

POVERELLO TEEN CENTRE

YOUTHS on the move



Life Skill camp
for our Sec 2T1
students on
24 May 2008

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AMY LIM

Amy started as a Chatline volunteer in 2001 and eventually moved on to Life Skills when this programme was introduced by Sr Maria Sylvia Ng. Amy, a mother of 3 grown up adults, finds joy working with the Sec 2NT students every year.



FELICITY WONG

Feli (as she's dearly addressed) also started as a Chatline volunteer in 2001. When Chatline was discontinued in 2003, she didn't quit PTC but 'braved' on to the Life Skills programme.



CECILIA FUNG

The only Life Skill volunteer with 'punk' and tinted hair! Cecilia who is active on the share market, still finds time to share Life Skills with the Hai Sing students since 2005.



SEBASTIAN GOH

Sebastian was actually 'volunteered' to PTC in 2007 by his son Stanley, who is on our Management Committee. Sebastian teaches Science weekly at PTC besides helping with Life Skills.



GEORGE LIM

This year George made a comeback after a long break when Chatline was discontinued. He now assists in Life Skills.



LILY & DANIEL CHEONG

Our only couple team : Both Lily and Daniel are already busy volunteering at CGH, visiting their son and grandchildren in UK; yet that doesn't stop them from helping at Life Skills sessions since 2004. Daniel also teaches science at PTC.

Volunteers

spotlight
on our

MAGDALENE LOH

Also a pioneer volunteer with Chatline, Magdalene continued with Life Skills till early this year when she decided to move on to some other areas. Thank you Mag for your unfailing dedication of more than 8 years. May God bless you !



PHILIP YIP

Teased lovingly as the 'youngest' - Uncle Philip who is in his 70's, has been with PTC since its beginning in 2000. When the need for tuition lessons became more demanding, he took up the challenge to teach Maths.



TAN BEE PO

A full-time school teacher in Chinese language, Bee Po comes weekly all the way from town after school to help our students weak in CL. Dedicated since 2003, Bee Po has also followed our overseas community service projects to Thailand, Philippines and Sabah.



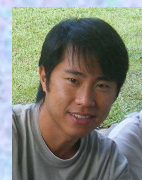
CECILIA CHIN

Though she's a retired school VP/teacher, Cecilia said 'yes' in 2006 when we approached her to teach English language to our students.



MICHAEL LIM

It was in 2005 when the N-level exams were near and the students were in dire need of some last minute coaching on Science that Michael came to the rescue. An engineer by day, he is our Science tutor for final year students.



A MUSICAL.....

When the idea of staging a Musical was proposed to PTC youth, there were grimaces, rolling of eyes and shaking of heads! It was so unfamiliar and different from the active, risk-taking, programmes that they are used to. I wondered then whether the idea should be scrapped but with encouragement from staff and volunteers, I went ahead to invite Mr. Denis Leong to give an introductory singing session for those interested.....yes! there were a few who were interested!

There were about 15 of them and Denis was very happy with the 80% participation he received. With that, he invited us to a staging of his school's musical, at 8pm on the 9th May at the Victoria Theatre, to give our youth an experience of a musical.

It took some cajoling and encouragement to get about 15 of the youth, accompanied by some volunteers to attend Catholic High School's "Combat!" It helped greatly that the tickets were free and it was a night event to dress up for. The overture proved to be the only negative aspect of the experience - too long and BORING!! But they enjoyed the story line, the drama and movements to simple tunes, the music and lyrics composed by Denis. Most of them had very strong reactions to the various characters as the story was one they could identify with - strong-handed mother who wanted her son to fulfil her dreams for him! Thank God they enjoyed it! It gives me hope to continue preparation for the Musical I have in mind.



