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Race For Good: \$225,000 Raised for Vulnerable Groups in Singapore

The inaugural Race for Good concluded with an overwhelming turnout, showcasing a collective commitment to running and walking for a noble cause. Bringing together a diverse community, the event witnessed a remarkable assembly of runners and walkers from all walks of life, rising early to champion the cause of vulnerable children, the elderly, ex-offenders and their families, as well as migrant workers in Singapore. Together, this vibrant community rallied to raise both awareness and an awe-inspiring \$225,000.



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INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY 2023



In collaboration with the Centre for Domestic Employees (CDE), The Salvation Army celebrated International Migrant's Day at Gardens by the Bay. We collectively showed our appreciation and recognition for our migrant workers through a series of fun-filled activities, including free tours to the Flower and Cloud Domes, terrarium-building, a trivia quiz, amongst other exciting activities. To foster closer relationships between the employer and the foreign domestic worker, The Salvation Army had prepared special conversation cards to enable a better understanding of one another's background, culture, interests, and more.

We had the privilege of having our guest-of-honour, Ms Gan Siow Huang, Minister of State for Manpower and Education who graced our event and made it much more meaningful and special for the migrants who had made countless contributions in our community.

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A JOURNEY THROUGH TRAUMA: THE STORY OF KELLY

By Natasha Mitter

Meet Kelly, a 15-year-old girl whose journey through life was marred by adversity. She carried a backpack of ACEs - childhood neglect, sexual abuse, the witnessing of domestic violence, and a turbulent family history. The weight of these experiences threatened to drown her spirit. Kelly's emotional struggles were etched on her face, her voice silenced by her past.

The turning point came from an unexpected place, The Salvation Army Children and Youth Group's residential facility, Gracehaven, dedicated to helping children and youth like her. She encountered art therapy, a creative outlet that allowed her to give voice to the emotions and memories she had buried deep within. Through paint brushes and canvases, she began to reveal her story.

Kelly's art told a story of resilience, healing, and hope. Her paintings, although at times controversial in their raw honesty, captured the essence of her journey - the darkness of her past and the dawning light of her future. Creativity allowed her to confront her demons, transform pain into beauty, and reframe her narrative.



1 FAMILY SUPPORT

- Families are at the core of a child's healing journey
- Parents and guardians are educated on ACEs
- Create a safe and nurturing home environment

2 SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

- Collaborate with educators to create trauma-sensitive classrooms
- Offering support to affected students exhibiting trauma related behaviors
- Foster a culture of understanding and acceptance

3 CARE ENVIRONMENT

- Residential facilities like Gracehaven provides a safe haven
- Clinical psychologists and counsellors integrate creative therapies
- Trained to recognise and respond to trauma triggers effectively

4 SOCIAL WORKER PARTNERSHIP

- Provide ongoing support for families
- Bridge community resources and navigate complex systems
- Work with clinical psychologist and counsellors to enable holistic approach



创伤的旅程： 倾听凯莉的故事

凯莉是一名15岁的女孩，她的人生充满逆境，从小背负着几件不良童年事件（ACEs），包括幼时的忽略，性侵犯，目睹家庭暴力及动荡的家庭历史。这些经历和重压很有可能淹没她的灵魂。凯莉的情感挣扎刻在脸上，她的声音也因过去而沉默。

转折点来自一个意想不到的地方，那就是救世军儿童和青少年组织的住宿设施（GRACEHAVEN），它致力于帮助像凯莉一样的儿童和青少年。凯莉接触到了艺术治疗法，这种创造性的宣泄方式让她得以倾诉深埋心里的情感和记忆。通过画笔和画布，她开始揭示自己的故事。

凯莉的艺术作品讲述了一个关于坚韧、治愈和希望的故事。她的画作虽然有时候因其原始的诚实而备受争议，但却捕捉到了她人生旅程的本质 - 过去的黑暗和未来的曙光。创造力让她能够直面自己的心魔，把痛苦化为美丽，重塑自己的叙述。



