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**Care Corner** was formed out of a concern for a group of people commonly referred to as the blue-collar class. These people were marginalised due to their Chinese-speaking background, and had to deal with problems associated with low-income and inadequate education. Care Corner believed that help could be offered to them as well as others who were in disadvantaged situations, to help them realise their potential and become competent and fulfilled persons. In 1981, work began when the Hotline Counselling service in Mandarin was successfully set-up. Today, we offer a holistic range of services from infant to elder care.

**Our Vision**

To impact the lives of people in Singapore by providing CARE and sharing LOVE.

**Our Mission**

To provide a range of quality services for the well-being and growth of the community based on the principle of 'CARE'.

- C - We base all activities on Christian values
- A - All of us are Ambassadors of Care and Love
- R - We are providers of Reliable and quality services
- E - We are enthused to serve and go the Extra Mile for the people we serve

**Mission Guide**

Reference Matthew 25: 35-36

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

**Care Corner News**

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*Corporate News*



Care Corner Singapore Ltd ['CCS'] celebrated its 30th Anniversary on 9 December 2011 with a festive dinner at The Grassroots Club, filled with joy and excitement, as reflected by the cheerful decoration at the event hall and the happy expressions of everyone present<sup>1</sup>. The event was held in recognition of the organisation's 30 years of dedicated and passionate service to the community, following a legacy of faithful service in the footsteps of Care Corner founding members.

MG(NS) Chan Chun Sing, Acting Minister of the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports ('MCYS'), graced the event as Guest-of-Honour. Guests included Mr Chan Heng

Kee, Permanent Secretary of MCYS; directors and officers from MCYS, The National Council of Social Service ['NCSS'], Presidents from fellow help agencies, constituency managers from the Citizens' Consultative Committees, as well as Care Corner beneficiaries, directors, staff and volunteers.

The forty-two table dinner event saw a programme that included a speech by CCS Chairman, Mr Daniel Ang; performances by the children from Care Corner Child Development Centres<sup>2</sup>; a dance by youth members from CROSSROAD Youth Centre<sup>3</sup>; a Praise segment by Renewal Christian Church; video clips on Care Corner beneficiaries; and choral performances by

Care Corner staff members<sup>4</sup>, who also presented guests with a commemorative CD of songs specially recorded by the staff. Of course the event did not end without the ceremonial cake cutting on stage<sup>5</sup>, which included a triple traditional toast led by the Guest-of-Honour and CCS board directors, in tribute to past and on-going efforts of the organisation, working in close partnership with the Ministry and stakeholders to meet the needs of the less privileged in the community.

The Care Corner management and staff would like to thank MCYS, NCSS, Community Chest, the many donors, volunteers and partners-in-service who have walked alongside the organisation on its journey.

**Bible Verse**

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."*

- Proverbs 3:4-6

# Establishing Close Knit Ties in Community Work

by Care Corner Family Service Centre (Woodlands)

Care Corner Family Service Centre (Woodlands) ['FSCWL'] was honoured to host a visit from Mr Ong Teng Koon, Minister of Parliament for Sembawang GRC-Woodgrove Division, and his grassroots leaders ['GRLs'] for a networking meeting on 5 November 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to serve the community better through stronger ties forged between FSCWL, its sister centre: Care Corner Family Service Centre (Admiralty) ['FSCAM']; and the GRLs of Sembawang GRC-Woodgrove Division.

The meeting included presentations by representatives from both FSCWL and FSCAM on Care Corner operations, as well as a presentation on Sembawang GRC-Woodgrove Division by Ms Angela Goh, Vice-chairman of Woodgrove Citizens' Consultative Committee. After



the meeting, the guests proceeded over to Care Corner Student Care Centre (Woodlands) for lunch. There, MP Ong Teng Koon was presented a choral

song performance by the children from the Centre. The children were indeed delighted to have their photo taken with MP Ong after their performance!



FSCWL wishes to thank MP Ong for gracing the occasion, together with the various representatives of Woodgrove CCC and Sembawang Town Council. The Centre looks forward to the continued close working relationship with Woodgrove CCC and Sembawang Town Council.

## NEW HELP AVAILABLE... for Families Experiencing Difficulties in Paying Service and Conservancy Charges

by Care Corner Family Service Centre (Woodlands)



(Right to left) Mr Daniel Chien – COO (FSC) & FSCWL Centre Director; Ms B. Rukmani – Sembawang, Nee Soon Town Council's Senior Finance & Admin Manager; and Mr Stephen Chia – FSCWL Senior Social Worker; discussed new ways of rendering aid to families.

