

OUR STORY

- FaithActs Annual Report 2009/2010 -

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MISSION & PHILOSOPHY

Our mission is to provide quality and holistic services that address social issues with our distinctive Christian love that meet the changing needs of the community.

FaithActs is about changing lives. Not only do we want to help meet community needs and address social problems in a very real and practical way, we also want to impact, change and transform the lives of those we meet, and help them through their interaction with us.

We believe that each and every individual that we encounter has the potential and ability to grow, change and be nurtured into active and contributing members of society, no matter what his / her background and circumstance. Thus, we strive to harness the energy and vitality of life in each person so that we can help maximise his / her potential.

We work actively to improve the quality of life of the people that we encounter, strengthening both family and community life in the process. We are committed to serve and meet the needs of the community through the provision of social services as we want to make a difference and positively impact the lives of the people living around us, especially those who are poor, needy and / or disadvantaged. As we focus on the strengths and potential in each individual, we move away from labelling or stigmatising those that we help, thus empowering them to take the first step towards making changes in their own lives.

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We would like to thank Mr Baey Yam Keng, Member of Parliament of Tanjong Pagar GRC, for his valuable and continual support towards FaithActs.

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No members of the management committee received any remuneration during the year. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

Reserve Policy

The reserves are not expected to exceed the equivalent of one year's expenditure of the organisation, and are maintained so as to provide working capital, and to enable FaithActs to develop over the longer term.

Staff Remuneration

The annual remuneration of top three salaried executives < S\$100,000

CHAPTER 1:

YOUTH SERVICES

Adventure

We believe strongly in the potential of every youth. We hope to leverage on fun-filled and challenging activities to inculcate life values to our youths. Some of the programmes we conducted are:

Night Cycling

In December 2009, we conducted an overnight cycling trip for 35 participants, including staff and volunteers. The journey commenced from East Coast, after which we stopped to enjoy the famous *nasi lemak* at Changi Village, before heading back to East Coast.

Monthly Adventure

In 2010, we launched our monthly adventure outings held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Our average attendance is 20 youths and 5 volunteers. Thus far, we have challenged the youths on activities such as archery, dragon boating, rock climbing, adventure food race, and laser quest.

Our laser quest outing in April 2010 received the most enthusiastic response from the youths. There were a total of 35 youths, volunteers and staff participating in the event. We even had to turn some youths away!

In May 2010, we held an adventure food race, which was a joint effort by the staff, volunteers and Wesley Youth Centre. Teams had to travel around Singapore to complete tasks and eat different types of food in the shortest possible time. The main thrust of the event was to create platforms for volunteers and youths to bond and strengthen their relationships.

June Camp

Camp Challenge Sembawang organised our 3-days-2-nights Camp from 9 – 11 June 2010 for 33 participants. We had a wonderful time experiencing the high and low elements at the camp site and the youths had a good time of learning as they stepped out of their comfort zones and encouraged one another.

Youth Leader's Journey

Having taken part in our adventure outings, one of our youth leaders, Jet, initiated a kite-flying outing for the younger youths. He rallied the other youth leaders to draft a proposal, researched on the possible venues, found the cheapest kites available and had regular meet-ups on their own to make this outing possible. We are very proud of our youth leaders who learnt to work as a team!

Creative Arts

We want to see every youth who goes through our programme develop a *sense of purpose* in their lives, to discover hope and destinies for their future. Activities such as mass dance

and drama provide platforms for expression, where they discover the *freedom to be who they really are*.

FaithActs Rockers

Our Journey

From the initial humble group of 12 youths in mid-2009, FaithActs Rockers blossomed into a group of 27 youths!

Ever since the first group was set up, we have been extremely blessed with opportunities, opening up time after time for performances. Before every performance, FaithActs Rockers took pride in their rehearsals to give of their best for each performance. They sought to communicate to their audiences that their *destinies are secure and hopeful*.

Our Adventures

Our first performance was at FaithActs Honours Night 2009 and it was very special for us. We danced to the hit song by Hannah Montana, "Hoedown Throwdown." As the dance steps were quite challenging, we had to throw in more practices to master the steps. Many youths practiced in the hub together, and we made time to practice whenever we could. When the performance came on 20 November 2010, we were all ready! We wow-ed the audience with our coordinated steps and we ended off with the best part where we flashed our dreams on boards, declaring the oneness of beliefs. We walked proudly to the song "Hold Your Dream" by Naturi Naughton.

Faith Methodist Church heard about our performance at Honours Night and invited us for an opening dance item at their Christmas Eve Celebrations on 24 December 2009.

