



Prison Educational Development Work In Kajang Prison

Shelter's Executive Director
 Mr James Nayagam receiving the
 "Anugerah Khas" from the Deputy
 Internal Security Minister Y.B. Dato'
 Mohd Johari bin Baharum.

'Anugerah Khas' (Special Award) Awarded to Shelter Home by Malaysia Prison's Department

On 4 November 2007 Shelter was awarded the Anugerah Khas (Special Award) by the Prison's Department of Malaysia in conjunction with the National Prison's Day celebration. The ceremony was held in the grounds of the Prison's Academy in Kajang.

The award is given in recognition of Shelter's commitment in providing educational and rehabilitation services for young prisoners in the Kajang Prison.



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 Prison and staff.

Shelter started a programme three years ago for young male prisoners in the Kajang Prison providing:-

- Literacy classes
 - to teach boys to read & write
- Computer skills
- Vocational training
- Group intervention program
- Legal aid
- Counselling

Mr James Nayagam said that 3 years ago there were about 350 young prisoners but today the number had increased to 700. According to him most of the boys came from broken families where the fathers have abandoned the family.

The Prison Department in its effort to care for the boys invited Shelter to conduct the education programme. The department had made their staff and space available to allow Shelter to carry out its activities and have extended their co-operation in many other ways. We put on record our appreciation to the Prison Department for their co-operation and care for the young prisoners.



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Shelter's work in the prison has indeed grown and this year there will be a graduation ceremony for those who have completed their certificate course in computer skills. It is the first time in Malaysia that an event such as this has taken place. No one would have thought that there would be a graduation ceremony especially in a prison.

This year Shelter is going to start a band. The boys are looking forward to exhibiting their musical talents through playing the musical instruments and singing. Indeed it's a form of a therapy that would re-enforce their positive side.



Council Member of National
 Advisory and Consultancy
 for Children Ministry of
 Development for Women,
 Family and Community.

About eighty percent of the boys are victims of child abuse. Most of them are school dropouts who had to stop schooling to work in order to support their families. What hope is there for them after they are released from prison? For one thing going back to school would be furthest in their minds as they would have an uphill task of catching up with normal students and furthermore schooling may be boring. What if they applied to work? The employer would discover that he has been in prison and therefore he will have the fears of employing such persons. Even going back to the family seems difficult as the neighbourhood is aware that these boys have been in prison. The boy bears a stigma even before he enters adulthood. Having no other option he returns to his "old" friends and chances of him committing a crime again is there. But now they have hope to live meaningful lives in society.

Shelter invites the public to be part of this growing work in the prison. You can be a part of this work by being a volunteer teacher at least twice a week. You can also help out in the items needed as mentioned below:-

- Stationery
- Musical Instruments
- Toiletries

For further information please contact
Mr Kumar at 03-7955 0663.

In touch with life-styles:

The 22 – 23 November 2007 saw all the children of Shelter homes 1, 2, 3 and 4 travelling in a bus and a van to the Bukit Merah Laketown Resort for a holiday sponsored by YBhg Tan Sri Datuk Haji Mustapha Kamal, Chairman of Yayasan EMKAY. In a way, it was a well deserved rest for them, but also a break for the Home staff who looked after them. The journey there was about 3 hours but the resort itself was truly a refreshing sight after the metropolis of KL. With all the hustle and bustle, it was a wonder no one got missed out!

The children experienced the excitement of exchanging their personal sleeping quarters for those of Bukit Merah, without much ado. The environment, entertainment, food, fun & games coupled with the room and lodging arrangements provided part of the fun and enjoyment during the stay there.

Enjoying the boat-ride to the Orang Utan Island and trudging from one animal enclosure to the next was a change from the daily home routine; watching and observing animals in more natural surroundings than in zoos that they were used too also impacted their learning. This was a different holiday that, judging from the photographs, one that they really enjoyed.



Christmas at Shelter: When a child is born



The annual affair took place on the evening of the 30 November 2007, with the staff and their families.

