

Lakeside News

Dear Friends of Lakeside,

As we approach the end of the year, many of us can't wait to hop on the plane to our next getaway or gather with our loved ones to celebrate the festive season! However, not everyone is fortunate enough to enjoy such privileges. That is why our **Season of Giving - Love in Action** campaign benefits individuals and families in need. I would like to encourage you to give as your heart leads. Let's put our love in action!

Not to mention, the past three months have been a whirlwind! Check out highlights like our **Cross-Island Walk**, **Partnership Lunch**, **Volunteers' Appreciation Day**, and our contribution to the Youth Outreach Conference 2024 in this issue. Thank you for your love and support. From all of us at Lakeside, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyful new year!

Teo Tee Loon
Executive Director

Love In Action this Christmas



What does love mean to you? For us, love goes beyond words - it's about action. It's about stepping in, reaching out, and making a real impact. This festive season, our annual **Season of Giving** campaign, themed **Love in Action**, invites you to come together and help transform lives through meaningful acts of kindness.

Through this campaign, express your love to those in need. A donation of any amount contributes to festive love gifts for those struggling financially and supports all of Lakeside's work for children, youths, seniors, families, and the incarcerated.

Every contribution becomes more than a gift. With your generosity, families will have meals to share, children will feel the joy of receiving, and individuals facing struggles will know they are not alone. Let's celebrate the year-end by giving to those who need it most!

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New Beginnings Unlocked!

A heartfelt thank you for helping us reach **\$101,917** in our **A Million Steps - Unlock New Beginnings** campaign.

Your belief in our mission has made a profound difference, paving the way for new beginnings for the incarcerated, ex-inmates, and families we serve!

We are deeply grateful for your remarkable support and look forward to continuing this journey together in 2025.



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How Far Will You Go to Support a Good Cause?



On Friday 4 October, 70 dedicated supporters joined us for the 40km overnight walk from Taman Jurong to Changi Chapel Museum. Our annual **Cross-Island Walk** supports **A Million Steps**, which raises funds for our work at Taman Jurong Haven, such as family support, employment assistance, plus casework and counselling for inmates, ex-inmates, and their families. We thank everyone for taking steps to show support for ex-inmates in their reintegration journey!

To energise our walkers through the night, Shell Singapore sponsored colourful goodie bags filled with treats and supplies for their journey, as well as the refreshments we handed out at pit-stops. A big thank you to Shell for their generosity!

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Building a Community of Care



Thank you to our partners and supporters for attending our first-ever Lakeside Family Services' **Partnership Lunch**, where we celebrated Friends of Lakeside and welcomed new connections!

Guests were treated to a four-course lunch and enjoyed a performance of retro songs by seniors from Kaki Kampong Seniors Wellness (KKSWS). We were also privileged to have our Guest-of-Honour, Mr Shawn Huang, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance, talk about how Lakeside's work has benefited many individuals and families in need.

Beneficiaries from our KKSWS, Taman Jurong Haven, and The GRIT Project then took to the stage to share how Lakeside changed their lives, be it through providing years of faithful mentoring, a connection to the right job opportunity, or efforts to bring seniors with mobility issues into a supportive community.



The **Partnership Lunch** raised funds for our work in childhood literacy, children and youth mentoring, seniors' wellness, support for inmates and their families and we thank all our supporters for being a vital part of this community of care.

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Volunteers and Lakeside United as One!



On **Volunteers' Appreciation Day**, we celebrated how we served as one, united in our purpose! The theme, 'As One', reflected the teamwork of Lakeside and our volunteers, all working together with a clear mission to love and serve the community.

We celebrated our amazing volunteers who committed their time and effort throughout the year to make a difference in the lives of children, youths, seniors, families, and ex-inmates. In an afternoon with good food and great company, we played games and highlighted the achievements of our volunteers. Lakeside staff also gladly added a personal touch by serving lunch to all volunteers.



Lakeside's Volunteer Management Chairperson, Ms Genie Tan, and Executive Director, Mr Teo Tee Loon, expressed their heartfelt gratitude for our dedicated volunteers.

And as a token of appreciation, each volunteer received their very own mini umbrella, perfect for the rainy season ahead.

Special mention to the winners of our Helping Hand Awards, Lifetime Volunteer Awards, Leader in Volunteer Engagement Award, and Community Partnership Awards. We deeply appreciate your heart for those in need!

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Hello from the Youth Outreach Conference 2024!



Our Integrated Service Provider (ISP) and CREST-Youth (SOAR) teams had the privilege of conducting a well-received masterclass titled "Engagement Through Art" at the Youth Outreach Conference 2024, organised by Fei Yue Community Services.

At our masterclass, we equipped 30 youth work practitioners, educators, and policymakers working with the NEETs population, i.e. youths who are not in education, employment, and training. We showed how art can be used to care for mental health.

Participants were led through a hands-on experience making shrink art inspired by a picture or phrase that represented what they were good at and hoped to achieve. We hope this activity would inspire them to bring shrink art to the youths they help!