2025

**Child Sponsorship** Programme -



Newsletter



We are delighted to share with you the highlights of our Child Sponsorship Programme in this annual newsletter. We sincerely thank you for entrusting us with donations that allow us to continually improve the lives of children.

This year, Po Leung Kuk embraces the theme "Inspired by Creativity and Integrity, Led by Hope and Loving Legacy." With a pragmatic approach, we are introducing new services aimed at spreading "hope" and "love." Your generous donations embody this spirit, with every blessing transforming into hope and love for our children, providing the momentum for us to keep moving forward and making progress.

We invite you to read through this newsletter, where Po Leung Kuk shares details about our services and the lives of our children, so you can see how your contributions become blessings for them.



# Hello everyone, this is Kevin Cheng.

For many years, Po Leung Kuk has been dedicated to providing proper care and support for children in need. We thank you for walking alongside us, becoming a "trusted" companion in the growth of these children, helping them thrive healthily and happily. We warmly invite you to continue supporting Po Leung Kuk and encourage your friends and family to join the Child Sponsorship Programme. With a daily contribution of about \$4, together we can create a brighter future for our children!

Po Leung Kuk Child Sponsorship Ambassador, Kevin Cheng

# Last Year

## A Look Back at Child Sponsors' Day

The Child Sponsors' Day for 2024-25 was successfully held on 27 October 2024 at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wan Chai, bringing together hundreds of sponsors and Po Leung Kuk's residential children in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The theme for the children's performance was "Amazing Journey of Love," a story of the bond between earthlings and aliens, illustrating that, even though we may not meet often, the transmission of love remains unbroken, just like the love between sponsors and our children. Additionally, the heartfelt sharing by our artiste sponsors, Mr Jack Hui and Ms Veronica Shiu, allowed everyone to witness how genuine concern uplifts our spirits.





The Child Sponsors' Day for 2025-26 will take place on 1 February 2026!

This year's event will be different from previous years as it will be held at Po Leung Kuk's Headquarters. Sponsors will have the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful performances prepared by the children, participate in booth activities, and gain a clearer understanding of the living environment of the children at Po Leung Kuk.

We warmly invite you to join us, and an invitation will be sent shortly.

held at

Po Leung Kuk's

Headquarters



# Exciting Highlights for the upcoming Child Sponsors' Day Include:

Children's The children will showcase their talents and enthusiasm **Performances** through well-crafted performances **Dormitory Visit** Discover the living environment of the children Museum Learn about the history of Po Leung Kuk and the evolution of our residential services **Guided Tours** Some booths will be hosted by the residential children, **Booth Activities** allowing them to interact with sponsors Items for sale will be crafted by residential children and other service users, with proceeds supporting Po Leung Kuk's Integrated Family Services **Charity Sale** 

Gatherings with children

Children will gather with sponsors to share their lives

# Former Residential Child Returns to Po Leung Kuk to Care for Children "Ihope children with similar experiences as me to feel love during their growth stages." Po Leung Kuk to Care for Children



Ling Ling has been living at Po Leung Kuk since she was 8. Reflecting on her first day in Kuk, tears still well up in her eyes. "That day started like any other; I went to school, and then the teacher suddenly asked me to pack my bag. I thought my family was taking me to Ocean Park, and I was so excited. Little did I know it was a SWD worker and my parent coming to take me to Po Leung Kuk's emergency residential child care service (New Comers' Ward)." Due to her family situation, Ling Ling was placed in Po Leung Kuk. At such a young age, she felt abandoned and cried for days. She recalls feeling so overwhelmed that she contemplated self-harm, but thanks to the dedicated care from the staff at the New Comers' Ward, she slowly emerged from her low point. "I am very grateful to Ms Ho from the New Comers' Ward; she made me feel being loved when I had lost everything."

In addition to the staff at the New Comers' Ward and the Children Section, Ling Ling is also deeply thankful for her sponsors. "Happiness is very important for children! My sponsors often visit me, share food with me, and knowing that I love drawing, they buy me art supplies. They also care about my health. I am very thankful for the family-like care they have given me."

# **Nurtured by Love, Sowing Seeds of Gratitude**

When Ling Ling turned 18, she left Po Leung Kuk, but about a year later, she returned in a new capacity. "One time, when I was in contact with the staff, I was asked if I would be interested in working here. Without much hesitation, I agreed to 'come home' as a part-time residential worker. I really want children with similar experiences as me to feel love and hope during their growth!" After working part-time for a while, Ling Ling decided to commit full-time to caring for children.

