



MCYC's 10th Anniversary Charity Golf and Dinner was a success!

Enjoy the pictures we took along the way!

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Mission

To reach out in Christian love, by providing quality programmes and services to all children, youths, parents and their families, of all language, race and religion, and nurturing each family member in body, mind and spirit.

Objectives

To help children, youths and parents of all language, race and religion, especially from dysfunctional, disadvantaged and needy families, to:

- Develop to their fullest potential;
- Enjoy a balanced family life;
- Become responsible and caring family members; and
- Become useful members of society.



Celebrating 10 Wonderful Years



Dear Friends,

In 2008, MCYC Community Services Society (MCYC) took a bold step, moving away from the Methodist Welfare Services to become an independent social work agency. The separation was a result of MCYC's strong growth in our work with the community in the preceding five years; particularly with programmes and services for children and youth.

With constructive support from Barker Road Methodist Church, MCYC grew further over the last 10 years. Hence, today, we can celebrate another milestone in the journey of this social work agency.

When we became independent, there were 29 staff with an operating expenditure of \$855,000 per annum. By the last financial year, there were 78 staff with an operating expenditure of \$5.6 million per annum. MCYC grew from being a local social work agency in Bukit Batok to become a significant contributor in Singapore's social work landscape. Partnering with the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), MCYC established the first Therapeutic Group Home (HomeSweetHome@Admiralty) in 2013 and the first foster agency in the community (FosterConnections@MCYC) in 2015.

We also grew in other areas as well, contributing to the well-being of children and youth in Singapore. I am glad to announce that by the beginning of 2019, we will be operating a new iPEAK Centre in Jurong West. This will be our second centre that helps children with learning difficulties and problems.

MCYC can achieve all these milestones because of contributions from management committee members, staff members, donors, volunteers and supporters, both past and present. We are also thankful for the support provided by various agencies in the government sector; in particular, MSF. With the enthusiastic all-round support, we hope that the momentum of growth will not wane.

This year, as we celebrate MCYC's 10th Anniversary, I would like to thank all who have generously donated to the work of this social work agency. The support you give will go a long way to help our clients and beneficiaries. We also hope that you will continue your support for MCYC, and spread the news of the good work done.

Finally, as an organisation with Christian roots, I would like to quote a passage from the Bible, from Psalms 127:1: "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain." We are thankful for God's guidance and providence over the years. Without God, we would have achieved little. Hence, we will continue to seek God's direction in the years ahead on how MCYC can continue to bless our beloved nation. To God be the glory!

Mr Robert Lim

Chairman, Management Committee
MCYC Community Services Society

TAKE A SWING FOR OTHERS

by Christian Teo, Community Relations Executive

MCYC's 10th Anniversary Charity Golf and Dinner was held on 13th April 2018 (Friday) at The Singapore Island Country Club (SICC).

We certainly got to witness God's grace and providence to us; as the dark clouds seen from that morning were blown away, leaving behind clear skies and a cool breeze over the course, making for a beautiful afternoon of golf and good laughs. We were truly blessed!

As the sun set beyond the verdant greenery, our golf tournament came to a close and our gala dinner began. We were reminded yet again of God's grace and blessings to MCYC; as our auction was met with many generous bidders. The funds raised will go a long way in helping the disadvantaged and underprivileged in society.

MCYC would like to express our utmost gratitude to our Guest of Honour for our golf tournament, Rev Dr Gordon Wong, President of The Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC), Methodist Church in Singapore; and our Guest of Honour for our gala dinner, Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for National Development, for gracing this milestone event with their presence.

To all our donors, sponsors, supporters and volunteers, thank you for the generous support in making MCYC's 10th Anniversary celebrations a resounding success.

