

Heart 2 Heart

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Turning
OUR GIFTS INTO
Gives



CAPLE happenings!

Our CAPLE kid, Rifqi Mizra, has learnt to write his numbers and numerals well. Look at the beautiful Numeral Train and Number Caterpillar that Rifqi has made! **The teachers are really proud of his positive learning attitude.** Thumbs up for his mum, Mdm Siti Muhanini, for being actively involved in coaching him at home.



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Mdm Siti Muhanini



Thank You!

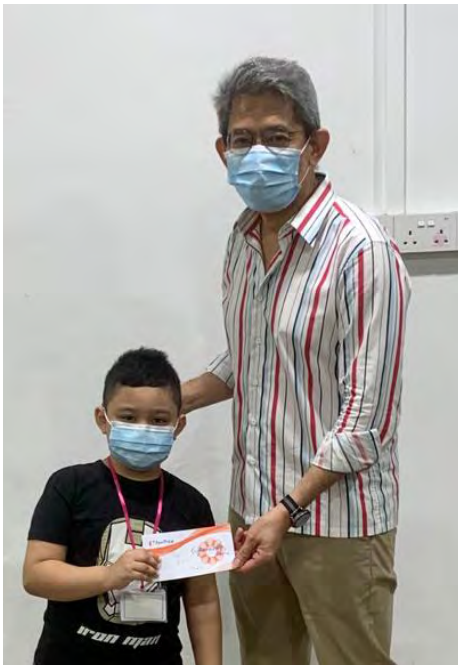
to all our volunteer teachers for your time, patience and love in guiding our CAPLE child and parent participants in their learning journey.





voucher presentation

Mr Kenneth Teo, Director of Programmes and Services, presented gift vouchers to graduating K2 students from our CAPLE 2020 Programme. We hope all our CAPLE kids will continue to enjoy learning in school and excel in their passions.



Hope happenings!



Ms Chew Chee Kuan

our part-time HOPE Program coordinator, shares more about her work, challenges faced and what motivates her to continue this work of serving the disadvantaged.

Chee Kuan facilitated the mask-pouch sewing classes over the months of September and October, with Kim Choo, our dedicated trainer. 7 of our HOPE participants learnt crafting and sewing skills to produce functional mask pouches and they earned a small income through this project.



Sharing from the Heart By Chee Kuan, Hope Program Coordinator

How has joining BCCS impacted you?

Since joining BCCS, I find my time very meaningfully spent as I am occupied with the welfare of our disadvantaged friends. While my health condition has not been stable, I find myself wanting to do all I can now to be functional and be up and going as there is so much to be done.

What are some challenges you face in your course of work and what motivates you to continue doing what you do?

Other than empowerment through skills training, we provide counselling support to help overcome their emotional encumbrances.

The difficulties the families face are life situations that I personally may often not have encountered, I find myself needing

to listen, empathise and understand more deeply the factors surrounding the issues and the root causes of these issues. I have to read up on such issues in social and news media, network more and try to collaborate with others who are active in the community help work so I could better help our friends from the Hope Program.

Share with us some touching moments or how you felt fulfilled in your BCCS work.

I am actually most touched by volunteers, especially those who commit themselves to serve for long periods without expecting rewards. Their passion in showing such sacrificial love for vulnerable children give me a sense of the love of God for those in need.

It has also been a privilege for me to join BCCS at the start of the Covid-19 circuit breaker where I was tasked to call and assess every family in our beneficiary list and extend practical help to them.

I am also very glad when after the circuit breaker, most of our friends found jobs and are back to work. I am proud of their sense of independence - many are also doing part-time home-based business such as sales of cakes and snacks that they make themselves during their off-work hours.

Share an inspiring story from families you have helped.

There was a couple with four children who shared their rented flat with the two brothers of the wife, her mother and two children of her brothers'. The brothers were unemployed during the circuit breaker and the couple held down two jobs to support this big household.

However in their difficulties, the wife was always upbeat. Besides a small cash gift during the circuit breaker period, we helped her obtain an additional laptop for her kids to use.

What's your encouragement to those who feel trapped and lost in life's challenges?

For anyone who feels trapped and lost in their situations, do find someone to talk to. There are avenues of relief and while in some situations we need to hold out through the difficult periods, temporary relief can be found or changes can be made to make our situations manageable. These are made possible with the many varieties of help agencies in Singapore. Through HOPE program, we try to journey with friends in such situations and explore ways of helping them get into pathways towards improvement in their situations.

If you would like to support our friends from the HOPE Program, please email cheekuan.chew@bccs.org.sg or scan the QR code to make your online purchase.



BY OUR
HOPE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



We are encouraged by the commitment of our participants, especially Mdm Fatimah Bivee, who had shown such resilience and zeal throughout the course. Despite health issues, she would wheel herself from her residence in Geylang East to attend the sewing classes held at our centre.



WALK APART TOGETHER

BCCS iWalk 2020

21 NOV-6 DEC 2020

A BIG THANK YOU!

to all participants and supporters of our virtual walkathon fundraiser- BCCS iWalk 2020. You have helped raised awareness for the disadvantaged and under-privileged in our community. Neither Covid-19 nor any other adversity is going to stop us from doing good. The work to help improve and restore lives of many in our community must go on!



More than 200 participants, young and old, from all walks of life, have come together to walk in solidarity with our beneficiaries and volunteers. We are thankful for the support and about **\$93,000 was raised** through this event.



Bringing Christmas Cheer to the elderly



Thank You!

to all our FamilyZone volunteers for bringing the Christmas gift packs and festive cheers to the elderly at Lorong Lew Lian.



Many of the elderly look forward to sharing their life with BCCS volunteers and warmly invite them into their homes for coffee chats. It is through these personal visits that bonds are built over time, attention made known if any elderly require other care and assistance in their daily lives.

Christmas Gift Packs



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home visits

Volunteer Sally was carrying this walking cane around while giving out the Christmas gift packs to the elderly. It was meant for one of the Lunchpack Distribution recipient, a 90-year-old elderly who was not at home at the point of visit.

Eventually, we found Uncle Seah chatting with another elderly at the void deck. **He beamed with joy** upon receiving the Christmas gift pack from BCCS and his walking cane, a thoughtful gift from Sally!



Volunteer with Us!

BCCS continues to welcome all who share our vision, to give your time and talents, to help the work of BCCS flourish. We hope you are inspired to join us to be part of BCCS Volunteer Team. Register your interests at www.bccs.org.sg/volunteers-registration or scan the QR code

