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Goldbell Extends CSR Efforts through LEAP

Volunteers from Goldbell Group (Goldbell), one of Singapore's market leaders in industrial vehicles and our major sponsor for the Yellow Ribbon Fund-ISCOS Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP) this year, got their hands dirty once again during the Learning Environment Assistance Project (LEAP) event held on 30 July 2016.

Close to 20 volunteers were present on a Saturday morning armed with enthusiasm, selflessness, and a promise to deliver a

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2016

- 13 Oct - Men Support Group
- 24 Oct - Mother Support Group
- 26 Oct - Women Support Group
- 27 Oct - Men Support Group

November 2016

- 19 Nov - Big Group Activity

December 2016

- 9 Dec - Goldbell-YRF-ISCOS Bursary Award 2016

proper study environment for our ISCOS beneficiary. After more than six hours of cleaning, painting and re-organizing, all Goldbell volunteers were excited to hand over a well-refurbished home with a dedicated study corner for our FGP student beneficiary.

Since 2014, LEAP is one of ISCOS' key initiatives to provide a conducive home learning environment for the underprivileged children under FGP.



Mentors and Mentees, Let's Go Trekking!

Together with the volunteer mentors from Baker & McKenzie, Wong & Leow, the Rotary Club of Raffles City and Singapore Management University, the ISCOS team brought the Yellow Ribbon Fund-ISCOS Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP) beneficiaries for a morning trek to Mount Faber on 30 July 2016.

This is the second big group activity for the year, which aimed to promote bonding and camaraderie among the mentors and their mentees. All participants, including the students' parents, had much fun reaching the highest point before finishing it off with a cable car ride and lunch at Sentosa Island.

The big group activity is an initiative under the FGP Mentoring Programme.



From top left clockwise: Mr Sujimy Mohamad, Ms Shie Yong Lee, Mr Alex Yeo, Mr Mike Hue and Mr Yeo Tiong Eng.

ISCOS Welcomes Five New Board Members

ISCOS is pleased to announce the addition of Ms Shie Yong Lee, Mr Alex Yeo, Mr Mike Hue, Mr Yeo Tiong Eng and Mr Sujimy Mohamad to its Board of Directors. The five new Directors come from both public and private sectors, all with outstanding reputations in their respective fields of expertise.

Ms Shie currently serves as the Deputy Commissioner cum Chief-of-Staff with the Singapore Prison Service, while Mr Hue is Rothschild Wealth Management's Head for Singapore. On the other hand, Mr Alex Yeo and Mr Yeo Tiong Eng have decades of experience serving in the business and corporate worlds. Mr Sujimy is a well-known figure in the broadcasting and media industry with multiple award-winning productions under his belt.

With their wealth of experience, ISCOS believes that their appointments will add enormous value to formulate strategies for our programmes and services, and ultimately benefit ISCOS members and beneficiaries.

Welcome to ISCOS!



ISCOS Motivators Impart Valuable Life Experiences to Secondary School Students

As part of the National Education initiative by the Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF), two of our ISCOS Motivators, Mr Jabez Koh and Mr Zulkhairee Udik, shared their life experiences to students of Bendemeer Secondary School on 25 and 26 July 2016.

During these sessions, the SCOS Motivators had the opportunity to spread the positive message of determination and second chances to the young generation.

The ISCOS Motivators Programme recognises reformed members who are willing to give back to the community by sharing their life stories. Many times, these stories of grit and resolve have encouraged and inspired those who have listened to them.

ISCOS looks forward to many more collaborations with other educational institutions in the future.



WDA Opens Career Fair to Ex-offenders and their Families

On 25 August 2016, ISCOS, together with other organisations, participated in the Singapore Workforce Development Authority's (WDA) Career Fair held at the Hougang Central Hub. With its theme "Adapt & Grow, Better Jobs, Better Careers", the event presented an exciting line-up of employment opportunities and workshops for job seekers.

Hundreds of Singaporeans flocked to the fair to enquire and submit their resumes, with hopes of landing an initial interview. ISCOS was with more than ten employers across various sectors, ready to offer assistance to job seekers.

The Career Fair was held to enhance the employability of Singaporeans and to facilitate job seekers to regain new skills and work experiences.



