

## **Round-up of Club's Activities for May 2021- April 2022**

**2021-2022 has been an incredibly fulfilling year. Despite the disruptions caused by the measures taken to combat the pandemic, our club had persevered with many events and programmes:**

### **LIFT PROGRAM**

In June 2021, the club supported a program to provide literacy skills to underprivileged children aged 5 to 8 years, providing funding to trainers, educational materials and tuition of more than 45 children.

By the end of December 2021, the kids had improved on words and phonemes sound recognition, writing and spelling of 2 syllables words. Though the programme had ended in April 2022, we hope it will continue to touch and benefit more children when trainers continue to offer their services to low income family.



### **FOOD PROGRAM**

Continuing with our collaboration with Foodbank of Singapore since April 2021, we worked with frontliner volunteers to collect and distribution food rations to communities staying at low cost rental homes around Singapore.

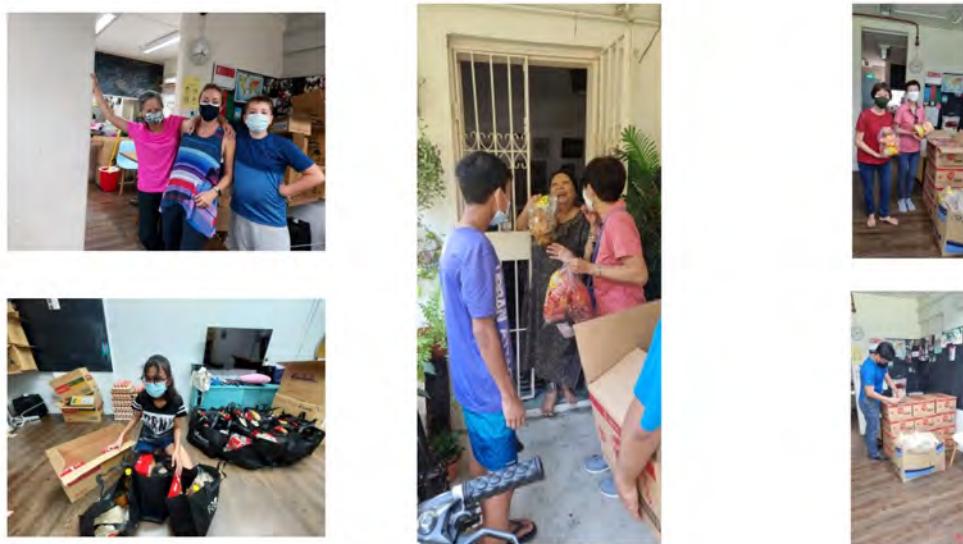
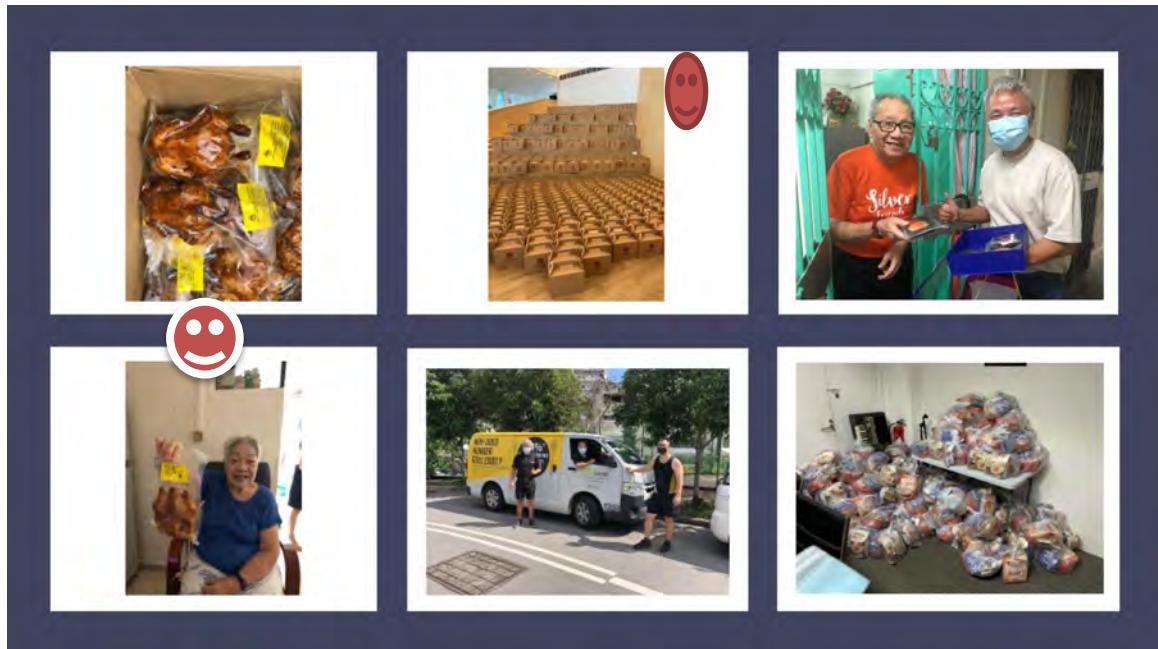
In the beginning, the communities are largely comprised of large families and elderly tenants living in 1-2 rooms apartments, located at Toa Payoh, Clementi, Ang Moi Kio and Spooner Road.

