very fun to see, and they were very willing to help the children. I think such partnerships engage the children so that we as staff can pay closer attention to each individual child's needs, while giving the children opportunities to widen their perspectives and practice social skills."



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— *Nathania Ooi, Acting Supervisor of WDLSCC*



New Life's Student Care imparts P.A.N.D.A. Values (Perseverance, Acts of Love, eNcouragement, Discipline and Accepting Differences) to the children through such holiday programmes as well as weekly lessons and positive reinforcement of daily interactions. Nathania shares, "We affirm the children when they exhibit these values at the centre, like when they show consideration to others or self-discipline." After an incident revealed the children's lack of acceptance of each other's cultures, BA Cares taught the children cultural appreciation through games, craftwork and reflection questions. "The sessions really helped the children to reflect on real issues and what these values actually mean in their lives. This enables them to improve the choices that they make daily."



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Despite never meeting the children in person due to Covid-19 regulations, Maisarah found her first time volunteering with children fun and meaningful. "I believe it's important to teach values like discipline and perseverance at a young age because they will need these values as they grow up and enter secondary school or the workforce."

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6 June 2022 7:30-9:00PM

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