Ling Ling understands that the children at Po Leung Kuk carry varying degrees of scars from their past. They may be very protective of themselves, wary, and even display challenging behaviours, yet they also need love, companionship, and trust from others. "Having been through this myself, I understand their needs. That's why I strive to support them wholeheartedly. I am grateful that the children trust me so much; whenever there's an emergency or a 'big issues', they come to me to talk, even about the 'small issues' like not being able to sleep, they would seek my help. Accompanying them and being part of their growth is my motivation."

Surrounded by many of the staff and mentors who once cared for her, Ling Ling finds the work wonderful and feels blessed. "Having them by my side gives me a great sense of security. I hope to pass on the love and warmth they gave me to the 'younger siblings' in the Home, allowing love to continue."



Use of Sponsorship Donations

We dedicate all sponsorship donations to expand and enhance Po Leung Kuk's welfare services for children, youth and families. We are grateful for your support of the Child Sponsorship Programme, and for offering companionship to the Kuk's residential children. In order to create a better environment for the growth of those under our residential care, our efforts are focused on 4 key areas, including residential care, nourishment of mind and body, professional support and development of potential.

# Residential Care

The Po Leung Kuk Residential Child Care Services team provides attentive care for children around the clock. Through long periods of interaction, the team builds deep bonds with the children, some of whom maintain strong relationships with staff even after leaving the Home. One such child, Ah Lung, who was at Heng On Small Group Home, left 5 years ago to reunite with his biological family, yet he still visits the Small Group Home to see the "parent" Ms Lung and other staffs.

Ms Lung recalls a time when Ah Lung returned to the Small Group Home after an exam, and they prepared a sumptuous afternoon tea to welcome him: "After Ah Lung left, he came back to the home one day, and I remember how much he loved the nourishing soup we used to serve. That day, we had a steaming bowl of soup ready for him, allowing him to reminisce about the warmth of the Small Group Home." While daily meals may seem simple, they carry profound meaning, quietly conveying love and care.



Even after leaving, Ah Lung fondly remembers the taste of the dishes from the Small Group Home.

# Neurishment of Body and Mind



Po Leung Kuk provides appropriate care for children in need, aged 0 to 18, and organises them into sections according to their age: the Babies Section for those from newborn to 3 years, the Kinder Section for ages 3 to 6, and the Children Section for ages 6 to 18. Due to the varying scale and pace of life of each section, the children inevitably face various "challenges" during the initial transition to a new section, such as mealtime arrangements, bathing, and self-care.

To assist children in adapting to their new section, Po Leung Kuk arranges "trial stays" for those about to transition to a new section or invites them to dine with their "new roommates". Additionally, staff provides thoughtful care tailored to the individual needs and personalities of each child. A social worker from the Children Section shared that a kinder named Yun Yun (pseudonym) struggled to adjust after moving to the Children Section, particularly with the new routine of lights out every night, Yun Yun often cried in the dark. Understanding her situation, our social worker placed a night light by her bedside to accompany her. Before long, Yun Yun adapted to her new life and became good friends with her peers.

# Professional Support

At Po Leung Kuk, we are deeply concerned about the psychological and emotional wellbeing of our residential children, who faced various family challenges. In addition to attending to the children's daily lives, our frontline teams provide support in dealing with their emotional and behavioural issues. Po Leung Kuk's clinical psychologist Ms Jamie Li explained that, upon receiving referrals from colleagues, the paramedical team discusses the child's background and daily behaviour with their responsible social worker and frontline caregivers. "If a child exhibits emotional or behavioural issues, we will meet with him/her to chat. Depending on each individual's situation, we arrange different types of therapy, such as play therapy or group training. We also offer workshops for frontline caretakers to help them understand more effective ways to support the children's emotional needs."



# Development of Potential



Soo Soo (pseudonym), a residential child participating in the FLASH project, expressed, "I have taken part in ballet, K-POP, painting, and English classes, making my life much more fulfilling." Excitedly, Soo Soo shared her significant progress in rhythm and accuracy in counting beats! Previously, she had a strong aversion to English and disliked engaging with the language. However, during her English learning process, Soo Soo mentioned that her teacher used lively stories and interactive games to introduce her to new words and sentences. Gradually, she no longer resisted English and even saw improvements in her exam results.

