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*Money should be made honestly
and applied faithfully to achieve
good. It should not be squandered
or left to languish...*



Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan Chin Tuan
1908 - 2005

VISION

To lead in the way philanthropy is practised by inspiring others through our words and deeds.



MISSION

We strive to achieve optimal social outcomes that are measurable and sustainable, particularly in education and community development.

We encourage collaborations amongst deserving groups to achieve a multiplier and lasting benefit.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

DR. TAN KHENG LIAN



Ensuring that the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation (TCTF) remains relevant, TCTF has evolved from helping people with their basic needs to strengthening capacity for the sector in various ways. In 2012 and 2013, we “deepened our niche” by giving more to education and community services.

At the Social Service Institute, we supported the educational aspirations of counsellors and social work practitioners by either fully funding their social work degrees, or offering grants to offset their fees. While we continued to award scholarships through schools, we also partnered charities such as the Eurasian Association and *Lembaga Basiswa Kenangan Maulud* (LBKM) to identify less privileged students from within their communities, who were studying in secondary schools, institutions of technical education and polytechnics. Our donations alleviated the financial strain on their families through educational bursaries.

Remembering and honouring one's benefactors is one of the values we try to impart. Hence even as we give scholarships to less privileged students, we also try to use this opportunity to groom youth leaders with a heart for the community, and who are of sound character and values.

For this reason, we invite our award recipients to numerous TCTF activities throughout the year. These include our Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Concerts, where they meet other beneficiaries, and the *Tête-a-Tête@TCTF* series of teas at the Tan Chin Tuan Mansion, where external speakers discuss issues affecting our communities.

Our internship programme offers interns an opportunity to work with charities supported by the foundation's grants and programmes. In the process, they gain leadership and project management skills, as well as first-hand exposure to those less privileged. Through these frameworks, we hope those whom we help will be inspired to

look beyond their usual horizons, to imbibe the value of “paying it forward”, and contribute to society.

More students, working professionals and senior citizens have volunteered with our signature programmes over time. “Project Cheer” encouraged volunteers to devise their own activities to bring cheer to the residents at the children’s homes, old folks’ homes and at senior activity centres.

Another initiative started in 2013, called “More Than Words” enabled 600 children from over 20 charities to gain exposure to creative learning opportunities sponsored by TCTF. These took the form of excursions, creative writing workshops, as well as training in music, dance and drama by TCTF-supported arts groups. By connecting our beneficiaries and charities through such collaborations, we hope to enlarge the “ripple effect” of nurturing positive change in our community.

The individual remains at the

heart of what we do. Whether this is a parent, child, caregiver, educator, student, charity worker or volunteer, we have the individual in our sight when we decide to sponsor, partner or drive certain programmes and services. Thus, TCTF gave seed funding to help establish the Community Justice Centre, a charity that serves those in need of legal and emotional support. In 2013, 6,000 members of the public sought assistance ranging from pro bono legal advice,

referrals to government agencies, to the completion of formal applications.

To understand first-hand the efforts of our partners, our council members participate regularly in local and regional projects. Our team at TCTF reviews the programmes and charities, extending them our contacts and expertise where needed. Ultimately, we aim to support our grantees in meeting precise outcomes.



Dr. Tan on a medical mission in Cambodia

LISTEN. LEAD. UPLIFT



MS. YAP SU-YIN
CEO

Two years, 163 scholars, 240 activities, 362 charities, 5,000 beneficiaries. Fulfilling our philanthropic responsibilities in a blossoming social ecosystem has been invigorating and humbling. Almost 40 years after TCTF was founded by Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan Chin Tuan, the present-day charity network is more sophisticated and complex. Trending buzzwords include impact assessment, governance and transparency. Arguably, even as philanthropy appears to morph into a science, it remains an art. And it is transformative.

Six years ago, our decision to fully fund a disabled student's transport costs, which was

beyond the modest means of her parents, enabled her to access a top school some distance from her home. Behind the scenes, we acquainted the school of her predicament. It rallied to help. She has since secured a government scholarship to study at Oxford University.

