



Dear Friends of Lakeside,

As Christmas draws near, most of us will be spending time with our families and friends, enjoying meals and exchanging gifts. However, there are many who are not as blessed. These are the ones who are struggling, and perhaps for them, it is even harder during this season.

Through our **Season of Giving 2025 – It Is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive** campaign, we hope to inspire everyone with the true spirit of giving, so that we can brighten someone else's day, and bring a little warmth to their hearts.

This Christmas, let's do our part to bring love, hope and joy to the hearts of those who need it most.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

Teo Tee Loon
Executive Director



IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE



"I often lay awake at night worrying about groceries, school fees, and medical bills. Some months were so tough that I had to borrow from extended family just to keep food on the table. It was difficult to keep asking for help, but I had to do it for my children."

Mdm S, a single mother of five, had been caring for her children alone, often facing sleepless nights and coping with frequent illness among her younger children. These circumstances made working nearly impossible for Mdm S. During her darkest moments, she found support through Lakeside Family Services. Our Christmas Love Gift, monthly food rations, and additional assistance during tight months eased her financial burden, while our social worker provided a safe space to talk and explore solutions.

Today, Mdm S is working part-time and is gradually rebuilding her independence and stability. Though challenges remain, she faces each day with renewed hope and gratitude for the support that helped her family through their hardest times.

This festive season, you can help brighten the lives of individuals and families like Mdm S who are struggling. Our Season of Giving campaign invites you to share the true spirit of Christmas by supporting those in need. Your generous donation helps provide festive love gifts to those struggling financially and supports our non-funded work for children, youth, seniors, families, and the incarcerated. All donations are eligible for dollar-for-dollar matching by the government's Enhanced Fundraising (EFR) Programme.

This Christmas, let's choose to give and make the season brighter for everyone.

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HONOURING THE HANDS AND HEARTS THAT SERVE WITH LOVE



We ended another year of hard work with a time of fun and fellowship at our annual Good Labourers' Appreciation Dinner. Many came dressed in their favourite "Alice in Wonderland" outfits, bringing their creativity to life by embodying beloved characters from the story.

We were also treated to wonderful performances by our multi-talented colleagues, who showcased their gifts through singing and an entertaining skit. The evening was made even more special as we celebrated and appreciated our staff who received long service awards.

Thank you, everyone, for your good work and loving dedication!

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FIRST EXPLORERS AT CURIOSITY COVE



On Friday 21 November, children from The GRIT Project attended the launch of Curiosity Cove, the latest attraction at Mandai Wildlife Reserve. Being among the first to enjoy the nature-inspired indoor playscape was a real treat for them!

They immersed themselves in various zones, which helped them learn about the diverse natural habitats of wildlife. From tall grasslands to ocean floors, they certainly had an educational and exhilarating time. We thank Mandai Wildlife Reserve for the eye-opening experience!

A CAMPFIRE CHRISTMAS FOR OUR CHILDREN

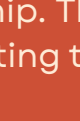


Our Christmas celebration welcomed 51 children from Reading Intervention Services, built around a fun and meaningful camping theme. Every child received a goodie bag and refreshments, generously sponsored by donors including Mrs Poonam Khoobchandani from PoonamsRedMitt, Mr and Mrs William Tok, and Agape Methodist Church.

The event featured engaging activities such as crafts, a photobooth courtesy of Mr Alvin from Uber Print LLP, where every child took home two printed photos, and a delightful marshmallow BBQ, allowing the children to grill and enjoy their treats on the spot.



The programme was conducted in collaboration with Agape Children's Ministry. While the children participated in the activities, parents were hosted at Family at The Agape, where they enjoyed refreshments and a time of fellowship. The event created warm memories for both children and parents, celebrating the joyful season.



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