



Viriya Community Services

Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2007

ROS registration No	110/2001/WEL										
Date of registration as a society	08 March 2001										
Charity registration No	1511										
Date of registration as a charity	03 July 2001										
IPC status	CF/0322/01052006135933 - till 30 September 2009										
Management committee	The management committee was elected at the annual general meeting held on 14 March 2007.										
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Bankers	United Overseas Bank Limited DBS Bank Limited										
Auditors	CS Choong & Co										

Objectives: Our Society's principal activities are aimed at bringing joy and enhancing the quality of life by providing care and assistance to families and individuals in need of support regardless of race and religion. These were rendered through its community projects including Dreams @ Kolam Ayer, LHCST-NKF Dialysis Centre, My Centre @ Moulmein, sharing and caring for you, Viriya Children's Welfare

Fund, Viriya-KK Children's Hospital HomeCare Programme, Whispering Hearts Family Service Centre, Whispering Hearts Infant & Child Care Centre and Whispering Hearts Student Care Centre.

Finance and funding: The Society receives funding from the government and the public in the form of donations. The public includes corporates, foundations and individuals. In addition, two of its centres collect school fees for provision of child or student care services but the families receive subsidy from the government depending on their household income. The Society also collects nominal fees from participants.

Financial results:

Receipts

Donations received	757,000
Government funding	297,000
Programme fee	30,000
School fee	281,000
Investment income	89,000
Miscellaneous	109,000
	1,563,000

Expenditure

Direct charitable expenses	1,054,000
Fund raising expenses	1,000
Operating & administration expenses	13,000
Depreciation	150,000
	1,218,000

Surplus for the year **345,000**

Reserves

Restricted funds	83,000
Unrestricted funds	1,584,000
Endowment fund	3,426,000

Total reserves as at 31 December 2007 **5,093,000**

Unrestricted funds / total operating expenditure **1.3 years**

Society's assets: The Society does not own any properties. When the internal furnishings of the Lights of Hope Centre (which is owned by Leong Hwa Monastery) are completed, the Society will run programmes, which will promote active aging and thus, allow the elderly to continue to engage with the society.

The Society owns a van used largely to provide transport to our chronically ill children under the Viriya-KK Children's Hospital HomeCare Programme.

Activities and events: It was a satisfying year. Though we did not have any new projects, our staff and volunteers actively embraced the second part of our mission, namely "*to enhance the quality of life*" of

the people whom we served and we will continue to do this in order to have a positive impact on the lives of these people who are less fortunate than us.

Highlights for the year:

Children

Viriya-KK Children's Hospital HomeCare Programme

- Organised bi-annual gathering for the beneficiaries in June and December
- Around 200 people from 25 families and volunteers took part in each gathering
- Viriya Community Services renewed its adoption of the Programme for the next 3 years. In the year 2007, it contributed another \$240,000 to KK Children's Hospital in support of Viriya-KKH HomeCare Programme, making its total donation of \$1.24 million.

Whispering Hearts Infant & Child Care Centre

- Adopted developmentally appropriately and comprehensively structured programmes to serve a total of 61 infants and children from 2months to 6 years of age.
- Organized extra-curricular activities to enrich learning and development
 - National Day, Children's Day and Teachers' Day Celebrations
 - Multi-racial festive celebrations
 - Field trips to Vivo City, Mac Donald's, Zoo and Library
 - Graduation ceremony at Frontier Community Club
 - Public performance at Grand Copthorne Waterfront

Whispering Hearts Student Care Centre

- Served 110 children, of which 40% are from the underprivileged families.
- 85% of the students shown improvement in their school results with supervised study time.
- Reading programme and Newspaper Chat to encourage reading habits.
- Variety of enrichment activities:
 - Creative Writing, E-mentoring, IT programme, and group project work
 - Character building and education workshops
- In-house educational activities
- In-door and out-door fitness and wellness programmes
- Holiday programmes including educational field trips, games and physical exercises.

Youth

Dreams @ Kolam Ayer

- Organised 100 activities totaling 400 hours and reached out to 1,200 youths.
- Recruited 250 members and served 130 youths in our structured programmes.
 - 25 children in PACE
 - 13 youths in Project New Leaf
 - 25 youths, 50 needy families in Sharing & Caring
 - 25 youths in Smoking Cessation Project
 - 12 youths in Out-of-school youths programmes
 - 103 youths in performing arts performances competitions
- Served 600 needy individuals through the involvement of 1,200 volunteers in 6 community projects.