Education is a powerful force for change. And we believe in inspiring individuals to become change-makers. After immersing themselves in philanthropic work as part of the foundation's internship programme, three of our former scholars registered an entity to sponsor poor Cambodians for their studies. Education is doubly empowering,



when it becomes a legacy gifted to others less privileged.

Only by engaging sincerely with our beneficiaries, can we tacitly understand the unique problems confronting them and charities, which cope often with limited resources. Giving our time and ideas, not just money, has also helped a number of charities to be more focused on their outcomes. From our fact-finding visits to charities, sharing our networks, brokering projects with enlightened partners, these efforts reiterated that by giving wisely, collaboratively and with heart, we can create greater impact over time.

Oiling the wheels of change with me is a dedicated team of professionals, who craft, refine and roll out initiatives to engage students, senior citizens, at-risk youth, single-parents and the infirm. We've restarted conversations, are cultivating highly engaged partnerships, and will continue to listen, lead and uplift - one breath at a time.



INTERNSHIP



Our interns spent quality time with the less privileged



The foundation offers a select group of students the opportunity to apply their leadership skills and enhance their educational experiences by learning more about the philanthropic work of the foundation.

As part of the unique programme, the foundation identifies charities with which the interns can be attached to develop their empathy for the various causes, and expose them to the charities and the strengths of the charity sector. Many have been inspired to carry on as volunteers after their attachment.

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These placements enable the foundation to provide its charities with the assistance of capable students specialising in various skills.
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I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the foundation for awarding me this scholarship.

More importantly, the opportunities to serve the community have afforded me valuable insights and avenues to further render my services to the needy.



Kelvin Chua,
Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan Chin Tuan
Scholar (2012-2013),
Ngee Ann Polytechnic



I oversaw the youths under the foundation's "Young Arts Reporter Project" during the Singapore Arts Festival. From this experience, I learnt that proper guidance can contribute greatly to the development of their talents. I am honoured to have played a part as a TCTF intern. ● ●

Tan Wen Jie
Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan Chin Tuan Scholar (2011-2012),
Nanyang Technological University



PARTNERSHIPS



Inaugural visit to the Community Justice Centre for our corporate partners

Our partners are found within our community. We collaborate with voluntary welfare organisations, governmental and academic entities.

Throughout 2012 and 2013, the foundation facilitated and encouraged collaborations within the non-profit sector, catalysing the sharing of expertise and resources, particularly amongst its beneficiaries. We continued to donate towards social services with funding gaps.

The foundation seeded the set-up of the Community Justice Centre to offer free legal and emotional support to litigants in person and their families.

The mission of this charity is to ensure that this vulnerable group has access to justice through community partnerships. It is the first of its kind in Singapore, and in the region.

In the area of promoting mental well-being, the foundation's support enabled the Brahm Centre to offer educational programmes and activities that promote happy and healthy living.



I Love Sports Series



We galvanise the passion and talents of individuals who generously share their varied abilities and contacts with us and our beneficiaries.



COLLABORATIONS

- Community Justice Centre: Access to justice for litigants in person through community partnerships – Ministry of Social and Family Development, Ministry of Law, Subordinate Courts and the Law Society of Singapore.
- Brahm Centre: Promotion of physical, emotional and mental well-being
- WECARE Project – Tsao Foundation
- Storytelling Festival: Cantonese Story-telling – National Book Development Council of Singapore
- I Love Sports Series – Netball Singapore with Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home and Jamiyah Children's Home
- Dialogue in the Dark – Ngee Ann Polytechnic

MORE THAN WORDS



A journey to the world of stamps

Open to novel ways of learning, the foundation created the “More Than Words” initiative in 2013 to connect storytellers, writers and arts practitioners to the less privileged.

Within eight months, 600 beneficiaries from 20 charities participated in a suite of learning opportunities. They were exposed to communication



Creative workshop at Lakeside Family Services

techniques that would enable them to read, write and speak better. Beneficiaries leveraged on the foundation’s network of arts and cultural practitioners. They were invited to concerts, performances and exhibitions.

Encouraging interaction between people of different ages, the programme helped to bridge communication and generational divides.