Those at Lengkok Bharu, Henderson , Pasir Ris and Tampines estates were added to the list in first half of 2022.

In total, the estimated number of food bundles delivered per month is around 500, each bundle averaging \$30.

In addition, we distributed household items (detergent, floor wash, brooms, handwash etc) , roasted chicken and fresh eggs.

We also collaborated with S17 Community Kitchen to fund hot meals that beneficiaries could take at the kitchen.



Youth group at Shine offered their help to pack and distribute the bundles.

## Childcare Support

In the course of the food program, we were alerted to a family of 5 children being care for by an elderly grandmother. With absentee parent, the elderly could not cope with the 2 youngest children. They were fostered to a known caregiver. The club supported the effort with monthly stipend to defray her expenses.

On monthly basis the caregiver provided updates on the children's well being.



## Members Events

1) April is special to us because it is the time to celebrate our club's **charter day**. Each member was presented with a tart and a rose on this special day, personally delivered by member "volunteers" Claudia, Janet, Lynette, Sally, and Joanna.

It is just a small gesture but is meaningful and rewarding as we gave our time to our members. Eleni presented Claudia with a bunch of flowers in return as she was so overwhelmed while Shirley contributed to the sunshine box to express her appreciation!



## 2) Scam Prevention Talk (April 2022)

The local neighbourhood police (Serangoon NPC) gave a talk to members on Scam Prevention. Members of other IWC clubs in Singapore also attended the talk which highlighted how job scams work, phishing tactics and e-commerce fraud.

It is mind boggling to learn of the sum of savings lost. And how desperate the victims were.



## 3) Appreciation Day

We are grateful to the members, volunteers and frontliners for continuing bringing comfort to the beneficiaries with food and non-food items, including the literacy program for preschoolers from disadvantaged backgrounds since June 2020. So, we gathered and recognised their time, effort and energy on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Suntec NUSS Guild House.



#### 4) Visit to S17 kitchen

We brought members to meet with the founder and learn of his work at Lengkok Bahru. Every Saturday, he had an army of volunteers to distribute provisions such as bread and fruits.

As mentioned above, the club funded hot meals via food vouchers.



#### Visitors

June, Claudia, Nany and Lucia were also busy during this period.

They met with visitors from India, exchanging bannerettes with Uma Tambralli, Club ISO, IWC of Koppal (Karnataka) D316, and ISO Anjali Save from IWC Aurangabad, D313.

