Chen Su Lan
Methodist Children's Home

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The Crossroads

The Crossroads is a quarterly e-newsletter from Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home, specially crafted for our volunteers and supporters. We hope to keep you updated on the latest news and developments at our Home.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

Willy Ong

Dear Partners and Friends,

Over the past few months, CSLMCH completed our organisation-wide Strategic Planning Exercise, bringing together all our staff, Heads of Department and Management Committee through surveys, workshops and retreats. This has culminated in three Strategic Outcomes that will guide us for the next three years: Raising resilient and responsible residents, Building a safe, skilled and supported workforce, and Striving to become a future-ready and operationally-ready organisation.

This is more than a plan. It is a shared commitment from our team to keep striving towards providing better care and support for those entrusted to us. I am grateful to all who gave their time and contributed their ideas to shape CSLMCH's future direction.

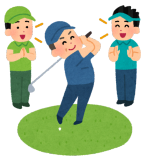
None of our work is possible without the community that stands with us.

At our recent Champions of CSLMCH Charity Golf 2026, 139 golfers and supporters raised a total of $367,257 to resource our holistic support programmes for the children in our care. We were also encouraged by Bishop Phillip Lim's visit on 27 August, when he joined us to pray for our people and ministry.

We are equally touched by students from our partner Methodist schools, whose fundraising efforts give us great hope for the next generation. To everyone who has stood with us over the years, thank you for being part of this journey!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." — Ephesians 3:20

Activity Report



Where Golf Meets Giving: Champions of CSLMCH Charity Golf 2026









Golf, Fellowship and a Shared Purpose

On 16 July, our Champions of CSLMCH Charity Golf 2026 welcomed 139 golfers for an afternoon of friendly competition and fellowship. From time on the course to an evening of dinner and prize presentations, the event brought our community together for a meaningful cause.

A total of $367,257.00 was raised, with all funds going towards supporting our residents with the care and opportunities they need to heal, grow and thrive.

Celebrating the Spirit of Giving

More than just a day on the green, the event was a celebration of the partnerships and generosity that continue to strengthen the work of CSLMCH.

Mr Yam Ah Mee, Chairman, shared: **"The participation and contributions from our golfers and sponsors enable us to strengthen the programmes for our residents. I am glad to see the strong bonds we have built and look forward to welcoming everyone again next year!"**

Mr Alban Kang, a participant, also shared his appreciation: **"It was a very well-organised day for a shared cause. Everyone went home with a prize."**

We are deeply grateful to all our golfers, sponsors, partners and supporters for making the event a success. Your generosity enables us to continue providing our residents with a safe and nurturing environment, helping them take confident steps towards their future.

Activity Report

Different Cultures, One Community: Staff Racial Harmony Day Celebration

Celebrating Diversity Together

On 23 July, our Staff Well-Being Committee organised a fun-filled morning to commemorate Racial Harmony Day and celebrate the diversity of cultures within our CSLMCH family. Colleagues from different departments came together in attire representing various cultures and took part in a range of exciting activities throughout the celebration.

A Throwback to Childhood

The celebration brought back fond memories through a series of nostalgic childhood games such as gasing, congkak and hopscotch. Working together in teams, colleagues cheered one another on as they got to know each other better.

Ms Kimberly Ong, Social Work Associate and a member of the organising committee, shared: **"It was heartening to see colleagues embrace the spirit of Racial Harmony Day by dressing in traditional attire and participating actively in the games."**

Good Food, Good Company

The celebration continued over lunch featuring local delights, giving colleagues the opportunity to relax and spend time with one another outside their usual work settings.

Ms Harshita Tripathi, Education Executive, reflected: **"I had a great time connecting with colleagues from other departments and trying out fun activities that celebrated the diverse races."**

Days like this remind us of the importance of appreciating what makes each of us unique. At CSLMCH, we are committed to building an inclusive and supportive environment where everyone feels a sense of belonging.



Best Dressed Awards were presented to colleagues who embraced the occasion in traditional attire and brought their own flair to the celebration.



Colleagues put their teamwork to the test at the skipping rope station, one of several nostalgic games where teams earned points towards the final score.

Activity Report

Walking Alongside Us: Bishop Philip's Visit to CSLMCH







Mr Yam Ah Mee, Chairman, and members of our Management Committee hosted Bishop Philip during his visit. The team shared light-hearted moments and smiles as Bishop Philip toured our Home.

On 27 August, we had the privilege of welcoming Bishop Philip Lim of The Methodist Church in Singapore to our Home. He toured our different spaces, learning more about our programmes and how we support our residents.