By nurturing the love of learning in creative ways and through

enjoyable experiences, we hope the programme can truly be *more than words* for our beneficiaries, partners and volunteers.



Storytellers from the USA

EVENTS

- The Little Red Hen musical in partnership with I Theatre
- “Project H.U.G.” at HELP Family Service Centre
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears Musical in partnership with Encore!
- “Julie’s Favourite Things” at Lakeside Family Centre



- “Story-telling Festival” in partnership with the National Book Development Council of Singapore
- “Listening to the Deeper Story” – a two-hour workshop with listening and communications expert, Clare Coburn
- “An Afternoon of Storytelling” – a 90-minute storytelling performance with Gene Tagaban and Len Cabral from the USA, who shared personal tales and fables incorporating mime and dance

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! thank you ... !

I have a nice day.

from Di @ Nazrianna



- “The Art of Recycling” at MacPherson Student Care Centre, in partnership with Singapore Buddhist Lodge Vision Family Service Centre and at Canossaville Children’s Home



- “A Journey to the World of Stamps” at the Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities (THK FSC @ Tanjong Pagar), including a visit to the Singapore Philatelic Museum, in partnership with the Industrial and Services Co-operative Society Ltd (ISCOS), Casa Raudha Women Home and Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities (THK FSC @ Tanjong Pagar).

PROJECT CHEER



Volunteers prepared "green gifts" on World Environment Day for the Project Cheer beneficiaries



Our beneficiaries brought cheer to others

Being a friend means reaching out to someone in need. Project Cheer was seeded to encourage beneficiaries and scholars of the foundation to "pay it forward" by bringing cheer to the less privileged. The befriending programme reached out to over 100 beneficiaries with limited access to social activities because of their physical or financial limitations.

EVENTS

- Project Cheer at St Luke's Eldercare (Clementi) and Lions Befrienders (Ghim Moh) by Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- Tour of the Kidney Discovery Centre and Project Cheer at National Kidney Foundation Dialysis Centre (Serangoon Central)



Volunteers gave feedback

For the first time in 2013, Project Cheer was introduced as part of the freshmen orientation programme at the Ngee Ann Polytechnic School of Humanities and Social Sciences. This unique experience was designed to spur the freshmen to volunteer with charities near to their school, even as they begin a new chapter of their academic life.



Freshmen befriended the elderly



CAUSES

Community Development
and Education

PARTNERS

- Care Corner Orphanage
- Child's Dream Foundation
- Pistorio Foundation
- ZOE Children's Homes

The foundation focused on the welfare of needy children and youths in Thailand. In Chiangmai, the foundation supported ZOE Children's Homes, a charity that cares for orphans or victims of abuse and trafficking.

Our contributions toward this charity helped to offset the children's school and tuition fees. With our funding, the charity also rewarded those who showed exceptional effort in their studies and were of good behavior.

The little rewards incentivised



the students to study hard. The foundation also supported ZOE's life-skills programme which prepared the beneficiaries for their future.

A vocational training centre run by Child's Dream Foundation, which provided language, computer and web-design courses for up to 350 students each term also received our support. The foundation funded the schooling and living expenses of children from the Care Corner Orphanage. The foundation also donated toward a primary school built by Pistorio Foundation for children from minority hill-tribes to have a conducive and safe place to receive schooling.





Mobile Library Project

Global Village Foundation continued to receive the support of the foundation in reducing poverty in rural Vietnam through education and healthcare. The foundation sponsored over 10,000 books to needy students from more than 50 schools and charities. Training workshops sponsored by the foundation for village healthcare workers equipped them with better knowledge and techniques.



*Use one book one hundred ways
each way one hundred times and
each time with one hundred children*



CAUSES

Community Development,
Education and Healthcare

PARTNERS

- Global Village Foundation
- Singapore Management University - EcoVietnam
- Tu An Orphanage

Students from the Singapore Management University and Eco-Vietnam, a Vietnam-based non-government organisation, carried out a project to provide clean water to villagers in the Gia Bac village, Lâm Đồng Province. The foundation also donated towards the schooling and daily needs of over 100 orphans sheltered at Tu An Orphanage.



Tu An Orphanage

