



TOUCH
Community Services
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School with a Heart

Dear friends

School with a Heart 2009

As 2008 comes to a close, our hearts are filled with joy and gratefulness as we remember the smiles on our clients' faces. This has been a fruitful and rewarding year for TOUCH Community Services, thanks to your support.

Your partnership is valuable to us, and to the needy and disadvantaged in our community. As you will read in this flyer, many lives have been transformed through the participation of students and teachers alike as they contributed in different ways towards a good cause.

Like Mother Teresa said, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love". We look forward to partner with you through School with a Heart 2009. Whether you are a long-time treasured partner or a new partner onboard, let's resolve to touch a heart and change a life in 2009!

Please refer to the proposed CIP list enclosed, where you may indicate your interests in the attached reply form.

May 2009 be a rewarding year for you!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

EDMUND WONG
General Manager

Thank you for making a difference!



HONG BAO BLESSINGS

In the midst of festive camaraderie, 23,000 students chose to make a difference at Chinese New Year. By setting aside part of their money from their red packet collection, these students aim to help the needy clients from TOUCH so that the clients can have a better life. TOUCH would like to thank all the participating schools for taking part in this fund-raising event.

"Through this exercise, I think the students really understood why it is more blessed to give than to receive. We are glad to work with TOUCH for the third consecutive year, and we hope our contributions will help to lessen the burden of their needy clients." - Mdm Tan Chui Lin (Ahmad Ibrahim Primary School)



LOVE IN A BOUQUET

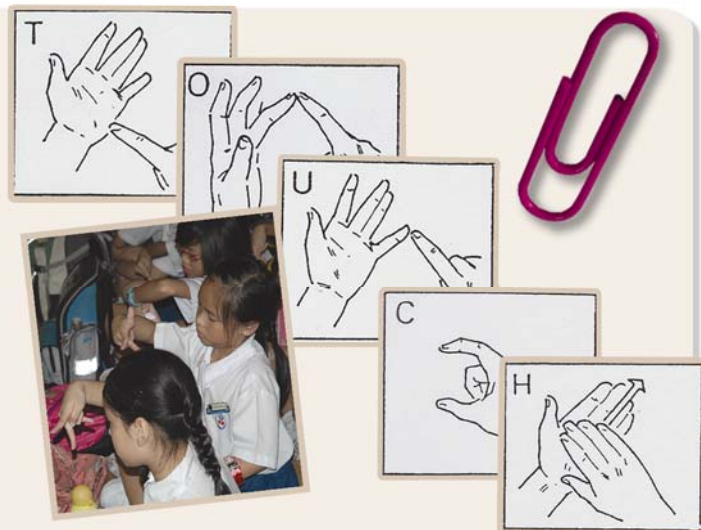
10 May was a special day for 220 pairs of children and mother from TOUCH Young Arrows (TYA). The children showed appreciation to their mothers by presenting them with sponsored bouquets of flowers. TOUCH would like to thank Mayflower Primary for co-organising this event. Besides raising \$4,173, the school's Parent Support Group and the students were also actively involved in the event. It was a heart-warming sight as the TYA children presented flowers and gifts to their mothers and exchanged hugs and words of appreciation

"I'm very touched by today's programme and I really enjoyed myself. I want to thank the organisers for giving us this chance to celebrate Mother's Day with so many others."

- Mrs Lim (grandmother and caregiver of TYA client)

AWARENESS TALKS

Students from various schools had benefited from 'silent presentations' conducted by Ms Charlene Wong, a Community Outreach Executive from TOUCH Silent Club (TSC). Being hearing impaired, Charlene engages students through sign language, aided by an interpreter. Through the presentation, students learnt about sign language and the Deaf community. In return, the students showed their support for the Deaf through making donations to TSC clients. The donations collected will aid TSC in running programmes that are beneficial to the deaf community.



TOUCH Run

Four students from Anderson JC named themselves 'INCREDIBLES!!!' and organised a charity run to raise \$10,000 for the needy children of TOUCH Young Arrows (TYA) through the Citibank-YMCA Youth for Causes programme. Member of Parliament, Mr Seng Han Thong was the Guest-of-Honour. Together with Ms Susan Leong, Principal of AJC & Mr Lawrence Tan, Assistant Manager of TYA, he walked the 5km route with the children of TYA. Some 200 participants took up the 10km route. This event not only honed the students' strategic organisational skills, it also provided fun and joy to the needy children from TYA.



"I'm glad I managed to finish the run! It was very fun and exciting and I want to say a big 'Thank you' to the jie-jies and kor-kors for organizing this charity run for us!"
- 10 year old Izamanriah Bin Abdullah, TYA Client



Project 'Adopt a Puppet'

A group of students from Nanyang Girls' High School carried out their project, titled 'Adopt a Puppet' in the hope of inspiring children from TYA to realise their potential in life. The team and its volunteers held a Charity Car Wash over four weekends and raised more than \$1,000. In addition, they also taught children from TYA at Bedok to make finger puppets over four Saturdays. These puppets were then sold to raise funds. Through puppet-making, the children not only learnt a new craft but also enjoyed interacting with the volunteers.

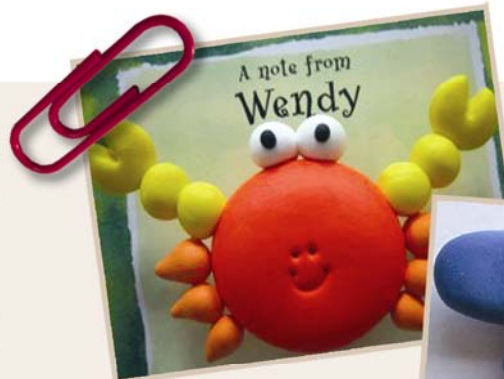
Coming such a long way, it has been a remarkable experience to do something close to our hearts. This project has taught us about teamwork & the spirit of giving!"

- Team representative, Chee Qian Wen

Handicrafts for Charity

Calling their group 'LoveMark', four students from Hwa Chong Institution aimed to raise funds and increase awareness for TYA, as well as to help their fellow peers appreciate what they have, compared to the needy children of TYA. Over 10 weeks, LoveMark sold clay handicrafts made by the children in Bugis and Orchard Road and raised more than \$3,000!

"We spent day and night making the handicrafts and managing street sales. It was very tough, but when I think about the lovely children, it makes me very happy that I can contribute this way." - Team representative, Chen Shujie





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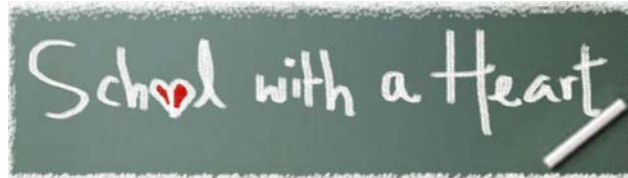
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COMMITTED
TO
GIVING!

We believe that every individual is capable of reaching his or her potential.

- ❖ Is a not-for-profit charitable organisation officially registered in 1992
- ❖ Is a member of National Council of Social Service since 1994 and we are able to issue tax-deductible receipts for donations
- ❖ Has an integrated network of 17 services
- ❖ Has 18 centres island-wide, including Bukit Merah, Clementi, Geylang Bahru, Hougang, Serangoon, Toa Payoh, Ubi and Yishun
- ❖ Reached out to more than 100,000 individuals from all races and religions over the last 16 years.
- ❖ Reached out to 9,485 individuals a month in 2007
- ❖ Has 132 staff and 800 active volunteers who are committed to the well-being of the community

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YES! I want to be part of **School with a Heart 2009** through the following activities!
Please ✓ your preferred activity/ activities. Thank you!

Flag Day (29 August)

Love in Unity and Action!

With tins in hands, staff of TOUCH Community Services and participating students embark on a mission to garner donations from passer-bys – all for the cause of touching and transforming the lives of the clients from TOUCH Community Services!

A Special Charity Concert - Perfect for School Anniversaries

A medley of talent, action and compassion

A charity concert that showcases the talents of students through song, skit and dance for a meaningful cause. This concert can be a school celebration or a dedication to someone with intellectual disabilities who enjoys art.

Sports for Life! - Great for Sports Day

Play sports for Charity

Challenge the students to support us with their favourite sport by organising a sporting event. It can be a project organised by the upper primary/secondary students for the lower primary/secondary students.

Little Charitable Entrepreneurs – Also ideal for mini school businesses managed by students

Unveil the hidden entrepreneur in your students while fanning their heart of compassion!

Organise a fun-fair, or celebrate an event with the less fortunate in mind. For example, your school's National Day or Racial Harmony Day celebration can be a time for the students to organise a fun fair or bazaar sale for charity.

A) Awareness Talks - Favourite amongst Teachers!

Learn, Listen, Live and Give

Want your students to learn more about the Deaf community or people living with diabetes? We offer assembly talks with topics ranging from sign language to diabetes awareness. We sincerely appreciate an opportunity to pass donation tins amongst the audience to inculcate the value of giving to a worthy cause.

B) Healthy Students, Hearty Lives

Students form healthy eating habits in the name of Charity

Following the success of Awareness Talks, it is known to students that healthy eating begets a hearty life. This programme gives students a kick-start to healthy eating habits. All parents need is to simply to pledge a minimal amount to the needy with every fruit their child has eaten during recess time!

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