



Press Release

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For the first time, a secondary school gets Food From The Heart Food Goodie Bags, thanks to Tan Chin Tuan Foundation gift.

EVERY month, 50 Bartley Secondary students from needy backgrounds will worry less about where their family's next meal will come from. Without fail, their families will get rice, canned food and other necessities throughout the year, thanks to Tan Chin Tuan Foundation (TCTF) and charity group Food From The Heart (FFTH).

Bartley Secondary School has been on TCTF's radar as a candidate for deserving help since 2006, when the school appealed to the philanthropic organization for donations, in part to give financial assistance to students from disadvantaged families. TCTF – which is celebrating the Birth Centennial Year of its founder this year - gave to this cause, but did not leave it at that.

"When Food From The Heart approached the foundation for funds to extend its reach to more schools, TCTF identified Bartley Secondary as one of the schools we were happy to sponsor FFTH if it brought its meaningful Food Goodie Bag programme to their needy students. The school identified the students. FFTH supplied the foodstuff, and TCTF connected them and supplied the funds to make it possible," said TCTF CEO Eric Teng, illustrating how the foundation brings about a multiplier effect to doing good well.

FFTH founder Christine Laimer shared how a "real positive impact" can be made with regular food supplies. "One of our school partners, Teck Ghee Primary states that the 50 students under the program have improved their grades by 52 %. We found a very good key to change lives for the better - with a simple food goodie bag which only costs \$50 per month/ family."

Mrs Laimer added: "We are very happy about Tan Foundations decision to take up sponsorship of Bartley Secondary School (50 families), as this program is not only about feeding the stomachs, but about opening chances for life."

Photo and interview opportunity:

When: 31 Jan 08 (Thursday), 3pm – 4pm

Where: Bartley Secondary School

What: Handover of Food Goodie bags and NTUC vouchers; speech by principal.

TCTF CEO Eric Teng, FFTH founders Christine and Henry Laimer will be there to personally make the first delivery – just in time for CNY.

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