This Christmas Dinner also gave us a fish-eye view of the generosity of our donors and the care they have for the children. But for the children, Christmas actually took off some days earlier as all were involved in some way or another in the preparation and wrapping of food and gifts respectively.

The children delighted their audience with Christmas carols played on the recorders, showing their talent. There was a spontaneity that warmed the hearts of the guests and families. After some four hours later these memories will linger in the minds of Shelter children in the bond of friendship with people whose presence and action proclaimed in more than just words alone.



You've got *friends*...

PUSPANITA, or Persatuan Suri Dan Anggota Wanita Perkhidmatan Awam Malaysia, consisting of the wives and all female Civil Servant Staff of the Malaysian Civil Service or the Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam Malaysia, quite naturally, would take an interest in the teenage girls of Shelter home 2 and so paid the home a visit. They also presented the home with a kitchen gas stove and other utensils.

Puan Juwairiyah binti Jaafar, Counselor of the Psychological Service Division, JPA, presented a motivational talk to the adolescent girls of Shelter 2 to inspire them to greater heights. She also highlighted areas to avoid taking simple risks and when to be fearless in facing challenges.

Puan Grace Xavier, Chairperson of Research and Planning Division, JPA and Puan Amy Lim Kheng Gaik, Chairperson of the Pensions Division, JPA were on hand too, to grace the occasion with their 12 colleagues.



A group photo taken with members of PUSPANITA together with Shelter 2 Home for the teenagers on 13 December 2007.



Puan Juwairiyah bt Jaafar, Counselor of the Psychological Service Division, of Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam under PUSPANITA had a lunch chat with some of Shelter 2 teenagers.



Deborah Wee, Shelter PR receiving one of the donated items from both Puan Amy Lim Kheng Gaik, and Puan Grace Xavier, Chairpersons, PUSPANITA Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam.



Deborah Wee, Shelter PR receiving one of the donated items from one of the representatives of PUSPANITA.



Y B Dato' Donald Lim Siang Chai, MP for Petaling Jaya Selatan and Deputy Minister of Tourism took pictures with some of Shelter 1 children and Staff on his Chinese New Year visit.



These are some of the Chinese New Year goodies donated by Y B Dato' Donald Lim Siang Chai, MP for Petaling Jaya Selatan and Deputy Minister of Tourism.

Silver Linings for a New Year

YB Dato' Donald Lim Siang Chai celebrated Chinese New Year with his young guests of Shelter Home 1 on the 4 January 2008.

There were ang pows for the youngsters and all kinds of sweets, cookies and cakes with traditional mandarin oranges by the boxes. Dato' Lim also presented a cheque to the Homes, together with all the other goodies. The young children had a time of fun and laughter as they got into the spirit of the occasion.



Y B Dato' Donald Lim Siang Chai, MP for Petaling Jaya Selatan and Deputy Minister of Tourism gave away some 'ang pows' to the children in Shelter 1.



Staff of Shelter and ACS students poses for a group photograph.

Refugee Visit

A total of 49 young men from the Anglo Chinese School Singapore arrived on the 15 January 2008, for a visit to two refugee centres at Subang and Kepong. They were taken by Shelter's guides for the day, Mr John Loga and Mr Swamy Das who are also involved with community and prison services respectively.

The young men of ACS Singapore were probably being exposed to more than they had anticipated. They were impressed with how much could be achieved with attitudes of sharing and caring, and how Shelter had been able to provide the basic amenities for refugees from Myanmar.

They also visited the refugee centre where there were computer classes being set up with Basic English lessons in the offing. The visits came to an end at lunchtime with much food for thought for the young men.



Students of ACS Singapore presenting gifts to the children.



Students of ACS Singapore having fellowship with the refugee children.



Presentation of song items by the refugee families.

Shelter Three Maintenance

KPH Property Management Sdn Bhd together with Inverfin Sdn Bhd pooled resources to provide the young men of Shelter 3 some time off for their young minds to digest the vicissitudes of their present status on the 24 November 2007.