Behind the Work We Do

During his visit, Bishop Philip asked thoughtful questions about our approach to residential care, leading to meaningful conversations with our team.

Ms Annabel Ooi, Chaplain, shared: **"Throughout our conversations, he exuded a sense of warmth and care that was both encouraging and uplifting."**

Bishop Philip reflected: **"CSLMCH is doing good work to help the last, the least and the lost. I was heartened to hear about it firsthand from the team."**

Encouragement from the Methodist Family

As part of the Methodist family, we are grateful for the continued support of the wider Methodist community. From our partner Methodist churches to individuals who volunteer in their own capacities, every contribution makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents.

We thank Bishop Philip for taking the time to learn more about our work and for his words of encouragement as we continue creating a safe and nurturing environment where our residents can grow, heal and thrive.



Activity Report

A Garden of Many Wonders: Creating a Pathway of Possibilities







Bringing the Pathway to Life

On 7 and 8 September, our older residents, staff and ART-ZOO design volunteers came together to transform a familiar everyday space at CSLMCH into something colourful and meaningful.

Inspired by the theme *A Garden of Many Wonders*, the new floor mural celebrates the idea that, much like a garden, our Home is made beautiful by every unique life within it. Each resident grows at their own pace and unfolds in their own season. The mural serves as a visual reminder that everyone is precious, everyone belongs and everyone has the potential to bloom by God's grace.

Many Hands, One Canvas

More than adding colour to a pathway, the mural marks a step towards creating a therapeutic milieu at CSLMCH, where our physical environment can become part of the therapeutic experience. Through thoughtfully designed spaces and small, intentional touches, we hope to create micro moments of encouragement, connection and well-being for our residents and staff.

Led by our Therapy Team, this initiative also gave residents and staff an opportunity to connect, express themselves and create something together. *Anne, a 13-year-old resident who was part of this initiative, said: **"I wish I can do this 24/7!"**

Where Creativity Blooms

The mural was made possible through a collaboration with ART-ZOO, led by President's Design Award winner and ART-ZOO creator Mr Jackson Tan. He shared: **"It was a joy to paint alongside the residents and staff of CSLMCH, bringing an ART-ZOO illustration to life through colour, imagination and creativity. We hope the mural will brighten their everyday surroundings, while carrying a simple message: follow your dreams and create your own path."**

Our heartfelt thanks to Jackson and the ART-ZOO team for generously contributing their design expertise and time. We are equally grateful to all residents, staff and volunteers who picked up a paintbrush and helped bring the mural to life!



*Names have been changed to protect the identities of our residents.

Department Highlight

It Takes a Team: House of Peace Unit Committee





From left to right: Mr Cheng Xianxin, Mr Julian Chua, Ms Siak Lye Ping, Ms Aguisanda Amelita Lara, Ms Bagsic Magilyn Corpuz and Ms Shanne Chia, members of the House of Peace Unit Committee.

Working in Step

At the House of Peace, a dormitory for male residents aged 11 to 14, care is a team effort. Its Unit Committee brings together staff from different roles, each contributing their expertise to support the boys' safety, development and well-being.

Each member of the team plays a distinct role. The social worker liaises with families, schools and external stakeholders, while youth work associates and residential care officers provide day-to-day supervision and guidance. Together, they provide round-the-clock care and work closely to ensure the boys receive consistent support.

A Wider Circle of Care

The team regularly checks in during morning catch-ups, sharing observations and planning support for residents who may need additional help. They also work closely with other departments and external stakeholders to coordinate individualised support for each resident, meeting each of their emotional, academic and social needs.

Ms Shanne Chia, Assistant Manager, shares: **"Journeying with the residents and seeing them grow into responsible young adults gives me a sense of fulfilment and comfort."**

Mr Cheng Xianxin and Ms Siak Lye Ping, Youth Work Associates, echo: **"One of the most rewarding moments at work is seeing improvements in our residents' behaviour."**

Building Stronger Bonds

Beyond their day-to-day work, the team makes time for one another, whether by sharing a meal or planning activities with the boys. Ms Bagsic Magilyn Corpuz, Residential Care Officer from the Philippines, says: **"Having supportive colleagues makes all the difference, especially as I am far away from home."**

Behind every resident is a team working together to provide the guidance and encouragement they need to grow. At CSLMCH, caring for our residents begins with caring for one another, creating a strong foundation for the boys to feel supported and thrive.