Our next adventure was at Golfkakis@Singapore Club Charity Golf on 30 April 2010, where we did a mash dance of "Camp Rock" and "Hoe Down Throwdown". We had a fantastic time interacting with the audience by dancing among them. The atmosphere was brimming with excitement and it was one night of smiles, laughter and joy.

Every adventure just kept getting better. For this latest item, we were challenged to create a combined performance with our seniors and soccer team for FaithActs' 6th Anniversary Dinner on 3 July 2010. We chose 3 songs; "Kungfu Fighting" by Carl Douglas, "Jai Ho" from the movie Slumdog Millionaire, and "I Believe" by Yolanda Adams. It was an honour to be chosen and it was an unforgettable experience!

"It is such a privilege to witness youths grow over the years through something simple like dancing. They love it when they are given the chance to declare their dreams publicly and start believing in themselves. I have seen youths come out of their shells and it's a joy to see them be themselves." Jasmine, Social Worker

"I love being part of FaithActs Rockers! I started from not knowing how to dance till now where I can dance with my friends as a group. I learnt a lot here and I know that I can start believing in my dreams." Nina, 13 years old, youth.

Youth Hub

In October 2009, we decided that it was time for Youth Hub to have a facelift – what we termed as “Operation Home”! Walls were hacked down to project an open concept; fresh coats of paint were given to the premise with the assistance of SMU students and our youth leaders. In an effort to increase a sense of ownership, we ran a competition to encourage youths to design a wall mural and what they envisioned their own youth hub to be like. We also wrote meaningful quotes on the walls to encourage the youths.

After settling the physical aspects of the hub, we decided to deal with the intangible part of it - to inject more life and create more purposeful activities! So in March 2010, we set in place a system of meaningful activities, such as groupwork and discussion on pertinent youth issues such as dreams, self-identity, etc. In addition, the youths were segregated according to their age groups for the usage of facilities:

10-14 years old: Mondays and Wednesdays

15-18 years old: Tuesdays and Thursdays

What about Fridays? Fridays are a time of mass activities where we hold our monthly themed birthday parties, movie screenings, competitions and ad-hoc events such as café and FaithActs Got Talent. On the average, we have 25 youths coming to the youth hub daily.

School Social Work

We seek to partner and enhance the efforts of the school, the family and the community to help students who face difficulties in their developmental process and / or in adjusting to their school life. We provide social, emotional, academic and family support, enabling students to obtain maximum benefits from their schooling experience.

Our FaithActs’ Social Work Team organises and conducts a wide variety of school based social work programme which are tailored to suit the needs of the various schools. We have programmes from Primary 4 to Secondary 4.

We ran three main programmes in the past year, impacting a total of 136 youths.

@lpha+ Programmme

@lpha+ Programme aimed to enable Secondary 1 students to gain knowledge and learn practical ways to handle the challenges of adapting to secondary school life. We imparted life skills and values through experiential learning involving games and sports that will promote the positive development of these students.

Some other goals in this programme included heightening a student’s self esteem and helping the individual acquire useful skills in problem solving and positive communication.

In 2009, our @lpha+ Programme equipped 41 students in Queensway Secondary School.

@spire Programmme

Our @spire Programme was designed for Secondary 3 at-risk students who have been identified by the school to participate in the programme. These students generally lacked

motivation to develop themselves academically, often resulting in them to become early school leavers.

In 2009 we engaged 71 students from Queensway Secondary School and Gan Eng Seng School through experiential learning involving games, sports and adventure activities. The students learned the importance of having a positive attitude in their lives and were inspired to stay motivated and to complete their academic studies. We also brought them to reputed companies, such as SMRT, Yakult, Tien Wah Press, to gain exposure to working life.

Eng@ge Programme (Time Out Programme)

We partnered Queenstown Secondary school to work with 22 of their most challenging students – those who are either at-risk of premature drop out or displayed disruptive behaviour in class. We were privileged to be part of this pilot programme as the school was working with the Singapore Prison Service to trial an experiential stay in the disused Queenstown Remand Prison. This was a radical approach as it allowed the students to experience life behind bars – they ate the same food as convicts, dressed in the same clothes and were even locked up in a prison cell in controlled isolation. Our role was to be the “good guys” to support the students, conduct groupwork to engage them, and facilitate discussions on their experiences as well as their future plans. We hope our intervention has directed the students to think about how their choices today will affect their future.

Tuition

We embarked on a new phase with a new story and a new identity. On 6 and 7 January 2010, we shared with the youths that every youth in the tuition programme are to be groomed into Eagles who are not afraid of hardships, and they are able take hold of their new identities and run with it.