Doors of the baths and toilets were replaced; water closets and taps went the same way with the boys of Shelter 3 getting rapid lessons in plumbing and carpentry. The lunch break was pizza. Painting took centre stage after some electrical points were 'doctored'.

The dining area was given a lime green treatment with a panel of contrasting orange. The passageway to the dining was painted in lime also together with the doors of the dormitories and toilets. Finally the entrance to the haven – the gates were treated to coats of black gloss while the boys enjoyed fellowshiping with the staff from KPH and Inverfin that came to an end at tea.



Gates of Shelter 3 turning jet black under the deft strokes of the ladies KPH and boys of Shelter 3.



KPH and Inverfin staff poses for a group photo outside Shelter Home 3 with the boys of Shelter 3.

The corridor turns lime green as KPH and Inverfin staff brighten up the walls.

GREAT WOMEN OF OUR TIME AWARDS

Share their greatness with Shelter

Malaysia's new generation of outstanding women achievers were honoured tonight, 6 September 2007, at The Great Women of Our Time Awards, an initiative, conceptualised by The Malaysian Women's Weekly that seeks to recognize excellence, leadership and performance across a diverse range of disciplines for women.

The 18 Great Women of Our Time nominees from a set of six categories: Arts and Media; Finance and Commerce; Education and Public Service; Science and Technology; Health, Sports and Wellness; and Design and Style, were recognized at a glittering gala dinner held at Windows on KL 1 and 2, Crown Plaza Mutiara, Kuala Lumpur.



A group picture of our children taken with Mdm Foong Pik Yee, CEO of Standard Chartered Malaysia.



Mdm Foong Pik Yee, CEO of Standard Chartered Malaysia giving a cheque donation of RM5,000 to Mr James Nayagam together with our children, achievers of the awards at Shelter 1 on 28 Dec 2007.

Additionally, one of the 18 nominees was awarded: "Most Inspiring Woman 2007" as chosen via SMS by readers of The Weekly. She received RM5,000.00 to donate to a charity of her choice. And this distinguished lady chose to present the RM 5,000.00 to Shelter Home for children.

Mdm Foong Pik Yee, Chief Financial Officer, Standard Chartered, Malaysia, on the 28 December 2007, made this wonderful gesture, a beau gesture to all the children of Shelter. Of course our Executive Director, Mr James Nayagam was on hand to accept the cheque and the photograph captures the essence of this gesture – love.



Mr James Nayagam receiving a RM5,000 cheque Donation from Mdm Foong Pik Yee, CEO of Standard Chartered Malaysia at Shelter 1.

residents' corner

Aiming High

Each December, we end the year by awarding our children "Best Student" and "Best Resident" awards. So for the year ending 2007, after wading through rounds of deliberation, the managers and home staff decided on the awards as follows:

For Shelter 1, the Best Student award went to Cheng Mun. She managed to obtain 1A for her UPSR examination despite coming to Shelter back in May, 2005 and being quite behind in her studies. With true grit and determination, Cheng Mun didn't spare her emotions or feel sorry for herself; instead this true-blue Shelter resident is today a changed person with positive attitudes and a bubbly personality.

The Best Resident award for Shelter 1 reflects Shelter's other facets of her mission – of recognising residents who have seen overall character development.

Young residents Ka Chun and Jessica jointly won Shelter 1's Best Resident award, again reflecting transformations in character change.

Pei Peng of Shelter 2 was the winner of the Best Resident award. This charming young lady, polite, well mannered, respectful and yet with spunk and spirit, has been a joy for Shelter 2 home staff to work with.

As for Shelter 3, the staff of the home unanimously chose Kah Seng for the Best Resident award for the rudimentary changes regarding his behaviour and attitudes.

"We know that it is only by acknowledging and rewarding our children for appropriate behaviour and honest efforts in improving themselves, that we are able to reinforce the creative learning within their spirits that can only go one way". – UP.