Our youth all dressed up for their night out at Victoria Theatre



Great coordination of singing and dancing

Japanese Drums in ACTION

by Shawn Quek, staff

Preparing for the Hai Sing Speech Day performance was a challenge for me as it was my 1st time rehearsing with the youths for a public performance. But the youths showed a lot of determination and hardwork, amidst the horsing around and jokes. Sequence of songs



and movement of drums were rehearsed repeatedly as there was some confusion as to who goes to which drum. And for the first time, the Japanese Flutes were showcased for 1 of the songs. Jenny, Felicia, Charlene and Ben were the flautists chosen to play. Although it was something totally new and literally 'breathtaking', they displayed much enthusiasm to get all the notes correct. During the rehearsal at the school hall, the youths showed a lot of cooperation and teamwork, getting prepared and helping out one another to carry sticks and drums, and pushing the drums onto the stage. Overall on the actual day, it was a fine and splendid performance put up by the youths! Bravo!

The Tampines East CC invited us to perform from 16 to 18 May at the Buddha Tooth Temple event. It was a pretty busy and tight schedule of training amidst preparing for mid year examinations for the youths. We only had 4 sessions of training this performance. I was in charge of organizing the sequence of songs and formation of the drums, and again it was another challenge posed to me. Not only

was this a challenge, it was also the first time the PTC youths collaborated with the ITE College (East) Daiko Group, formed by our Alumni youth Wang Junyong. We had to perform for 3 nights in a row, and as the attendance for each night was different, the formation of drummers had to be re-arranged every night. Pleasantly enough, PTC youths and ITE team connected and communicated well! The chemistry among all the youths was so good that it helped calm down those who experienced pre-performance jitters and everyone had a wonderful time performing on stage. All the 3 nights of performance were very well received with the audience applauding loudly and enthusiastically! Though having



performed consequently for 3 nights and on the last night to load and unload the drums back at Tampines East CC, the youths felt that it was a worthwhile experience where new friendships, bonds and memories were forged and created. We look forward to more opportunities whereby PTC and ITE youths work hand in hand again!



A day helping at 'Soup Kitchen'

As early as 7am on 3 June, 6 youths—Jenny, Felicia, Tin Yam, Cassandra, Charlene and Jermyn followed Sr Victorine and Shawn to go help out at 'Soup Kitchen' which is an ACMI project that supplies meals for migrant construction workers. For the entire morning, they worked with Sr Rosalind and the volunteers there, following their instructions in the preparation, cooking, packing and distribution of food. They looked to see what they could do when they had completed given tasks and did their best. In spite of so many present in the kitchen, they walked around easily without any pushing. Every youth helped one another with utensils and tools needed and followed the process for packing food.

All of them learned fast with readiness to listen and do. And the distribution of food was well on time for the migrant construction workers !



Happily cutting cabbage leaves



I can handle a frying wok...



Packers in action

NYAA

Gold
Silver

Gold award participants planned, trained for, and undertook a 4-days kayak expedition including 3 nights in tents in remote surroundings of Pulau Ubin with at least 32 hours of activity. (For the Silver, it's 3-day including 2 nights.) From 18 to 21 June, they had the opportunities for team-work, self-reliance, determination, cooperation and development of individual qualities.

Gold : Yi Hui, Yan Xiang, Jasmine W, Kelvin



Silver :
Jenny,
Charlene,
Felicia



SNIPPETS

NYAA Silver



Congratulations to Yi Hui, Yan Xiang, Ming Jie, Jasmine Wang, Si Hui and Kelvin on receiving their NYAA Silver Award. The Presentation Ceremony was held on 29 April at the Singapore Polytechnic.



Sr. Angela Haiyashi and Sr. Sue Philips, FMM General Councillors based in Rome visited PTC on 21 May. They interacted with our youths, volunteers and staff, and tried some local kueh-kueh and cool barley drink.

G.C. visits PTC

Working with youths the PTC way.....

Patience
Time
Concern

Do you have these basic qualities?
If yes, then join us as volunteers.
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Life as PTC volunteers will never be dull especially when Br. Collin gives us his occasional talks to recharge us and update us with skills to work with youths.

Talk by Br. Collin : 28 April

