



Friends in Charity

FACEBOOK: Friends in Charity Singapore

December 2013 UPDATE



Our MISSION & SCOPE

- **Provide help to the less privileged people we see in our daily lives**
 - **Provide help regardless of race, language or religion**
- **Distribute 100% of donations received with zero expenses spent on administration, management and volunteers**
- **Assist as best as we can when regional disasters occur. Expand our reach beyond Singapore**

OUR GROUP

- **Made up of friends, acquaintances & friends of friends who share the same values of GIVING and HELPING the less fortunate people**
- **Started in 2005 and now have approximately 40 regular members, many donors and countless number of volunteers**
 - **Is an Informal Private Charity Group & non-registered with Government or Associations**
- **Have many kind donors/sponsors amongst FIC members, friends, friends of friends and those who have heard of us and our work and wish to help and contribute**

OUR REGULAR SPONSORS

- * NTUC Foodfare Co-operative Limited
- * NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Limited
- * Ee Po Ean (monthly bread supplies)
- * Princeton Pharmacy
- * Allan Tai

FOOD PACKAGE FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED INDIVIDUALS

- On a monthly basis, FIC have been distributing basic food packages with a \$20 red packet since December 2006 to around 120 individuals within Singapore.
- These individuals either live alone or with families in rented single room HDB premises, and are old with no income or are supported through public assistance. Many have ailments like high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer or are amputees.
- These individuals were referred to us mostly from Home Nursing Foundation, Swami Home and Kreta Ayer/Jalan Kukoh Senior Activity Centre.

EVENTS ORGANIZED FOR THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED

- Annual events with entertainment, lunch or dinner at needy Homes
- Outings and meals for less privileged children from Children Homes or from dysfunctional homes
- Outings and meals for the elderly from Old Folk Homes or from low income homes

2011 REVIEW OF FIC ORGANIZED EVENTS

- JAN Green Hornet Program - Lunch for 100 old folks - sponsored by Catherine Chan
- FEB 12 - Lunch at Royal Hotel for 40 old folks from Lee Ah Mooi Home and Ju Eng Home sponsored by Royal Hotel
- FEB 13 - Lunch at Marina Skypark for 30 children sponsored by Rotary Club Marina City
- MAR 12 - Lunch & Entertainment at Ju Eng Home for their over 120 residents sponsored by NTUC Foodfare
- APR 23 - Lunch at Seafood International for 160 old folks sponsored by Sophia
- JUN 25 - Fun Fair Carnival at Thompson Community Club for 420 children sponsored by various private individuals and corporate donors
- SEP 3 - Lunch & Entertainment at Jalan Kukoh Senior Activity Centre for 40 old folks/residents sponsored by NTUC Foodfare
- NOV 2 to 10 - Visit to Myanmar to help and donate to 7 orphanages/schools touching the lives of over 2200 children

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."

Lao-Tzu, Chinese philosopher, (6th century B.C.)

FRIENDS IN CHARITY

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Lunch/Entertainment at Jalan Kukoh



Function at Ju Eng Home, Jalan Kayu



Lunch for old folks at Seafood International



FUN FAIR: children lining up for free coupons



children in the hall watching magic show



children playing tikam tikam



PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

February 8

Chinese New Year Lunch for 220 under-privileged old folks at Bliss Garden Restaurant

March 7 - 11

Visit to Bangkok to meet with FIC Bangkok

April 5

Our annual Seafood International eat-all-you-can buffet for 180 old folks

May 24

Carnival cum Fun Fair for 400-500 old folks and children at Thomson CC

September

Event at Cristalite

November/December

Trip to Myanmar for Clinic Opening

December

FIC Penang activities

Friends in Charity PROGRAMS during 2013



16 FEBRUARY

Lunch at Lai Wah for 100 old folks from less privileged homes and from York Hill, Banda and Jalan Kukoh





FEBRUARY – Set up an affiliate in Bangkok with Kamphol Tanthana and his wife Puntipa heading the effort. And helping the effort were Terry Wier and his wife Helen. First project is to provide help to Sister Joan Evans PBVM, a retired nun from Western Australian Congregation of Presentation Sisters, who at the age of 81, is single-handedly helping the destitute children at the slum area of Klong Toey in Bangkok on their daily needs like meals, school books, school uniforms, etc since 1991. Sister Joan also lives in Klong Toey amongst the destitute.



Sister Joan seen here with Kamphol

**March 11 – 12 at Hmawbi Village Yangon, Kay Ma Orphanage at
Thanlyn, Daw Sanda Orphanage Yangon, School for the Blind Yangon,
St Anne's Orphanage at Taunggyi**

**A few of us went to Myanmar to see the School that is being built for
Village #3, 4, 5, 6 at Hmawbi, north of Yangon. FiC with its friends will
undertake to sponsor the school building. It is scheduled to open for
teaching in June 2013. We distributed food goodies to the children
there and they were pleased with the school. Places are overbooked.**



And we visited the Daw Sanda Orphanage and distributed food goodies to the children there.



Then went to the School of the Blind and shared goodies with them



On the 12th we went to Kaema Orphanage at Thanlyn across the Yangon River. This is the orphanage we had been supporting for some years. We gave goodies to over 650 children.



On APRIL 14, 2013, at BANGKOK, Friends in Charity Singapore and Bangkok, through Kamphol, Puntipa, Terry and Helen, after raising funds, met with Sister Joan again and donated 110,000 baht (around S\$4700) to her cause at Bangkok's Klong Toey area.



Above: Terry, Kamphol (standing), Sister Joan and Puntipa

May 11 Lunch

Our annual Seafood International all-you-can-eat Buffet Lunch for 180 old folks was a huge success as expected. The old folks had not enjoyed such a fine meal for a long time and besides eating, they enjoyed singing and dancing as well.







August 24 TELEMATCH Fun

Around 250 underprivileged children were given a treat to a Telematch Fun Day (RED DIAMOND GAMES) where prizes and gifts were given and meals were served. The function was held at Bukit Timah Community Centre

Date: 24th August 2013
Time: 9am to 3pm
Venue: Bukit Timah CC
Organisers: Friends-In-Charity
 RSS Resolution
 BBSS Ex-Interactors
Co-Organiser: Bukit Timah CCMC
Main Sponsor: Mr Mike Chio
Partners: NTUC FoodFare
 Citibank


Friends in Charity
 "As I give, I get"

Presents



Red Diamond Games

Participants:
 AIN Society
 Beyond Social Services
 Hearty Care Centre
 HIRA Educational and Social Services
 Loving Heart Multi-Service Centre
 Muhammadiyah Association
 Pertapis
 PPIS
 PPIS - AS Salaam
 PPIS - Jurong



September 7 Lunch

Lunch sponsored by Catherine Chan & Tan Ah Bee in conjunction with Tan Ah Bee's birthday was held at a Teochew Restaurant (Chiu Huay Lim Club) at Keng Lee Road. Participants were the disadvantaged elderly and from the Hand and Mouth Association (disabled persons).



September 21 Lunch

A Lunch and Entertainment event was held at Jalan Kukoh Senior Activity Centre with over 50 participants who are residents in the single room rental flats. Most are under public assistance as they have no means to earn an income.

NTUC Foodfare sponsored the lunch meal, and other kind donors sponsored the birthday cake and other goodies.

Nancy, our FIC member, provided the entertainment.



October 12 Event

A Lunch & Entertainment event was held at St John's Home for the Elders at Wan Tho Avenue.

Music, Karaoke, Line Dancing, Games thronged the hall and many gifts were given to the 70 residents who participated.

NTUC Foodfare sponsored the delicious lunch.



November 3 - 4

Around 20 of our members travelled to Yangon to attend the Opening Ceremony of our School at Hmawbi Village. After our commitment in 2012 to fund the school building, the school was finally completed in

May 2013 and school started in July 2013. The had 180 students attending classes as of November. This number will rise to 220 students within the next year or so.



And we also broke ground for the Clinic which is being built to support the Villages and the School. The Clinic is sponsored by Catherine Chan, our FIC member.



December 13 - 15

Annual Charity Events at Penang organised by our affiliate Friends in Charity Penang.

Event on 13th evening was at Penang Cheshire Home where we had games, gifts, meal and dancing with residents of two homes (the other Being Bukit Mertajam Home). The residents are with physical and mental disabilities.



On Saturday 14 Dec 2013, Friends in Charity Penang and Singapore brought over 50 underprivileged children from broken homes, single parent poor homes (cared for by Women's Welfare Council) to an adventure park in Penang called ESCAPE and the Butterfly Park to have fun, food and activity. It was a nice warm day and very enjoyable.



On Sunday 15 Dec 2013, Friends in Charity of Penang and Singapore visited Seri Cahaya Home at Batu Maung to bring joy to the residents there. We brought gifts and hosted lunch, and some gave donations to the home. This home was started and run by two ladies in 1999 who saw the need to provide free childcare to single parents at the village who had no means to send them to a paying childcare centre. Soon, abandoned kids and orphaned kids were brought to the home for fostering. Today, the home has 48 orphans and more than 20 childcare kids to take care of. The home depends on kind donors and on the blessing of God to survive as they are non Government supported. It is a privilege for FIC to come to know of the two angels who started the home and are giving love and care to these orphans. Through friends and kind donors, they now have a new building and a home they own for the orphans to live in. They will move in soon to the new premises.





Friends in Charity PROGRAMS during 2012



January 8, 2012

LUNCH for 100 old folks at Civil Service Club held in conjunction with Lions Club of Fullerton. Sponsored by FIC member Catherine Chan.

COMPLETED WITH SUCCESS

April 14, 2012

LUNCH for 160 old folks held at Seafood International from 11.30am – 2.30pm (eat all you can buffet) sponsored by a friend of FIC member Henry Teo.

COMPLETED WITH MUCH SUCCESS and JOY



March 28 – 31, 2012

TRIP to MYANMAR to finalize our support to build a school (240 sitting places in 6 classrooms) for a poor village at MAWBI about 20 miles north of Yangon and to explore other opportunities to help the poor community there.

TRIP ACCOMPLISHED but SCHOOL not BUILT YET due to MANY CONSTRAINTS. Funds needed have been raised and pledged.



June 16, 2012

Free FUN FAIR CARNIVAL for 620 under-privileged children held at Thomson Road Community Club at Thomson Road from 10.30am – 2.30pm sponsored by many kind supporters of FIC



ACCOMPLISHED WITH MUCH SUCCESS and JOY for the 620 children who gave us the privilege to host the event for their enjoyment



September 22, 2012

Lunch & Entertainment Event at Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) at 12 Yishun Avenue 5 Singapore 768992 (Tel 6752 1785) with lunch provided/sponsored by NTUC Foodfare

EVENT was successfully held and many old folks enjoyed the meal prepared and sponsored by NTUC Foodfare Co-Operative Ltd



October 10, 2012

Lions of Beverly Hills Singapore will hold their 10th Anniversary and President Investiture function and inviting 600 old folks to a dinner at Red Star Restaurant. Friends in Charity will support to invite 200 old folks from the homes we take care of and volunteer to play host at the dinner to help the old folks enjoy.

EVENT was successfully held

October 2012

Some FIC members took time off on their own to visit Sri Lanka and visited/helped some underprivileged homes. Help needed is this island is plentiful for those who have the heart, care, time and means to help. Poverty exists in many places. Those who wish to help, please contact Friends in Charity.



December 22, 2012

Flea Market at Jalan Selaseh from 5.00pm – 9.30pm. Sale proceeds will go to charity in helping the poor.

December

Events for the less privileged in Penang were held. Some FiC members from Singapore went to Penang to support the events.