DONATION SLIP

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- ☐ Yes, please include me in the Shelter newsletter mailing list.
- ☐ I would like to sponsor a child. Please contact me.
- ☐ Please provide me with more information to serve on a voluntary basis.
- ☐ I would like to pledge RM _____ per month for _____ months / year(s).
- ☐ Enclosed is a crossed cheque / bank draft / money order no. _____ payable to **Shelter** for RM _____
- ☐ Please charge my donation of RM _____ to:
- ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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Signature : _____ Date : _____

Started in 1981, Shelter is a registered voluntary welfare organization for children and teenagers who have been abandoned, neglected, orphaned or abused. Shelter is supported by donations from the general public. **ALL DONATIONS TO SHELTER ARE TAX EXEMPT. (No.8954 / 90)**



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TRAINING WORKSHOP "ENHANCING SENSITIVITY TO CHILD VICTIMS"

Presentation of certificates by the Executive Director to Police Officers who successfully completed the training.

In conjunction with the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse on 19 November 2007, Shelter with the co-operation of Royal Malaysian Police Force organized a one-day training workshop entitled "ENHANCING SENSITIVITY TO CHILD VICTIMS". About 34 police officers from the various parts of the country attended the seminar. The Honorable SAC II Dato' Sharifuddin bin Abdul Ghani from Bukit Aman officially launched the seminar. This training workshop is part of our Shelter's community project to foster good working relationships in our efforts to shelter and protect sexually abused children.

Child abuse or any violence inflicted on a child is a community problem. There is a need to promote effective community intervention so that the total chain of investigation process in child abuse and violation cases are coordinated professionally and will bring the least amount of added trauma to the child.

Police personnel are important partners in this community of intervention.

This training workshop was designed to increase the professional knowledge and enhance the skills of the frontline police officers who; in understanding and appreciating their roles, responsibilities, strengths and weaknesses, and in recognizing that their skills are different but as equally as important, will be able to intervene effectively in their efforts to properly and sensitively resolve child abuse and violation cases, in accordance with the Child Act 2001.

Topics covered during the workshop include:

- The importance / need of co-operation / partnership between NGOs and the police.
- What is needed in the investigation / collection of data so that the perpetrator does not go off free on a technicality.
- The psychological / trauma that a rape victim goes through when reporting a rape case to the police – a true account story.
- What to look for when a child is abused and how does one deal with a child undergoing trauma – intonation, style, touch.
- Case study of a child reporting a rape case – analyzing how a real case is handled.
- The Police Code of Ethics – their personal conduct and how they should view / regard the cases.

Our speakers included Mr James Nayagam (Executive Director, Shelter), Assistant Prof Dr Farah Nini binti Haji Dusuki (Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah Of Laws, UIA), Dr Irene Cheah (Dept of Paediatrics, Hospital Kuala Lumpur) and Superintendent Ong Chin Lan (Assistant Director, D11, RMP).

Sponsor A Shelter Child



If you have any questions regarding Shelter's Sponsor a Child Programme, or are interested to be a sponsor, please call Elaine at Shelter office or you could download the Sponsor Form from the website (www.shelterhome.org) and send it to our postal address. Sponsorship is for a minimum period of 12 months and most of our sponsors continue with this meaningful experience of helping change the world for at least one disadvantaged child after just trying it for one sponsorship term. So, do not delay and call us now at 03-7955 0663.

Volunteer



Interested in volunteering at Shelter? Do contact Angela for more details at 03-7955 0663 today!

We appreciate all that you do to make a difference! Child sponsors and volunteers are invaluable to us!

Dropzone



DropZone is a Shelter youth community centre project, which offers an alternative hang-out place for young people and runs activities which focus on the personal development of youth.

Contact Keat Lim at 03-7782 7448 if you would like to know more about DropZone's activities – happenin' Mondays to Fridays from 11.00am till 6.00pm.

DropZone is at: No.92-A, 1st Floor, Jalan Othman 1/14 (PJ Old Town), 46000 Petaling Jaya.