New Identity, New Journey

The Eaglet found himself among chickens. He grew up with his chicken “siblings” and thought that he was one of them. He did things like pecking from food off the ground, always staying at the ground level because chickens were never meant to fly. But it only took a wise owl, to carry this Eaglet up a cliff and say, “Look down. Look at how big the world is. You are born to SOAR.” With that, he pushed the Eaglet. He struggled as he fell freely, flapping his little wings. Suddenly, he realised, hey, I’m flying. And he knew then, that was who he is.

We want every youth in Tuition Programme to believe that they are born to be Eagles who soar above every circumstance, every trial. Youths shared heartening stories, that from a chicken or “Sure Fail” attitude, they would replace such thoughts with “I will improve my subject and study very hard.”

In addition, volunteers and youths were re-grouped into zones in 2010, so as to foster, deepen and create platforms for relationship building.

CHAPTER 2: FAMILY SERVICES

Casework and Counselling

Tasked with the responsibility of providing counselling to those who face emotional, psychological, relationship and marital problems, we sought to explore the systemic worldview of our clients' lives and feelings. And our purpose is to interact with them freely and openly in an emotionally safe manner.

Only by listening attentively and patiently can we begin to perceive the difficulties from the client's perspective and enable them to see things more clearly.

Our goal for each individual is to develop a better understanding of who he or she is, build up resilience, and manage differences.

Family Life Education

Our motto for family life education is to "Strengthen Families, Transform Communities". We hope to strengthen the family unit with effective programmes to achieve community transformation.

We aim to:

- 1) EDUCATE – to educate families to be challenged to transfer knowledge and understanding with other families.
- 2) EQUIP – to enhance the functioning of families through fulfilling the developmental tasks at different stages of the family life cycle. We also want to equip individuals and families with the knowledge and skills in coping with changing roles and demands in life.
- 3) EMPOWER – to empower families to be able and willing to function positively as a unit and to work towards self sufficiency. We also want to enable families to be the champion for family life in their community.

We organised a parenting talk at Queensway Secondary School entitled "Raising a Responsible Teenager" on 22 May 2010 for 22 parents. With the focus on learning what are the main ingredients needed in every family to raise a responsible teenagers, our participants walked away having learned what they should do as parents to encourage and nurture their teenagers to grow up to be responsible individuals.

CHAPTER 3: FAITHACTS SENIORS

We observed that the community at Tanglin Halt and Commonwealth is aging over the years. In order to meet the arising needs and challenges of seniors, FaithActs Seniors was set up in Sept 2009.

We are pooling our resources to reach out to seniors who are 60 years and above, particularly those who are frail and wheelchair bound.

We promote Successful Aging as we believe seniors can acquire positive outlook and self worth. They can make their own decisions and have a sense of control over their lives. They can experience autonomy and independence. They can be equipped with effective coping and adoptive strategies in the face of changing life stages and circumstances in their lives.

We share resources and infrastructure with the youth and family programmes. From time to time, we celebrate small successes with our committed volunteers who are the anchor and driving force behind our programmes and services.

WOW Workout

We believe age appropriate fitness exercise is important for seniors to maintain their muscle strength, flexibility and sense of balance. Since Sept 2009, we had 3 runs of this fitness programme conducted by trained volunteer physiotherapists. To date, more than 80 seniors have benefitted from this programme.

Besides exercise, WOW Workout also include social recreational activities such as playing board games and sing along sessions, which serve to provide a platform for seniors to build friendship with others in the community.

Homecare 1-2-1

We started this non medical and basic nursing service with the hope to reach out to seniors who have very limited financial and social resources.

Our services are still at the infancy stage as our volunteer pool is limited. Nonetheless, we have taken up a few cases and have visited some sick and lonely seniors. Apart from providing nursing care, we also offer friendships and practical help to them.

Gray Matters Centre

One of the crucial aspects of senior care is preventive education. We set up Gray Matters Centre as a community-based learning & training centre for seniors, their caregivers and the general public interested in senior care. We believe that through education, the seniors and their loved ones will be more prepared for their later life stages and be equipped with skills to manage the challenges ahead. Hence, we hope for them to grow old with grace and dignity.

Moving Forward...

We will be setting up a senior centre at Tanglin Halt in 2011. We hope to make our presence known in the community and work more closely together with the community to reach out to more frail and needy seniors. We are excited about the next phase of this fulfilling journey!

