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Her Father Was Taken Away From Her

Imagine only being able to talk to your parent once after 3 years, or not being able to see them as often as you wish. No calls, no Zoom, nothing. Imagine having to grow up with someone by your side your entire life, only to have them suddenly taken away. Nadia* experienced all that at the age of 6 when her father was sent to prison for more than 6 years.

The father-daughter duo was close. “Before daddy went to jail, I remember following him everywhere he went, I always look forward whenever daddy goes out!” Nadia chuckled.

“But when he went inside, all these were no more. I didn’t know what I was feeling, I only remembered that I screamed and shouted at everyone who approached me. I didn’t know why I was like that, it was very difficult.”

During her father’s incarceration, Nadia joined Kids In Play (KIP), one of The Salvation Army’s Children and Youth Group services that provides support for children and families. The centre journeys with them to provide support and addresses the impact of parental incarceration on children and caregivers.

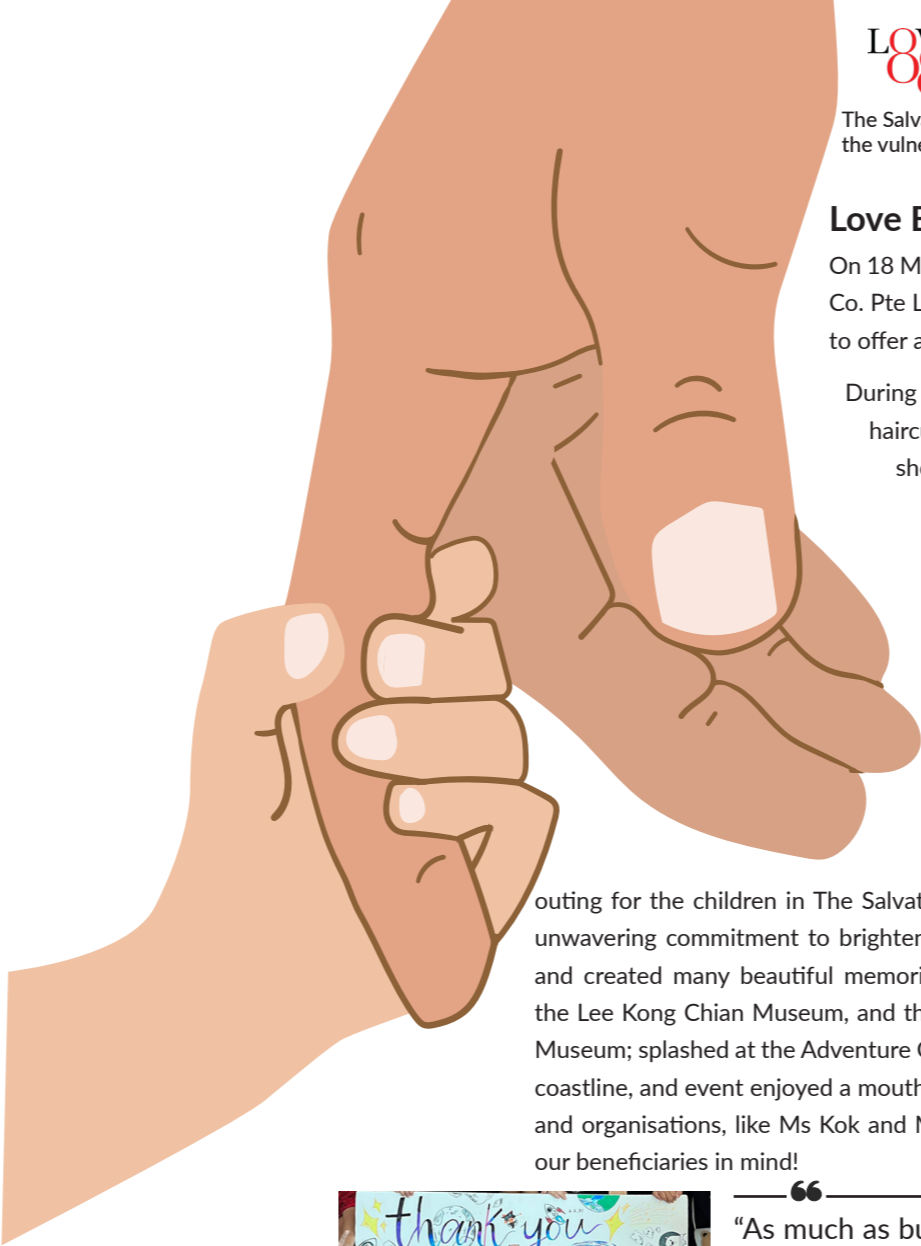
The social workers helped arrange an open visit for Nadia to see her father. “She had a lot of mixed feelings when she visited her father for the first time in prison after 3 long years at the age of 9. Nadia wanted to connect with her dad and take care of his feelings, knowing that it isn’t easy for him in prison, but at the same time, we had to help her manage her own emotions and feelings like anxiety, awkwardness, anger, and confusion,” shared Deborah, Nadia’s social worker from KIP.