As 2012 drew to a close, FIC Penang dashed off 3 events in December.

**** Something educational and interesting for the Children: Penang Hill Outing, Friday, 14 December 2012:***

45 children were discerningly invited through the assistance of an able Social Worker, Susan Tan for this trip up the Hill. Bright and early the children were brought there by buses we arranged. To ensure, the children had a good start, buns and milk were distributed to them for a quick breakfast including an interesting goodie bag. The Buns were sponsored by Patchee Bakery. Embarking from the train top station, we took a leisurely walk to the Aviary Ginger Garden at the Bellevue, Penang Hill Hotel. There, the children had a most interesting and educational time learning about the birds, flora and fauna. To encourage the children, a quiz session was conducted and as there were prizes, the children tried to answer and overall had a most interactive experience. Then it was more fun games and general knowledge quiz sessions until lunch provided by Nextstop. Last stop was the Owl Museum where the children learnt about this interesting bird from the Curator. As we take the train down, the happy chatter and gleeful faces of the children made our FIC members feel that organizing this outing is indeed a most rewarding experience.



****An entertaining treat for the Seniors: Thai Baiyok Restaurant, Heritage Club, Sat, 15 December 2012:***

As always, FIC never forgets the seniors so we got Susan to invite again on our behalf. Saw Teen has arranged for some good singers to entertain these old dears but to our dismay, the Karaoke system at the restaurant just could not work. Fortunately, Kim Huat came to the rescue with his 'GUESS OLD PENANG PICTURES' from his interesting classic collection of OLD PENANG. The oldies sure had a great time outdoing themselves to win the endless prizes we had in store.. Then Nancy(our pillar from Singapore) got them enthralled with the amazing 'High or Low' numbering game, a simple but most engaging game which everyone can enjoy participating. Nancy also used her initiative and played mime games with the old folks to compensate for no singing entertainment. When she danced gangnam, she had multiple guesses seeing the old folks are not up to date with the latest craze hahaha. Besides the prizes, every senior was given a goodie bag. Again, as the seniors gladly thanked us for this invite, I for one feel overwhelmingly grateful for all our blessings and pledge that while I can, I must do more and I am sure FIC share this!



The sumptuous 8 courses lunch for the old folks was generously sponsored by Ms Lisa Lee.

****Reaching out to the indigenous Orang Asli: Village near Grik, Sun, 16 December 2012:***

FIC has heard a fair bit about the plight of the orang asli and as Susan also has contacts with people who give aid regularly to the orang asli, Saw Teen thinks it is a good idea to do something different this year. Basically these people like staying with their 'way of living' to be in their natural habitat. We were told that all they want are more basic necessities so we just brought them food stuff(rice, milk, sardines, drinks and biscuits), washing powder and clothes. It was interesting in this day and age to see these people living a lifestyle very different from what we are accustomed. Would chalk it up as a good worthwhile experience.

As we go into the New Year 2013 with great anticipation and hope for more good things to come our way, let us put on our thinking caps to think of more good things we should try to do to make our lives more meaningful. Then hopefully, each of us will be able to say this of our life: 'to live a life that counts'!



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Friends in Charity Singapore has started a FUND to help Seri Cahaya Orphanage at Batu Maung in Penang, a home run by two ladies with no assistance from the Government, to help abandoned children. The FUND will help to buy school uniforms and shoes for the children.

Pertubuhan Rumah Kebajikan Seri Cahaya ('Rumah Seri Cahaya') is a registered charity welfare home set-up and run by two humanitarian individuals, Madam Kaliamah & Ms Linda Gregory since 1999. It is a non-profit, non-government support home which daily expenses are aided by the donations from the generous public and the corporate.

The home offers the following:

- Shelter for the orphans, abandoned children, single mother with children, mentally challenged people, homeless senior citizens.
- Houses children from the age of 4 years to old folks of 70 years old.
- Assistance to single mothers in job replacement and day care for their children.

VIEW the LINK to SEE their ACTIVITIES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPglCpaPJ0w>