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CHRISTMAS KETTLING 2023

Our Christmas Kettling 2023 activation across the island was a resounding success! Having our iconic kettle pots deployed across 11 locations this year, the team of staff and volunteers had rallied behind a common cause of making Christmas merrier for the vulnerable. In 2023, we celebrated our 20th Anniversary partnership with Starbucks Singapore where 100% of the funds raised goes on to support mental wellness initiatives in The Salvation Army. We also had special participation with companies such as Microsoft Singapore, Dentons Rodyk, ING Bank, and Hilton Singapore, who had adopted a Kettle pot to raise awareness amongst their staff and clients. Special thanks to the Singapore Central Corp Band, William Booth Corp Band, Church of Divine Mercy, Watoto Children's Choir, and The Star

2023年圣诞节筹款活动-圆满落幕!

我们在全岛各地举办的“2023年圣诞节筹款活动(Christmas Kettling)”圆满成功!这次,我们在11个地点布置了标志的捐款箱,员工和义工们齐心协力,共同为弱势群体营造一个欢乐的圣诞节。2023年,我们也欢庆与新加坡星巴克合作的20周年纪念,所有筹善款将全全用于支持救世军的心理健康计划。我们还特别邀请了微软新加坡等公司参与,它们把捐款箱带入公司,提高员工和客户们的意识。我们也想借此平台特别感谢所有表演者及合作购物商场的鼎力支持。



Special thanks to 501st Legion Singapore Garrison and their cosplayers for making Christmas extra special for families and children who are fans of the franchise!



Our Singapore Central Corp (SCC) Band performing at Suntec City for Christmas!



Our staff and volunteers partnering with Starbucks for Christmas Kettling. Doing good never felt so sweet!

EVENTS

GRACEHAVEN FOSTERING'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY CARNIVAL AT ONE PUNGGOL

Gracehaven Fostering had celebrated their 5th Anniversary Carnival at One Punggol on 9th December 2023. 5 years of love, 5 years of hope, 5 years of changing lives!

The day was filled with exciting fun and games for the whole family including arts and crafts, photo booths, bouncy castles, and more. At the event, we had awarded Home for Good and 6 sets of their foster parents presented by the Senior Parliamentary Secretary Eric Chua.

The smiles, the stories, and the support that we'd received was heartening and encouraging. It fills our hearts with so much joy. Let's continue to make a real difference in the children's lives as we create safe, nurturing homes for all.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REWRITING OUR STORIES (ROSE)

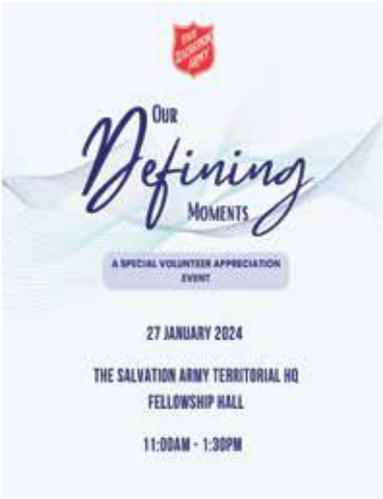
OUR DEFINING MOMENTS (ODM)



The event is organised in collaboration with our Prison Support Services (PSS) and Kids In Play (KIP) programme teams to have honest conversations about the challenges and stigma faced by ex-offenders. Hear from prominent speakers who have journeyed and understand what it takes to empower them to rewrite their stories.

We aim to foster an inclusive society where families of incarcerated persons are embraced and empowered to become vital contributors to the community.

Find out more here:



The event is organised to recognise and commemorate the passion and work our volunteers have been pouring into our causes and initiatives over the years.

Join us for a time of celebration with light-hearted sharing from volunteers and corporates who have been working closely with our beneficiaries in fulfilling and memorable ways. Also, hear from our centres on the volunteering journey as well as opportunities in 2024.

Find our more here:

