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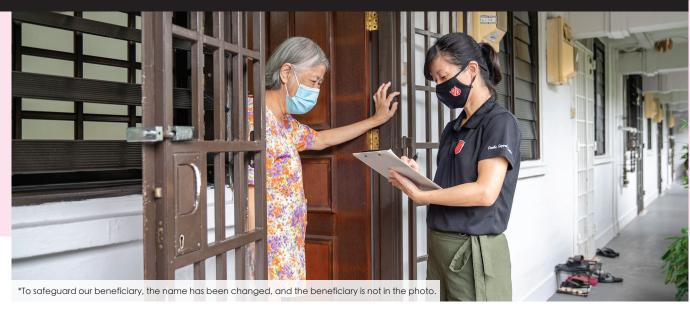


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CAREGIVING BURNO



he Salvation Army Family Support Services meets the needs of underprivileged seniors, many of whom stay in 1 or 2-room flats around Beo Crescent. One of Family Services' Support clients. Mdm participates in the Elderly Drop-in Programme, which provides care and support to seniors at risk of isolation.

Before joining Family Support Services, Mdm Lee was feeling very downcast as her husband was diagnosed with cancer relapse. She was his sole caregiver and experienced severe burnout. Her friend saw her struggling to cope and suggested that she join Family Support Services' Elderly Drop-in Programme (EDIP). Our staff provided counselling and taught her how to cope with her struggles. Through our programme, she met many other seniors, and the new friendships allowed her to connect more with the community. She also often approached our staff for advice whenever she felt overwhelmed by her situation.

Thriving beyond the Struggles

As time passed, Mdm Lee developed a more positive outlook on life. For a short period, Mdm Lee's husband also accompanied her to attend EDIP until his condition did not permit him so. After her husband passed away, Mdm Lee found comfort through the support of our staff and by occupying herself with the centre's activities. Recently, Mdm Lee started volunteering by escorting another EDIP member, who has dementia to the centre and back home. Mdm Lee shared, "I am thankful to Family Support Services for giving me the emotional support when I needed it the most. I am happy to pay it forward and care for others who need help."

The Salvation Army provides a comprehensive network of services to care for the vulnerable and disadvantaged in the community. Your contribution will help us provide practical and timely help to seniors like Mdm Lee and those in need today.

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救世军家庭支援服务设法满足弱势长者的需要。这些长者有很多都住在河水山一带的一房式或两房式政府组屋里。 其中一名救世军家庭支援服务的受惠者*李女士就参加了长者上门求助项目。这是一项专为有被孤立风险的长者提供关怀和支援的社区服务项目。

在加入家庭支援服务之前,因为丈夫癌症复发,李女士一直感到很沮丧。她是丈夫唯一的照料者,而她就感到十分心力交瘁。她的朋友看到她应付不来,于是就建议她参加家庭支援服务的长者上门求助项目(Elderly Drop-in Programme,简称 EDIP)。本军的职员提供辅导咨询,教导她如何应对她的困境。通过本军的项目,她认识了许多其他长者。认识了这些新朋友让她跟社区有了更多接触。当她被压得透不过气时,她也经常向本军的职员倾诉,寻求意见。

* 姓名已经更改



摆脱困境

久而久之,李女士对生活变得较为积极乐观。有一段短时间,她的丈夫也会陪同她一起参加长者上门求助项目,可惜后来他病情恶化,也就没有办法陪同李女士了。丈夫去世后,李女士在本军职员的支持下,还有通过参与中心的活动,心情得到了慰藉。最近,李女士开始做志愿工作,陪同另一名患上失智症的成员到中心来,还有回家去。李女士分享道:"我很感谢家庭支援服务,他们在我最需要帮助的时候给予我的情感上的支援。我很高兴自己现在能投桃报李,关怀其他需要帮助的人。"

救世军为社区中的弱势群体提供全面的服务,关怀和照顾他们。 您的捐献将让我们能够帮助像 李女士这样的长者,还有其他有需要的人,为他们提供实际而又及时的援助。

ENHANCING ELDERCARE TRAINING



e are excited to announce that The Salvation Army Peacehaven Jade Circle Acaredemy is collaborating with Social Service Institute (SSI) to launch a new training portfolio in March. The new courses will expand our range of eldercare courses on dementia care and other training programmes from foundation to advanced levels.

There will also be courses in palliative care that will introduce learners to the care concept and enable them to have a deeper understanding of the needs of persons with life-limiting illnesses. For industry practitioners looking to move to management roles, they may consider taking up leadership courses with a focus on dementia care and community service programmes. Information about the new courses will be available soon on SSI and Peacehaven Jade Circle Acaredemy websites.



CHRISTMAS KETTLING 2022



White the easing of safe management measures, enthusiastic volunteers rang the bells at various malls across Singapore and encouraged passersby to donate. Christmas Kettling 2022 raised over \$219,000, and this amount will go towards helping the vulnerable and underprivileged under our wide range of services.

We wish to thank our donors, mall partners and volunteers who came together and helped make the event a success. We also like to express our most profound appreciation to Starbucks Singapore for their steadfast support and generous donation of \$61,094.95 from the sale of the Christmas beverages at the 19th Starbucks Christmas Open House.



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n celebration of International Migrants Day, The Salvation Army and TOUCH International organised a curated programme for 120 migrant workers that culminated with a 'Banquet of Friendship' at Gardens by the Bay. This buffet dinner also marked the first anniversary of 'Blossoms of Friendship', a joint initiative by The Salvation Army and TOUCH International. Ms Gan Siow Huang, Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower, graced the event as the guest of honour.

Earlier in the day, migrant workers were treated to an open-top bus or a vintage car tour to view Singapore's iconic landmarks. We want to acknowledge our valuable supporters - Westlite Accommodation, Gardens by the Bay, Classic Car Club Singapore, Ten Square and Gateway Arts for making this event possible. Seeing the joy on the faces of the migrant workers was worth every effort!



s part of Family Support Services (FSS)'s digital literacy efforts for seniors, we started the Seniors Digital Support Group Programme at the end of 2021. To address the different learning needs of the seniors, we grouped them according to their learning pace and interests. We also started WhatsApp chat groups to support them in their learning journey and help them apply what they have learnt. A participant, Mdm Lee, said, 'Before attending the lessons, I did not know how to use smartphones. However, the FSS staff was patient, and now I know how to use the TikTok app to watch interesting short videos'.

At Infocomm Media Development Authority's Digital for Life Appreciation Dinner in November 2022, The Salvation Army received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of our contributions toward the Digital for Life movement.

UNCOVERING COMMON MYTHS ON DEMENTIA

MYTHS



Dementia is a normal part of ageing.

Dementia is a disease.

FACTS



Dementia is not a normal part of ageing. While it is common to become occasionally forgetful as we age, this does not mean we have dementia. Persons living with dementia may forget things they have recently been told, put objects in unusual places and are unable to learn new tasks. This is not the case for seniors who are ageing normally.

Dementia is not a disease but a set of symptoms. These symptoms can affect the ability to think, remember things, and reason to the extent that a person's activities of daily living are impaired. Other changes can include trouble with language or communication, and unexpected changes in mood and behavior. Alzheimer's disease is just one type of dementia, and there are many different types.

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