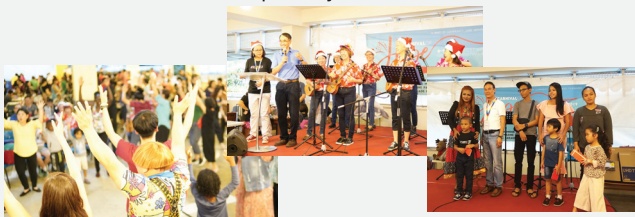


Highlights of BCCS Fundraiser **CARNIVAL OF Hope**

14th December 2019 - a beautiful day to remember, a glorious day to celebrate. BCCS had our first carnival fundraiser at Bartley Christian Church. It was truly a great success with a great turn up of over 600 participants. Thank you to all generous sponsors and donors for helping us to raise above our fundraising goal of \$200,000. We would like to appreciate the carnival planning committee and all volunteers for all the labour of love to bring joy, cheer and hope to those who attended the carnival, especially the beneficiaries.



There was such a glorious atmosphere at the carnival, with so much joyous moments to relish. More than 160 beneficiaries attended the Carnival of Hope - enjoying the fun games and bouncy castle, feasting at our gourmet stalls and buffet food galore. Our carnival participants were able to enjoy the wonderful performances by the ukulele ladies, song ensembles and the participative dance segment was such a delight. Many shopped for a good cause at the bazaar and auction sales. Both children and adults were entertained by the flamboyant clown, and many requested for their favourite sculptured balloons. Happy faces of the children who got their face and hand painted; fun and memorable moments of friends and families captured at the Photo booth - all these mental images were memories to hold. Our workshop participants had a great time learning new skills at the Zentangle Art Class, Kimchi Making Class, Microbit Coding and Drone Workshops; doing good while learning as the proceeds of registered workshops had been taken in as coupon sales.



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We are honoured to have our guests of honor, Mr Seah Kian Peng, MP for Marine Parade GRC (Braddell Heights) and Mrs Jean Seah, along with the members of the Braddell Heights Zone B RC to grace the event.

The reflections of Mr Kenneth Teo, our Vice Chairman, very much encapsulates BCCS' endeavours for the past decades and onwards. We are thankful for the relationships forged with our partners and with our beneficiaries and families.



"Exactly TWENTY YEARS of partnership with Braddell Heights Zone B RC and counting! The Children's Millennium party in 1999 was the first carnival held at Lorong Lew Lian in front of Block 6. What followed were many more carnivals, dumpling and mooncake festivals, children's Creative Hands, tuition, spring cleaning, lunch pack distribution, monthly active aging program and weekly visitation to the elderly homes. We're now working with the 4th RC chairman; Bernard Chiang, Kelvin Kai and Raja being the past three respectively. In an age where not many relationships and partnerships last very long due to changing agendas, I'm kinda proud of what we have here with them. Here's to more meaningful years of 'Touching Hearts and Building Lives' with them."



Reflections by Mr Kenneth Teo

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Bag Making Course



One key objective of the HOPE programme is to enable single moms with the ability to earn a livelihood independently. Some of the courses which have been weaved into Hope programme include creative handicrafts, elementary hair cutting and cake baking. In June this year, we introduced the bag making course. Two of our beneficiaries took up the challenge to embark on this course and completed it over 10 training sessions. The ladies were guided by the trainer for several more weeks to ensure that the workmanship quality was maintained.

Both ladies are elated to have acquired this new skill sets through Hope Programme as they are now able to produce handmade bags and products

which can be uniquely customised to one's preference of colour and fabric. We are very proud of their achievements as their handmade tote bags and handiworks were made available for sale at our fundraiser event "Carnival of Hope". We would like to extend our appreciation to the trainer, Ms Suzan Tjong, for her patience and commitment to ensure the ladies complete what they have set out to do!

We intend to run this course again for those who may be interested to learn this skill to generate some income to support their families. We are currently exploring various traditional and social media platforms to help them market their products. Please follow us on BartleyCare - BCCS official Facebook page for more updates. Support our friends of BCCS by making a purchase or more, these would make such meaningful gifts!

Batik Painting Enrichment Class



30 children from KidsZone@Cedar had registered and turned up eagerly for this Batik Painting Class on 9th Oct 2019. They had been waiting in anticipation and were even counting down weeks leading to the day of this specially arranged enrichment class. The kit had everything ready - a paint brush, a colour palette and the picture. It was a great activity for the children to explore an alternative painting medium using fabric dye. The trainer, Ms Farah, gave step by step instructions on how and what to do. The children followed the steps, with zeal and enthusiasm.

Batik painting was an opportunity for the children to unleash their creativity and discover their artistic flair. With the given materials and some guidance from the trainer, the children were able to create their own art pieces. The final products were indeed beautiful masterpieces which they took pride in.

"I was pleasantly surprised that 'problematic kids' were able to concentrate and did an excellent job. One who had previously claimed she 'didn't like art' enjoyed it so much that she wanted to do another one. The event not only allowed the children to express themselves, it also helped to boost their self-esteem as it brought about a sense of achievement when looking at their painting."

Reflections by Ms Lee Lai Peng,
Programme Coordinator

Staff Retreat 2019

Team BCCS Overcomes Challenges as One



During our Staff Retreat in October 2019, the team had a fruitful time of planning led by our Chairman, Mr Michael Chay. Our visions were sharpened, remapping steps and aligning goals to our common mission. This was followed by a great team-bonding experience at Forest Adventure. Scaling obstacles through the challenging Grand Course amongst tree tops, including the Big Zip Line, was definitely faith-stretching for some of us, having to overcome our fears. Team BCCS came and conquered these challenges together, with encouragement and support from one another. Akin to our programmes and services which are extended to help the disadvantaged that we serve in the community, we rise by lifting others. Our souls grow, and find joy when we give to others. Thankful for all the faithful volunteers who have been serving alongside BCCS, all of whom are such great inspiration and encouragement to us.