Previously, when a family or resident was unable to pay their Service and Conservancy Charges, reminder letters were sent to them by the Town Council till their arrears were settled. There did not seem to be any other alternative help available to these families.

Now, a new protocol has been established to help families living in the Sembawang - Nee Soon area, who are having difficulties in paying their Service and Conservancy charges.

In line with establishing more connections with stakeholders, representatives from Care Corner Family Service Centre (Woodlands) ['FSCWL'] and Sembawang Nee Soon Town



# THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

## AT THEIR DOOR STEP!

by Care Corner Family Service Centre (Admiralty)

The community outreach by Care Corner Family Service Centre (Admiralty) ['FSCAM'] took a different approach in December 2011. Families from low-income households did not need to gather at the Centre for a Christmas party, but were instead treated to a carolling chorale at their very door-step!

Together with volunteers from Hope Church, FSCAM staff formed carolling teams and visited homes of low-income households, armed with a simple guitar, festive red hats, and Christmas gift hampers. The gift hampers were specially put together for the families, and included food items, festive goodies and toys for children.

The carolling group and the families had a lovely time bonding, with families enthusiastically joining in the singing. In all, twenty homes were blessed over the three-day evening activity.

*For more information on Care Corner FSC (Admiralty), please Tel: 6365 8751 or email: [am.fsc@carecorner.org.sg](mailto:am.fsc@carecorner.org.sg).*



FSCAM Staff Carol Singers



Council ['SNTC'] met on 8 September 2011 to discuss ways in which SNTC could refer such families to FSCWL for support. The fruitful meeting yielded the following methods of rendering aid to such families via two categories of referrals:

1. The first category would be needy residents (or clients) who are unable to pay Service and Conservancy Charges. A financial assessment will be made by FSCWL's social workers after which they will be referred to the GRC's, Citizen Consultative Committee's Welfare Committee who will render the necessary financial assistance. If the referral clients are existing FSCWL cases, the Centre would work with

the families on the issue to assist them financially.

2. The second category comprises of residents who are financially able, but unwilling to pay due to other reasons. FSCWL would seek to engage these residents to provide necessary counsel and assistance.

FSCWL is excited about this partnership with the Town Council as it provides more opportunities to reach out to clients within its boundaries. Through establishing a stronger service network with its partners, the Centre has also built closer connectedness with the residents in the community.

*For more information on Care Corner FSC (Woodlands) services, please Tel: 6362 2481 or email: [wl.fsc@carecorner.org.sg](mailto:wl.fsc@carecorner.org.sg).*



# Nerf War Comes to CROSSROAD Youth Centre!

by CROSSROAD Youth Centre

Using the similar "war game" concept played by the youths in computer LAN gaming, 'CROSSROAD Nerf War' is another fun and engaging initiative by CROSSROAD Youth Centre ['CYC'], which aims to promote healthy outdoor pursuits among its youth members, as well as to develop useful skills such as communication, leadership, team work and effective planning. The game is conducted once a month by a group of volunteer youth leaders (EXCOs) together with CYC staff.

It was an honour indeed to have Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for National Development, MP for Sembawang GRC, grace the eighth CROSSROAD Nerf War Game held on 3 December 2011, which saw CYC youths participating in a combined game with a group of young PAP members (Sembawang Branch). Both teams spent an entire fun-filled morning planning strategies and interacting with one another.

CROSSROAD Youth Centre wishes to record its sincere appreciation to Minister Khaw and the young PAP members (Sembawang Branch) for their donation of the latest Nerf blasters (Vortex) equipments, and for their continued support and partnership.

CROSSROAD Youth Centre is a programme by Care Corner Family Service Centre (Admiralty). For enquiries, please Tel: 6364 2203 or email: [am.youth@carecorner.org.sg](mailto:am.youth@carecorner.org.sg).