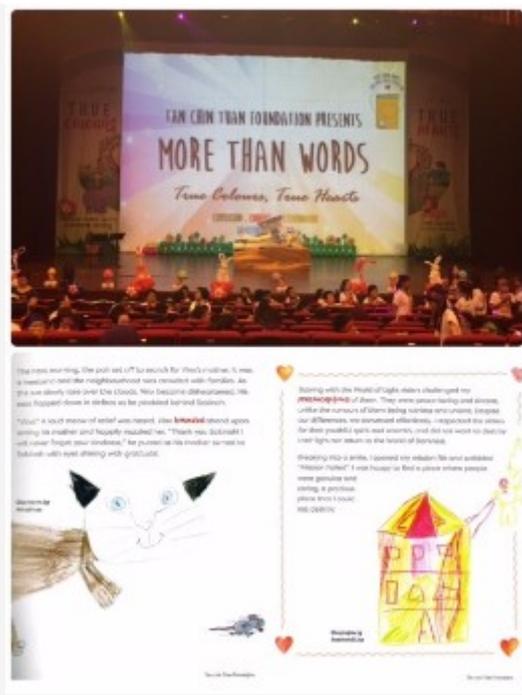
ISCOS Board of Director, Ms Joy Tan, Receives the 2016 MHA National Day Award for Home Team Volunteers

ISCOS Vice-Chairperson, Ms Joy Tan, took the stage to receive the 2016 Minister for Home Affairs' National Day Award for Home Team Volunteers on 4 August 2016. The award was presented by the Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Mr K Shanmugam, at a ceremony held at the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Headquarters.

Joy, as she is fondly known, first joined ISCOS Board of Directors in May 2008 and was appointed as the Vice-Chairperson since May 2008. As an esteemed partner of Wong Partnership LLP, she shared her expertise by providing strategic counsel to ISCOS on relevant legal matters and has been instrumental in advising the management in areas related to governance over the years.

Despite her busy schedule, Joy contributed to our social cause as a volunteer, actively participating in the programmes and fundraising activities. She also represented ISCOS in many of our events which were typically organised during weekends.

We sincerely thank Joy for her unwavering support to ISCOS, a true and humble way of extending friendship to the underprivileged groups we serve.



FGP Beneficiaries Invited to the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation Showcase

A total of nine children beneficiaries from the Yellow Ribbon Fund-ISCOS Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP) were invited by the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation (TCTF) to its "More Than Words" Showcase held on 8 September 2016 at the Anglo-Chinese School (Independent).

Themed "True Colours, True Hearts", one of the highlights for this year's showcase was the launch of a special book featuring the artworks of eleven FGP beneficiaries. These artworks were completed during a creative writing workshop with TCTF back in March 2016. In addition, the showcase also presented a theatre performance of *The Little Prince*, which proved to be an enjoyable and educational experience for the children.

Initiated by TCTF in 2013, "More Than Words" is in line with its focus on education and community development, and offer opportunities for underprivileged children to participate in music, dance, arts & crafts and other fun educational activities.



First row: Ms Joy Tan (3rd from left), together with the other Awardees with the Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Mr K Shanmugam (4th from right).



From left to right: Ms Stephanie Wu Qiong, Mr Elvin Overseas, Ms Christy Chung, Ms Wendy Leong and Ms Nuraidah Thani .

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On 20 August 2016, the first Education Consultation event was held at OnePeople.SG premises in Toa Payoh.

Aimed to give the students a sense of direction and knowledge of what to expect after graduation, and to also link them with the relevant organisations to consider various academic and/or career options, the event attracted close to 20 attendees, including students from secondary and tertiary education levels.

ISCOS was privileged to have Ms Stephanie Wu Qiong from CompassLoft, Ms Nuraidah Thani from the Youth Employment and Advancement Hub (YEAH), Ms Wendy Leong from Singapore Institute of Retail Studies (SIRS) and Ms Christy Chung from Ngee Ann Polytechnic as key speakers for the event. All panellists shared very useful information on the academic and career opportunities to be explored by the students. The attendees were all ears during the panel discussion and actively participated in the Q & A sessions.

The Education Consultation is an initiative under the Yellow Ribbon Fund-ISCOS Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP).

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