Staff Profile

Working Side by Side: Residential Care Officers Joy and Jay Molina

For twins Ms Joy Molina and Mr Jay Molina, CSLMCH is more than just a workplace. They serve as Residential Care Officers, with Joy joining the Home in 2017 and Jay coming on board more recently in 2025. Both from the Philippines, they were drawn to CSLMCH by a shared desire to do meaningful work and support young people.

The Heart of Their Role

Joy and Jay play an important role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents in the dormitories. Spending much of their time alongside the residents, they guide them through their daily routines, provide emotional support and monitor their behaviour, while working closely with colleagues to create a safe and nurturing environment.

Jay shared: **"Every resident is different, and sometimes their behaviour is a way of expressing emotions or needs that they may not know how to communicate."**

Through training in residential care, safety intervention and Trauma-Informed Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (TI-PBIS), they have also grown in confidence and learnt to better understand the needs behind residents' behaviours.

Lessons That Stay With Them

Working with our residents has taught the twins important lessons about patience, empathy and trust. Joy reflects: **"I learn something new from the residents every day. They show me how strong and resilient young people can be, even after going through tough times."** For Jay, seeing residents make small but meaningful improvements has been particularly rewarding.

A Familiar Face at Work

Having a sibling by their side has also made their journey at CSLMCH special. Joy says with a smile: **"It feels like having a piece of home with me."** The twins support and encourage each other through challenging situations, while Joy's years of experience have also allowed her to guide Jay as he settles into his role.

With the support of their colleagues and each other, Joy and Jay continue to find purpose in what they do, making a difference in the lives of the residents they care for.



Volunteer Spotlight

A Journey They Share: Volunteer Couple Wendell and Hwee Mei



Hwee Mei (left) and Wendell (right) are members of Paya Lebar Methodist Church and have been journeying alongside our resident for the past three years. Through their roles as befrienders and care group leaders, they provide pastoral care, encouragement and companionship as he grows.

Taking the First Step Together

For Mr Wendell Harms and Ms Chua Hwee Mei, volunteering at CSLMCH is a journey they have chosen to take together.

The married couple began volunteering as befrienders in 2023 after bumping into a former staff member of the Home, who shared about CSLMCH's befriending programme. In 2024, they also became care group leaders, meeting the resident they journey with every fortnight to catch up, play games and pray together.

The Joy in the Little Moments

Wendell and Hwee Mei have been encouraged by the resident's resilience, aspirations and the person he is becoming.

One moment that has stayed with Wendell was a trip to a trampoline park, when the resident encouraged him to join in the fun. The resident's genuine invitation made Wendell realise that he had become a small but significant part of the resident's life.

Wendell shared: **"We have been blessed to be able to witness the growth of the resident here, not just physically but emotionally and spiritually as well."**

Being There Matters

The couple have learnt the importance of being intentional in how they show up for the resident, even on challenging days. Being present and consistent has allowed them to build a meaningful connection with him.

Hwee Mei encourages others who may be considering volunteering to take that first step: **"We have not even for a moment regretted embarking on this journey with CSLMCH and the resident."**

At CSLMCH, we are thankful for volunteers like Wendell and Hwee Mei, whose time, care and encouragement enrich the lives of our residents in so many ways.



*Name is changed to protect the child's identity

Children's Voices

If you could be any animal, what would you be?

Sally*, 11



Cat, because it's cute and looks innocent.

Wen Jie*, 10



Tiger, because it's my favourite colour, and it's strong and cool.

Jethro*, 17



Dachshund, because I like being adored and making people happy.

Rayver*, 11



Goat, because when it's angry, it just walks away and does its own thing in its safe space.

Jude*, 12

Hamster, because it's cute and gentle. It lives a healthy lifestyle by eating, sleeping and exercising well.



Oliver*, 14



Snake, because it's cool and very chill.

Ming*, 18



Cat, because its fur is soft and smooth, and I enjoy resting when I'm tired.

Elle*, 19



Elephant, because it's cute. I also like to relax and be chill.

Partners' Appreciation

Together in Giving: Methodist Schools Fundraising Drive 2026

We are deeply grateful to our partner Methodist schools for supporting our residents through the Methodist Schools Fundraising Drive 2026.