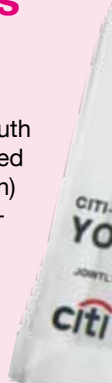


## In Partnership with Citi-YMCA Youth For Causes

by Care Corner - Teck Ghee Youth Centre

For the last two years, Care Corner-Teck Ghee Youth Centre ['CC-TGYC'] has been privileged to be selected as a partner VWO (i.e. Voluntary Welfare Organisation) for different project teams participating in the Citi-YMCA Youth For Causes project. This project, initiated by Citibank Singapore Ltd and the YMCA, promotes social entrepreneurship and community leadership development among Singapore youths. Team members learn to budget, raise funds, mobilise volunteers and increase public awareness towards various social causes.

Inclusive of seed funding, the team from Choa Chu Kang Secondary School raised nearly \$2,900 for CC-TGYC in 2010; and in 2011, the team from Victoria Junior College raised



## K2 Overnight Farewell Camp

by Care Corner Child Development Centre (Canberra Road)

For the first time ever, Care Corner Child Development Centre (Canberra Road) ['CDCCA'] organised an overnight K2 Farewell Camp for its graduating class, from 25 to 26 November 2011. To many children, it was their first experience being away from their parents for an extended period of time, and the idea alone would no doubt have some parents worrying. However, the reality was that the kids returned from their overnight camp with a new sense of independence and confidence!

The day began with an outing to the Singapore Omni-Theatre where the children enjoyed the IMAX movie "Born to be Wild".

After lunch at McDonald's the children visited the Singapore Science Centre Exhibition.



Upon returning to the Centre, the children participated in a fun-filled BBQ dinner and were thrilled to barbeque their very own hotdogs, fish balls and marshmallows! After some very stimulating and fun games, the children were then read bedtime stories as they drifted to sleep. Seeing each other in their pajamas was indeed something new to the children and their teachers!

Centre Supervisor, Ms Eileen Chay, and the Centre's teachers wish to thank all parents for giving their fullest support in making this first time event a very successful one! The children and their accompanying teachers all had a wonderful time and will definitely carry with these fond memories with them for a long time!

For more information on Care Corner's Child Development Centres, please visit the website: [www.carecorner.org.sg](http://www.carecorner.org.sg).



\$9,600. All these funds will go towards supporting CC-TGYC's youth outreach programmes.

CC-TGYC wishes to express its deep appreciation to the project teams for their enthusiastic fund-raising efforts, as well as to the general public for its generous support during the project runs. Through the project, greater awareness has been raised towards the Centre's cause. CC-TGYC looks forward to a continuous partnership with new teams in 2012 and beyond, through future Citi-YMCA Youth For Causes projects.



For more information on CC-TGYC, please Tel: 6554 7100 or email: [cc-tgyc@carecorner.org.sg](mailto:cc-tgyc@carecorner.org.sg).

# "Balik Kampong"

## Volunteers' Appreciation Day 2011

by Care Corner Family Service Centre (Admiralty)

"Balik Kampong" Volunteers' Appreciation Day 2011 organised by Care Corner Family Service Centre (Admiralty) ['FSCAM'] was held on 1 December 2011. Gracing this warm-hearted and meaningful occasion was Chairman of Care Corner Singapore Ltd, Mr Daniel Ang.

The event, which was aptly themed "Balik Kampong" (signifying FSCAM as a place where volunteers could feel at home) saw volunteers of different ages gather with centre staff at The Bottle Tree Park, a venue that exuded a relaxed and rustic charm, for a day of fun and fellowship over prawn fishing and a sumptuous high tea.

This event gave volunteers and centre staff a great opportunity to know each other on a more personal level and to thank the volunteers for their commitment in journeying with the Centre in the course of serving the less fortunate. It was truly a memorable end to 2011 as a year of meaningful joint outreach to the community!

For more volunteering opportunities with Care Corner, please visit [www.carecorner.org.sg](http://www.carecorner.org.sg).



## Special Thanks to The Ascott Limited for Donating \$10,000 to Care Corner's Children Bursary Fund

Corporate Donor



Mr Alfred Ong, Managing Director of Southeast Asia & Australia, from The Ascott Limited (second row, first from right), presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Mr Daniel Chien, Chief Operating Officer (FSC) of Care Corner Singapore Ltd (second row, first from left) in aid of needy children from Care Corner Student Care Centres.



The staff of The Ascott Limited enthusiastically hosted children from Care Corner Student Care Centre (Toa Payoh) during an educational trip sponsored by the esteemed company on 14 November 2011. Places visited included the Central Fire Station, the Singapore Philatelic Museum, and the Ascott Raffles Place Singapore.