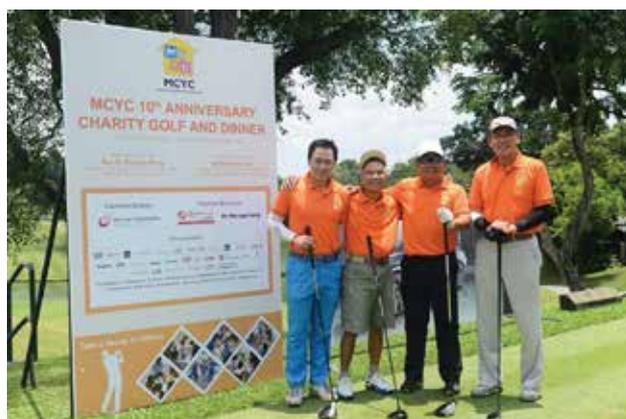
Moving forward, there are plans for growth in the near future. With the upcoming expansion of a literacy centre in the Jurong West area, more children can benefit from our programmes and services. Therefore, we hope that the giving will not stop!

It certainly takes a lot to continue our fruitful work with children and youth in our community, and there are always opportunities to donate generously. There are also opportunities to collaborate with us on a volunteering front through the many programmes and services we provide. We pray for more people to join us as volunteers too.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, we humbly ask that you keep us in prayer, as we continue to do good work so that we can build a better world for our children.



Our golf tournament Guest of Honour Rev Dr Gordon Wong showing us how it's done!



From left to right: Mr Chaly Mah, Mr Peter Sim, Mr Ho Kah Choy, Rev Dr Gordon Wong



Say cheese! Our golfers together for a drone shot on the putting



Golfers posing at our sponsor photoboard on the golf course.



Delicious chicken rice lunch at the Island Ballroom before the start of the golf tournament.



Hooray! I beat the pro!



The ultimate prize: the Hole-In-One car.



A golfer watches on intensely as the ball approaches the hole.



MCYC Chairman, Mr Robert Lim, with Matthew Murray from Champions Golf. Thanks Matthew for helping with our golf tournament!



Smiles all round! From left to right: Mr Tan Khye Suan, Mr Chaly Mah, Mr Tan Gee Shan, Ms Lisa Ge & Mr Vincent Wee



The arrival of our dinner Guest of Honour, Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for Social and Family Development, and Second Minister for National Development.



Excellent performance by WindWorkz. Thank you for the great



Some friendly competition during our charity auction segment.



Minister Desmond Lee addressing our dinner guests with his opening speech.



MCYC Chairman, Mr Robert Lim, with Minister Desmond Lee enjoying the dinner entertainment.



Congratulations Rev Dr Gordon Wong on coming in first place at our golf tournament!



Friends of MCYC. Thank you for celebrating with us!



Yum Seng! Enjoying a drink at the Grand Ballroom foyer.

I PLAY, I LEARN, I PEAK

by Genevieve Liao, iPEAK



“The highest form of research is essentially play.”

Professor Neville Vincent Scarfe

At iPEAK, we strive to incorporate play and education as research has shown that play is one of the main ways in which children learn. During the March school holidays, our beneficiaries participated in **Sentosa Gives 2018**, a community outreach programme organised by Sentosa Development Corporation. It was a day of fun while engaging the children in learning through realistic and interactive activities at KidZania – an indoor theme park, built like a city with a functioning economy and currency.

This trip to KidZania was an opportunity for our students, many with learning and behavioural challenges, to practice and acquire new vocabulary through role-playing activities at the different stations in KidZania. Not only did it give our students exposure to how the working world feels like, they also learned to develop their social skills through interacting with each another. In one fascinating instance, some of the children realised that they had insufficient Kidzos (KidZania currency) and decided to pool together their Kidzos to buy souvenirs to share. They also demonstrated the “kampong spirit” of loving and sharing with one another just like a family. The older students took care of the younger ones in this seemingly “busy working world”, despite the fact that they were all equally excited to “work” in





KidZania. What an amazing display of camaraderie and problem-solving skills! Also, what a great testament to the good work done by the iPEAK teachers to inculcate these skills into the children.

For others, it was also an opportunity to overcome their anxieties and practice regulation skills under foreign situations where there is a sensory overload for them.