Senior citizens

My Centre @ Moulmein

- Organised 500 activities totaling 2,000 hours and reached out to 500 elderly
- Recruited 642 members and served 400 elderly in our structured programmes.
 - 100 elderly and 600 participants in Learn My Dialect
 - 500 participants in Viriya-Intergenerational Carnival in June
 - 300 participants in Ah Gong Ah Ma! Lets' Walk in November
 - 400 participated in Day Tours & Outings
 - 100 participants in Free Monthly Talks/ Hi-Tea & Bingo Sessions
 - 30 elderly participated in Aqua Aerobics Classes
 - 30 elderly participated in Swimming Classes
 - 20 elderly benefited from the weekly Foot Reflexology & Acupuncture sessions
 - 20 elderly participated in the handicraft and daily brain game sessions
 - 10 elderly participated in Basic Conversational English
 - 20 participants in Yoga lessons
 - 50 elderly and 500 participants in Ah Gong Ah Ma Programme

Families

Whispering Hearts Family Service Centre

- Information and Referral Service: 591 referrals
- Casework and Counselling: 504 financial and counselling cases
- School Pocket Money Fund Assistance: 353 beneficiaries
- Food Ration Assistance: 95 families
- HOPE Mentoring Programme: 135 families
- School Social Work – 1 primary school and ad-hoc parenting talk
- 2 Family Violence Groupwork for Men and Women
- Marriage Preparation Course and Couple Enrichment Programme “Synchronized Couplehood”@ Melaka
- Outreach to 300 residents in Pioneer and Nanyang Constituencies.
- Pilot E-Counselling Project - The Art of Couple Communication Workshop: 15 participants
- Preventive Developmental Programme (Children): 108 children
 - i. Tree House Club (aged 7-8): 60 children
 - MRT Read and Ride Extravaganza organized by NLB
 - Children's Day Celebration at Botanic Gardens
 - Disney Magic Show
 - ii. Bright Owl Project (aged 9-12): 48 children
 - SMART Workshop
 - MINT Museum of Toys and Science Centre excursions
 - AWWA community Home for Senior Citizens visit
 - National Day Carnival by NTU Welfare Services Club
 - Civics and Moral Education Camp
 - Parents' meeting for tips to improve parenting skills
- Preventive Developmental Programme (Youth)
 - 38 youths in experiential outdoor activities
 - 120 youths in developmental talks/workshops

- Outreach to 3 schools (50 teams) for Badminton Challenge
- 35 youths and mentors participated in Affiliation Camp
- Preventive Developmental Programme (Family) – Breaking-the-Cycle
 - 165 participants in January Walk-A-Jog Family Day Labrador Park
 - 140 participants in February and March “Family Dynamic” Talks
 - 64 participants in April “5 Love Languages” Talk
 - 75 participants in May “Languages of Apology” Talk
 - 100 participants in June Knock-Me-Out Bowling Tournament
 - 60 participants in July Mass Work Out
 - 80 participants in November “Motivation” Talk
- Year-End Children Concert - “Colours of Life” attended by 500 audiences

Corporate Governance: The management committee met four times during the year under review. In addition to reviewing and refreshing its strategic thrusts, the committee also assessed its compliance with the code of governance issued by the Charity Council in November 2007.

During the year, in the absence of an executive director, both the President and the Vice President (in their honorary capacity) rendered much support to the centre managers in the daily running of their respective centres.

Future commitments: There are plans to take over the Children’s library at Moulmein. The yearly operating expenditure is approximately \$50,000. We need about \$120,000 to equip our medical clinic at Katharagama, Sri Lanka.

The road ahead

We will continue to focus on our community projects, to enhance the quality of the lives of the people whom we serve. More importantly, we will adapt and keep pace with the needs of the community and in the face of all these challenges, we remain guided by the teachings of Budhha.

The journey ahead remains exciting!

Acknowledgement: We are very grateful to many of you who support our mission and goals. In particular, we appreciate the advice and guidance from our Patron, Mr Khaw Boon Wan. We also extend our thanks to Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Patron of Dreams @ Kolam Ayer, Mr Lui Tuck Yew, Patron of My Centre @ Moulmein and Mr Cedric Foo, Patron of Whispering Hearts Family Service Centre.

Report by: Venerable Sek Meow Ee
President

21 March 2008

Our Mission

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