Together, the following schools raised an incredible $102,385.50:

- Anglo-Chinese Junior College
- Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road)
- Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
- Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
- Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary)
- Methodist Girls' School

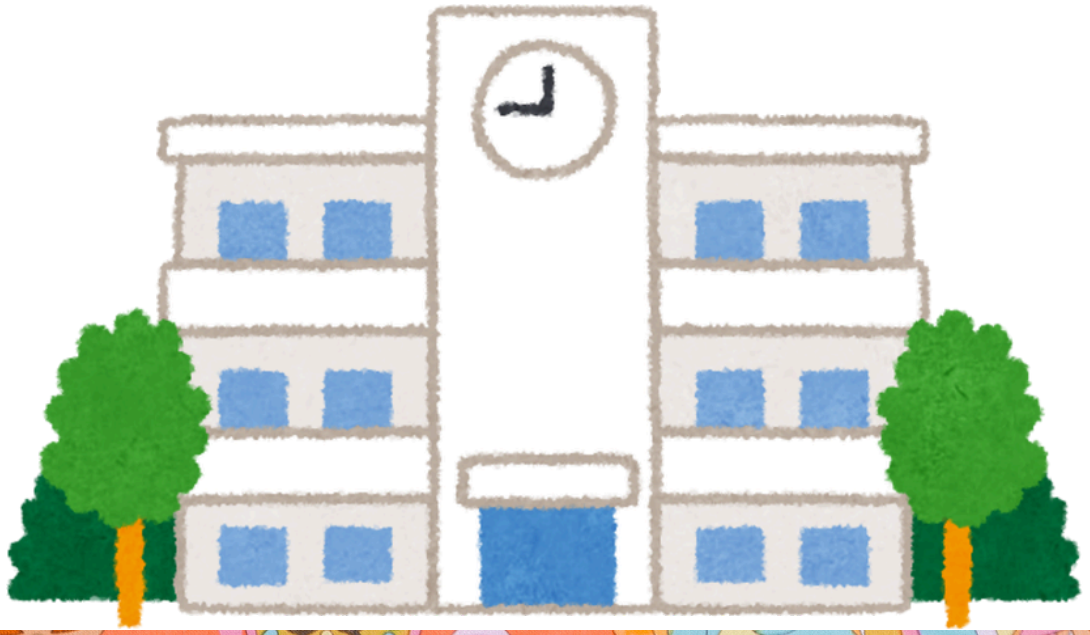
Supporting Holistic Care

At CSLMCH, we provide holistic support to help our residents grow in confidence, develop their strengths and prepare for the future. This includes educational assistance, social-emotional coaching, therapy, spiritual nurturing and life skills development.

The funds raised through this drive will help us continue providing this holistic care, meeting our residents' needs at different stages of their journey and creating a safe environment where they can grow and thrive.

A Spirit of Generosity

We are grateful not only for the funds raised, but also for the generosity shown by the students, staff and school communities. This collective effort reminds our residents that they are part of a wider community that cares for them.





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BE THE LIGHT THIS CHRISTMAS

Every gift brings hope, healing and brighter tomorrows.

$50

Provides 1 month of holistic support to help a child build self-esteem and heal from past trauma.

$100

Provides 1 month of tuition for a child who is struggling academically.

$200

Enables 1 child with learning needs to receive specialised educational support.

$500

Provides 1 catered meal for our 80 children and youths.

*Sean has been a resident of CSLMCH since 2022. Due to his higher needs, he is placed under Small Group Care, a specialised programme for boys aged 7 to 12. Diagnosed with ADHD and dyslexia, he struggled with English and often felt overwhelmed by homework.

With patience, consistent support and the right intervention, Sean gradually grew in confidence and became more engaged in learning. Today, he is in Secondary 2, taking G2 English and passing his examinations, a meaningful milestone made possible through the support of donors like you.

Your gift goes beyond learning support. Your generosity helps us provide every child with the holistic care they need to build a brighter future.

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How You Can Help



Meal Sponsorships

Donors have the opportunity to sponsor tea breaks, lunches or dinners. Visit **www.cslmch.org.sg/sponsorship**.



Volunteer Opportunities

Join us! We're seeking dedicated volunteers. Learn more at **www.cslmch.org.sg/volunteers.**



Fundraising Initiatives

Start a fundraising project with your friends and colleagues. We welcome support from groups, corporations and individuals. Visit **www.cslmch.org.sg/fundraise**.



Activity Sponsorships

Sponsor and organise activities for the children. Discover more at **www.cslmch.org.sg/partners**.



Donations-In-Kind

Head over to **www.cslmch.org.sg/needs-list** to directly contribute essential items for the children's needs.



Monetary Donations

Support our Home by making a donation through our website. Check out **https://bit.ly/cslmchdonate**.



Legacy Giving

Leave a lasting gift through your will, CPF nomination or insurance policy. Learn more at **www.cslmch.org.sg/Leave-A-Legacy**.

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