Patrick* has Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); and just like the other children, he was excited to go on this excursion. Yet, upon arriving at KidZania, he was ridden with anxiety at this unfamiliar playground filled with loud sounds and flashing bright lights. He hesitated and needed encouragement to enter the theme park. Patrick, who loves the colour red, was captivated by the red fire engine at his first stop – the fire station! Yet, while waiting for his turn to

“work” as a fire-fighter, Patrick changed his mind every few minutes, battling between wanting to enter the fire station and staying outside where he is more familiar. At the height of his anxiety, he threw his wristband at his teacher. He soon apologised but not without grunting in frustration with himself. In the end, Patrick chose to sit out of this activity, while ever-so-often, sticking his nose through a gap in the glass door to look longingly at his peers. With time, Patrick was able to settle down and better regulate himself to participate in other stations, albeit it was an arduous process.

KidZania provides many learning opportunities for children through their various activities. These allow the children to practice language and communication skills, counting and transaction proficiency and life skills through the simulation of a “busy working world”. We must also not forget that experiences such as this one also help in children’s social skills and self-regulation skills, which are often overlooked but equally (if not more) important in their development. Such experiences and excursions out of the classroom provide opportunities for children to enjoy themselves while exploring new things at their own pace, resulting in a much better understanding of the world around them.



**Name changed to protect confidentiality*



Firefighters to the rescue!



Aspiring police officers assemble for a briefing.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT MCYC STUDENT CARE?

by the Students of MCYC Student Care Centres (SCC)



Hello! We are Evelyne and Sherlene. We have been in MCYC's Student Care Centre since we were in Primary 2. What we like most here is that we get to see our friends, talk to them and play with them during playtime. MCYC is full of good and kind teachers and has outings during the school holidays, which we always look forward to! We also have a reward system to collect prizes. The teachers in MCYC Student Care provide us with a wide variety of games and snacks. We also have enrichment programmes and art and craft activities. If you join MCYC Student Care, you will never regret it. Come be a part of the family!

Evelyne Burm and Sherlene Koh (P5)

MCYC's Student Care Centre is my second home. Whenever I leave MCYC's Student Care Centre, I always wish I had more time instead of going home! The best part about being here is having time with my friends. They are kind, gentle and funny and I enjoy being with them. I wish I can be with them forever. I have been here since Primary 1, and all the teachers here are kind. When I leave this school, I will come back and visit my Student Care teachers again next time.

Ong Hui Min (P5)





The December school holidays in the Student Care Centre is the best! The outings are always fun and exciting! One of the outings we had was at Kidz Amaze; and we even got to eat McDonalds for lunch! I partnered with my friend Shahdrudyn on one of the outings and we had lots of fun. I cannot wait for the June holidays, I am looking forward to all the enrichment and team building games!

Ng Jing Xuan (P5)

I joined MCYC's Student Care Centre in Primary 1. At that time, I was scared when I first stepped into the office with my parents to register for Student Care. After that, when I stepped into the classroom, Ms JC told me to sign in and Ms Julia got me a buddy. I remember his name is Bryan. He is very kind to me and told me every part of Student Care. The teachers are also very nice!

Mandel Wong (P5)



I think MCYC's Student Care Centre is nice as we go on outings during the holidays. Teachers or volunteers will arrange awesome enrichment programmes or activities for us to participate in. Teachers help us to get basketballs, toys and board games like chess for us during our playtime too.

Jonathan Enzo Lopez (P6)