Po Leung Kuk places great emphasis on the holistic development of children, providing diverse activities to help them reach their potential. One such initiative is the "FLASH Enhanced Smart Teen Project"

F = Future development

L = Life skills

A = Athletic skills

S = STEAM

H = Humanities

which offers our residential children opportunities to learn, experience, and showcase their talents in order to discover their interests and potentials while equipping them with various knowledge and skills. The project promotes the development of residential children through a variety of learning activities, including interactive language courses, sports, and STEAM activities, so as to enhance their language skills and learning interests, fostering interpersonal skills, and building self-confidence.

# A Kind-hearted Doctor Offers Free Consultations to Help residential children Relief Eczema and Allergies

Eczema and food allergies are common among children and adolescents, affecting not only their physical health but also placing significant stress on their emotional and psychological wellbeing. Po Leung Kuk pays close attention to residential children's skin health. Since last year, Dr Gilbert Chua, a specialist in paediatric immunology, allergy, and infectious diseases, has been visiting Po Leung Kuk every month to provide allergy-related medical care for residential children.



### Collaboration with Union Hospital Allergy Centre, Union Hospital Charity Fund and Pharmaceutical Industry

Many residential children suffering from eczema require steroid creams; however, these creams do not alleviate the itching for those with severe eczema. Dr Chua explains that while eczema is not life-threatening, it severely impacts the quality of life and emotional state of the affected individuals. "Currently, severe eczema can be treated with biological injections, but the treatment costs around \$50,000, which is unaffordable for the children here. I am eager to fight for them." Dr Chua, the Deputy Director of Union Hospital Allergy Centre, collaborated with the Union Hospital Charity Fund and the pharmaceutical industry offered 8 children to receive 6-month course of biological therapy for free, as well as providing high-quality moisturizers to maintain skin health. Currently, 4 of these children have received their injections, and one 5-year-old boy has achieved over 80% recovery after 6 injections. Dr Chua noted that the boy can now sleep soundly and has regained his smile. He expressed, "Nothing is more rewarding than seeing a child regaining his health and joy!"

### **Training Staff to Care for Children with Food Allergies**

The Po Leung Kuk Residential Child Care Services team considers the health of children at a top priority. When a residential child feels unwell, they can easily reach the medical room on the first floor of the Main Building by walking a few steps in slippers, where nurses are on duty 24 hours a day to address their medical needs. Po Leung Kuk has also connected with several kind-parted doctors who regularly offer free consultations and physical check-ups to comprehensively safeguard the health of residential children.

In addition to treating eczema, Dr Chua has noted that many children also suffer from food allergies. Therefore, he proactively organised training sessions to teach the Po Leung Kuk Residential Child Care Services team how to care for children with food allergies. He offered seminars teaching the importance of early priority food allergen introduction, as well as using the adrenaline autoinjector in case a child develops severe allergic reactions to food. He hopes to introduce a menu that includes priority food allergens at Po Leung Kuk in the future, incorporating peanuts, treenuts, and sesame into the diets of infants starting from 6 months old, as a measure to prevent food allergies. If any child is found to have an allergic reaction to a specific food, immunotherapy can also be initiated early.

After a year of providing free consultations, Dr Chua, in collaboration with the Kuk's staff, has sought to enhance the wellbeing of the children and has been deeply touched by the team's meticulous care. He has decided to continue his volunteer work in the future. He hopes to inspire other professionals to pay attention to the needs of children of the Kuk, stating, "If everyone is willing to take an extra step—whether financially or through physical effort—we can create a brighter future for children."









- Last year, Dr Chua administered flu vaccinations to residential children and plans to continue this
  work at the end of the year.
- 2. Dr Chua regularly holds training sessions for residential staff, teaching them how to care for children with food allergies.
- The 5-year-old boy who suffers from eczema is now over 80% recovered after receiving biologics injections.



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Po Leung Kuk Child Sponsorship Section

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### 感謝您讓愛延續!

### May we invite you:

- To encourage your friends and relatives to join our Child and House Sponsorship Programmes and make an impact on more lives by sowing the seeds of love throughout our residential child
- 2. To change to autopay donations to help the Kuk minimize administrative costs as well as procedures and enable the Kuk to direct even more resources towards children and family welfare services.

Thank you for your commitment to extend your love!





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