At such a young age, it is challenging for a child to deal with such traumatic events. “What I felt Nadia needed the most was a safe space to be accepted as she is and a holding space for her complicated feelings about her father.” Deborah shared thoughtfully. Children of incarcerated parents often feel lonely because they do not know who to turn to and their friends might not understand what they are going through. It is important for them to have someone they can trust to journey and navigate their feelings and emotions with them.

“I always have fun whenever I go to KIP. The volunteers and staff at KIP always spent time with me, played games, and brought so much joy to my life especially when times were difficult. I am very thankful for Deborah. She not only helped me to process my feelings but also mediated between my father and me so that we can better understand one another. That improved our relationship a lot!” said Nadia.

With the help of their social worker and friends, they are now able to put their past behind them and look forward to creating new memories together, making up for the lost years! Though they live apart, Nadia and her father are persistent in growing their relationship. She would regularly chat with him on the phone and he is able to contribute and invest in her life. The painful experience of her father’s absence is now replaced with happy memories of “Dad and I”.

*To protect the identity of our beneficiaries, their names have been changed.



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The Salvation Army celebrates our 88th anniversary this year! We are grateful to all our supporters for coming alongside us to help the vulnerable in Singapore. Drop your well wishes to encourage one another at www.salvationarmylovebeyond88.sg today!

Love Beyond Borders

On 18 March 2023, China Construction (South Pacific) Development Co. Pte Ltd, Kimage Group, and Red Shield Industries came together to offer a variety of care and provisions for the migrant workers.

During this event, the workers received basic medical check ups, haircuts from skilled hairdressers, and other necessities such as shoes, bags, and clothes.

The Salvation Army is thankful for organisations who share the same heart for migrant workers. It was heartwarming to see the workers’ faces beaming with joy and happiness as they spent their afternoon with us.



Love Beyond Ages

An Outing With Media OutReach Newswire

In a heartwarming gesture, Ms Jennifer Kok, Founder and CEO of Media OutReach Newswire, and her team organised a delightful

outing for the children in The Salvation Army Gracehaven. Ms Kok and her team’s unwavering commitment to brightening the lives of these children shone through, and created many beautiful memories. The children had a wonderful day visiting the Lee Kong Chian Museum, and the National Art Gallery, explored the Ice Cream Museum; splashed at the Adventure Cove; played bowling, went for a cycle along the coastline, and event enjoyed a mouth-watering BBQ! We are thankful for individuals and organisations, like Ms Kok and Media OutReach Newswire, for always keeping our beneficiaries in mind!

“As much as business is important, by providing hope and purpose to vulnerable children and youth with difficulties, is what my company was happy to support”

- Ms Jennifer Kok, Founder and CEO of Media OutReach Newswire



Stroke and Dysphagia Did Not Stop His Care

Mr Tan struggles with his daily care and activities after a stroke 15 years ago. Since then, Mr Tan also suffers from swallowing difficulties. Unfortunately, his wife was admitted to a nursing home due to her health, while his son is receiving care from IMH. Therefore, there is no one able to care for Mr Tan efficiently. His health and hygiene was, hence, compromised.

He was later referred to Peacehaven Nursing Home and is under the care of a speech therapist for his swallowing and aspiration risks and a dietitian. After months of care, we rejoice with Mr Tan as he is now able to enjoy the food that he likes!

Mr Tan carries with him a smile on his face all the time now. He is relief and thankful that he is also able to connect with his son regularly and get frequent updates of his condition.

Peacehaven Nursing Home is The Salvation Army’s service that offers care and support to the aged. The home provides professional care and a comprehensive range of services for the sick who have physical or mental disabilities, and have minimal or no appropriate caregiver support at home.

Peacehaven Jade Circle Centre Tour

On 8 April 2023, we held a tour at our Peacehaven Jade Circle Centre. More than 40 participants came and personally experienced some of the facilities such as the VR Sensory Room, Intergenerational Activity Room, Simulation Driving, and many more! These facilities are designed to stimulate the senior’s brain and help them to maintain their physical and cognitive functions. Participants enjoyed the tour and learnt so much about Jade Circle’s assisted living and dementia care. Interested in assisted living and dementia care? Stay tuned for our next tour!



Peacehaven Paint Pouring Workshop

Paint pouring is a creative way for seniors to relief stress and express themselves. Earlier this year, the seniors at the Jade Circle Arena unleashed their artistic flair during a Paint Pouring Workshop in February. Check out their amazing artwork!

“Although I’m already 88, I am so grateful that I can still maintain some level of independence. I am thankful that I am able to enjoy food that I like and I don’t need to worry so much about my family members too. I am blessed to receive this care from The Salvation Army.

- Mr Tan, Resident of Peacehaven Nursing Home