With Grateful Thanks

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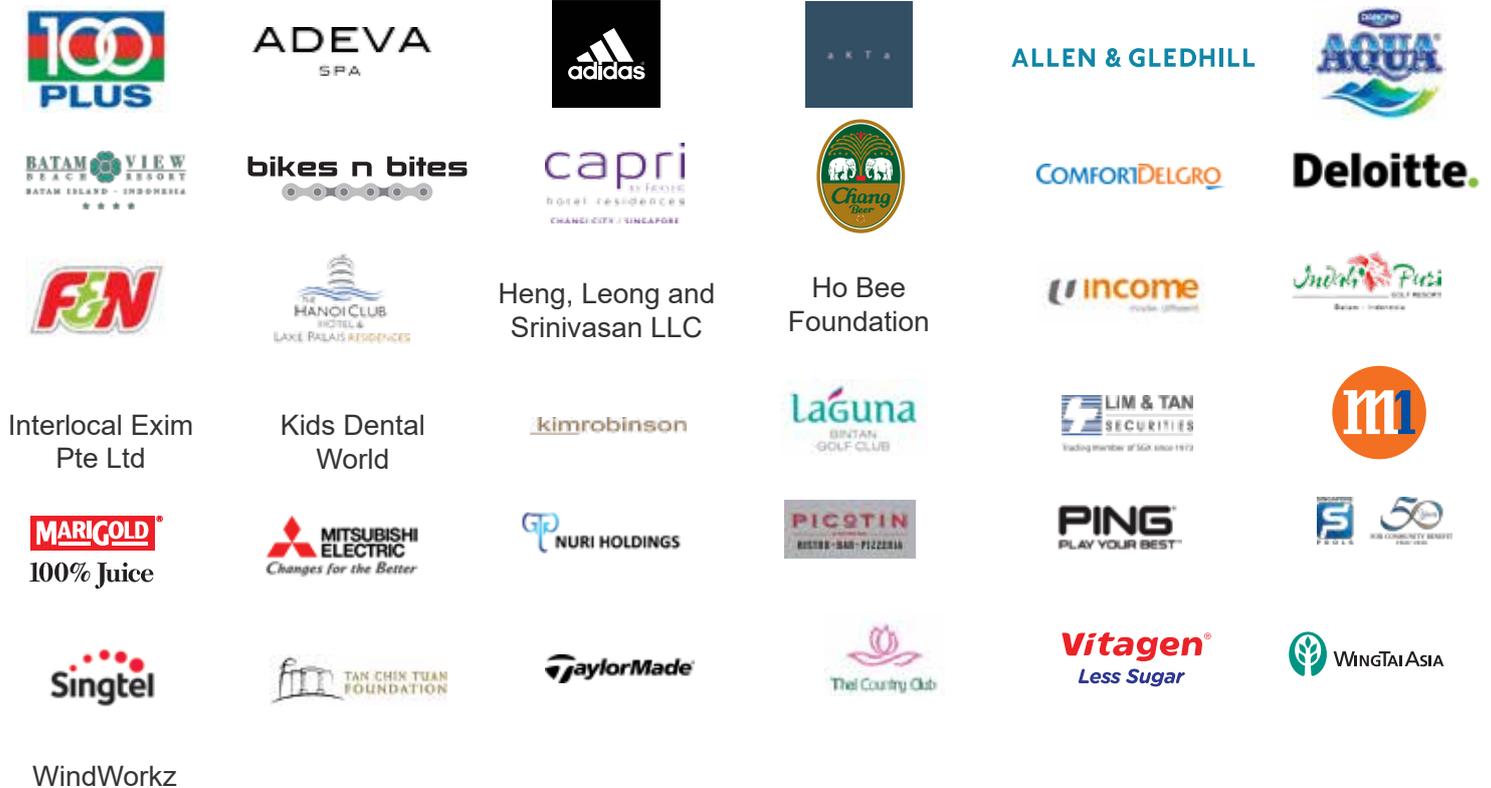


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Volunteers play an important role in our programmes and services, many of which could not have been conducted without their involvement. Volunteers can choose to be engaged in ad-hoc, short- or long-term programmes and are matched to programmes according to their time, interest and inclination.

Examples of ways you can help are:

- kidsREAD (reading programme for young kids)
- Student Care
- Community Programmes and Events



Please contact Ms Jessica Soo, Assistant Manager - Volunteer Management and Facilities Management, at 6715 3711 or jessicasoo@mcyc.sg for details on how you can volunteer with MCYC Community Services Society.

THE HELP YOU GIVE CAN CHANGE LIVES

The MCYC Community Services Society (MCYC) has been helping at-risk children and youths from needy and disadvantaged families in their educational, social, emotional and moral development since June 2008. We are a registered charity, a full member of the National Council of Social Service and an Institution of a Public Character.

In the last financial year, our programmes and services reached over 5,000 children, youths and their parents. Through our intervention, we hope that they with their families will be able to better cope with the demands of our fast-paced society.

Our ability to continue helping children, youths and parents from dysfunctional, disadvantaged and needy families is largely dependent on our generous well-wishers who strongly believe in our cause. As a voluntary welfare organisation dependent on goodwill donations, we seek your ongoing support to realise our mission and objectives of developing those most in need to become useful members of society.