**Istana garden party for needy Singaporeans**

By Rachel Chiang

**PROJECT WE CARE**, the People's Association's (PA) corporate volunteerism scheme, held its first ever "elderly garden party" at the Istana for needy Singaporeans. President and Mrs. Tony Tan Keng Yam were guests of honour at the event, jointly hosted by the PA and chief executives of 31 companies, and with guests-of-honour, President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, and Mrs Tan.

attended with her husband and two sons. "My boys have never been exposed to this kind of thing before." President We Care, launched last week, is an initiative to promote corporate social responsibility. The idea came from Si Chuan (Sun) Hsu, executive director of operating offices of 31 company type. About 40 companies, including Global Yasho Pagers, Asia Pacific Services and Nestle long-lets projects with the PA. The scheme will focus on helping out all black incidents - especially the old and the young - through initiatives like food and social activities, income opportunities, and social engagement. For example, Model Makin School will hold three come families identified by the South East Community Development Council. The party was attended by low-income families living in need of help in different parts of Singapore. As the adults, children played with balloons and water balloons and still-walkers, and very happy to be here," said chairman Phipps Javelon, 42, who



President Tony Tan Keng Yam (top left) wearing long hair, in traditional Chinese rice hair, to members of Care Corner Seniors Activity Centres at a garden party at the Istana on Monday. An event under the People's Association's corporate volunteerism scheme. (PHOTO BY THE STRAITS TIMES)

**Istana Garden Party Treat for Elderly**

by Care Corner Seniors Activity Centres

The large Garden Party held at the Istana for needy Singaporeans on 8 January 2012 was the first event for the People's Association's ['PA'] corporate volunteerism scheme. Aptly named "Project We Care", the event attended by low-income Singaporeans, was jointly hosted by the PA and chief executives of 31 companies, and with guests-of-honour, President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, and Mrs Tan.

Among the numerous guests enjoying the sumptuous food and entertaining performances organised, were 84 participants comprising elderly beneficiaries, as well as staff and volunteers from three Care Corner Seniors Activity Centres.

For Mr Loh Hong Lee, 79, the icing to the cake for this first time visit to the Istana was being able to meet the President in person. Truly excited at this encounter, Mr Loh (right) commented that the President looked better in person than in photographs, and expressed that he felt very honoured and grateful for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

For more information on Care Corner Seniors Activity Centres, please visit [www.carecorner.org.sg](http://www.carecorner.org.sg).



*Community Support*

**Running for a Cause!**

Care Corner Family Service Centre (Toa Payoh) was privileged to be selected as one of the beneficiaries of The Bull Charge 2011 organised by Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX) on 11 November 2011. The Centre is very grateful to SGX for its continued support and partnership in its outreach work to poor and needy families.

For more information about The Bull Charge 2011 visit <http://bullcharge.sg>.



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Care Corner - Teck Ghee Youth Centre

Thank you for giving



### Testimony

## Thank You Letter from a Parent...

by Care Corner Educational Therapy Service

Hi Isaac (Centre Head),

Just want to write you a BIG thank you note on behalf of Xavier Tay (aged 8).

Since Xavier started on your KidsBright programme this January 2011, we have seen overall improvement in his numeracy sense.

In his recent Primary 2 examinations taken under the standard hours (no extension), he scored 80/100 marks which is a drastic improvement from his Primary 1 examination score of 47/100 (with extended time). The improvement in grades is way beyond our expectations!

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for implementing the KidsBright programme in Singapore.

Regards,  
Samantha

KidsBright Programme is a programme offered by Care Corner Educational Therapy Service, that helps children with learning disorders (such as ADHD, Dyslexia, Sensory/Auditory Processing Disorder, Dyspraxia and mild Autism) improve their basic academic skills and cognitive functioning.

Focusing on brain development, KidsBright programme effectively enhances children's cognitive functions which are essential to learning, reading, speech, language and math skills. It also effectively helps children with no learning disorders but have difficulties in one or more of the following areas: Reading/Spelling, Memory, Attention, Handwriting, Motor Coordination, Balance, Language/Speech, Visual Processing, Impulse Control, Mathematics, Auditory Processing and Hyperactivity.

Care Corner Educational Therapy Service [ETS] offers specialised learning support services for children with special learning needs to help them achieve their potential and succeed in daily learning and living. For more information, please Tel: 6259 8683 or email: ets@carecorner.org.sg .

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