



Dear Friends of Lakeside,

A new year brings new hope, new possibilities, and new ways of moving forward. As we step into 2025, let's embrace fresh perspectives, find strength in challenges, and continue making a positive impact together.

This year, we're raising funds for our work with children, youths, and seniors, now with the added element of fostering connections across generations. To do so, we'll be refreshing our annual overnight walk in May with a brand new route. And for the first time in six years, we're bringing back our Charity Golf tournament in July!

Our Volunteers' Appreciation Day in October features a "come and see" fair, inviting like-minded individuals to serve, connect, and find purpose! And lastly, we hope to see you at our Charity Gala for a meaningful and memorable evening.

None of this is possible without you. We look forward to making 2025 a year of growth and new beginnings together! Happy New Year!

Teo Tee Loon
Executive Director

How did we do last year? Find out in our Annual Report!



Behind every number, there is a person with needs. Lives are changed because someone decided to show their love and care.

We hope this sharing from our young beneficiary's parent encourages you just as much as it encouraged us:

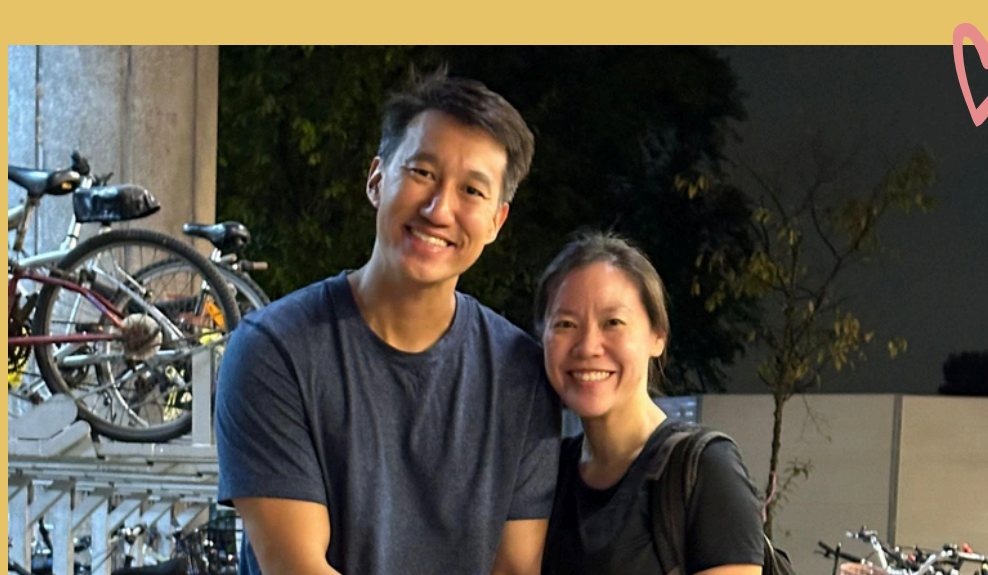
"Towards the end of The GRIT Academy+, we were able to have conversations and laugh together. Even on his birthday, he looked forward to attending the programme.

Through the support provided by mentors, I observe his improvement in managing his emotions. He has fewer outbursts at home now."

Check out our Annual Report 2023/2024 and read more inspiring stories, available on our website now.

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Put your love into action today



What does love in action mean to you? For Joshua, our fundraiser, volunteer, and management committee member, it means sharing the love he has experienced with those around him.

Having volunteered for nearly a decade at Lakeside Family Services (Lakeside), Joshua has witnessed firsthand the meaningful impact Lakeside has on those in need. Seeing the challenges faced by our beneficiaries and knowing he can contribute to making a difference inspires him to support Lakeside.

Last year, Joshua participated in our Cross-Island Walk, covering 40km overnight to raise funds for our prison support services. He sees the walk as a reflection of our commitment to journeying with the incarcerated through their challenging and dark times. The overnight walk, though exhausting and difficult, symbolises solidarity with others who care deeply for the community.

Joshua believes that everyone can make a difference, no matter how small the efforts are. Fundraising and donating go beyond finances. They bring hope, care, and opportunities to change lives. Join us today to make a difference and turn your love into action!

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Ushering in the new year at KKSWS!



Our Kaki Kampong Seniors Wellness (KKSWS) kicked off the Lunar New Year with a lively celebration, gathering 100 seniors and volunteers for a time of joy and togetherness.

The event featured a variety of meaningful activities, starting with a volunteer calligrapher creating beautiful works to wish the seniors peace, protection, and blessings for the year ahead. Senior volunteers also put on a song and dance performance that filled the room with energy and joy.

The highlight of the celebration was the *lo hei*, where everyone gathered to toss the festive dish in hopes of blessings and good health.

We were also thrilled to have our Malay seniors join the celebration, making it a vibrant cultural exchange.

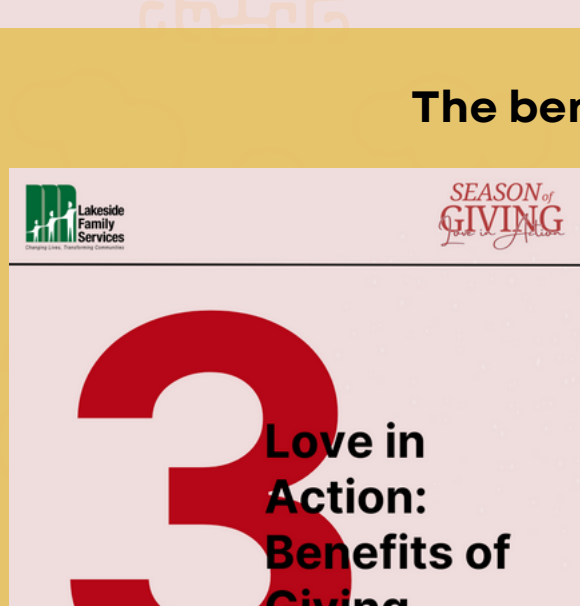


Overall, the seniors made new friends, shared laughter, and exchanged blessings as they welcomed the new year.

This celebration was made possible by our senior volunteers and River Valley High School student volunteers who worked hard to organise the event!

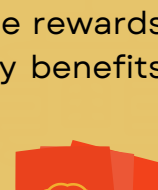


The benefits of giving



Have you ever wondered about the benefits of giving? Giving not only blesses others but also brings incredible rewards to the giver. Here are three key benefits of giving:

- 1. Better mental health**
- 2. Better physical health**
- 3. Better social connection**



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