CHAPTER 4: OUTREACH

Honours Night 2009

Our theme for Honours Night 2009 on 20 November 2009 was "I Have A Dream". A total of 231 guests attended this event, which saw the theme being reflected consistently throughout the night – it could be seen on the plaque, the dreams of the award recipients, and the flashing of our youths' dreams. The programme was interactive as the audience could participate in activities such as soccer games and the writing of personal dreams on colourful boards. A sharing from one of our tutors on his experience as a volunteer was well-received by the crowd. The highlight of the night came from the mass dance by our youths, which brought the atmosphere to a high, and brought tears to some as they saw the sharing of dreams by our youths.

Bursary & Scholarship

The FaithActs Bursary Awards (Jonathan Chow Memorial Fund) aims to provide financial assistance to students from low income families to purchase textbooks, workbooks and uniforms before the commencement of an academic year. The bursary serves as an encouragement to the students to do their best in their studies, and also to motivate them to strive for greater achievements benefitting themselves and the community.

In 2009, we received 154 applications and gave 34 awards, of which 6 awards (\$300 each) were given to Grace Orchard School, 2 awards (\$200 each) to upper primary levels, and 26 awards (\$300 each) to secondary schools and ITE.

Introduced in 2010, the FaithActs Scholarship Awards aims to provide opportunities to Secondary Three (year 2011) express stream students to develop their potential. The scholarship targets those students from the lower income families and with excellent academic results. Besides encouraging outstanding academic performance, we also hope to support their holistic character development through involvement in community projects. Ultimately, we encourage all scholarship recipients to volunteer with FaithActs and be our ambassador to the community and a role model to our youths.

Community Walk

Our staff team got into groups to conduct community walks around Commonwealth and Tanglin Halt. The objective was to interact with the residents and to network with our neighbouring service providers. Through this, we hope to gain a better understanding of the profile of our residents and to identify the resources that will help us to reach out to them more effectively.

We invited Queenstown Neighborhood Police Centre to share their experiences on social issues regarding families and youths-at-risk in this community. The sharing proved to be enlightening for the team.

Needs Assessment

The demographic profile of Tanglin Halt and Commonwealth Drive is changing. In order for FaithActs to stay relevant and effective in this community, we felt that we need to develop an accurate understanding of the profile and needs of this community. Hence, we designed a needs assessment exercise to determine the community's resources, strengths and needs. Our main objective of this exercise was to reach out to the residents and to show our love for our neighbours.

Our volunteer recruitment process commenced in May 2010 via flyers, announcements in Faith Methodist Church, and booths set up to interact with potential volunteers. Concurrently, we started our publicity drive by sending out posters to the HDB blocks through the help of the Queenstown Community Centre and the Resident Committee (RC) in June 2010. Posters were placed at the notice boards next to the lift lobbies of the HDB blocks. In addition, students from Chung Cheng High School and ACS(I) were also involved in the door-to-door distribution of flyers. Lastly, a letter was sent to all residents to remind them of the needs assessment 3 weeks before the exercise.

At the end of our volunteer recruitment drive, we had more than 300 volunteers and 32 Pastoral Care Ministry groups to conduct the survey for 26 blocks in Tanglin Halt and Commonwealth Drive.

To better prepare and equip our volunteers for this exercise, we conducted five briefing sessions in August 2010. The volunteers were briefed on the objectives of the needs assessment exercise and the "dos and don'ts" of house visitation. They also had the opportunity to role play and familiarise themselves with the questionnaires before the visitation.

The needs assessment exercise started on 4 September 2010 and ended on 22 September 2010. The feedback from the volunteers were very positive and encouraging.

One volunteer said: "After all these years of knowing him, I didn't realise that he needed financial assistance. Having spoken with him, I am now able to know him a lot more."

Some groups asked: "Can we come back next week to do the needs assessment again?" "Can we extend another hour so that we can complete the entire block?" Such enthusiasm and commitment encouraged and warmed our hearts.

Throughout this exercise, we collected 731 responses and received more than 92 requests for follow up. The requests included financial assistance, employment opportunities, and befriending support to the elderly. We responded to the clients' request within 7 working days and our team served with joy for these needy residents.

With the data we have collected, we will conduct an in-depth analysis so we can enhance our existing programs and come up with new initiatives for us to work closely with Faith Methodist Church members to reach out to the residents in the community.

CHAPTER 5: FUND-RAISING

6th Anniversary Dinner

3 July 2010 marked the 6th Anniversary of FaithActs at the Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Ballroom. The theme of the night was “Rhythms of Life” and Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee, Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Home Affairs was our honoured guest for the evening.

One wonders and marvels at the many helping hands that made that day possible - especially the FaithActs staff team and her wonderful pool of volunteers. Reminiscing on the 6 months of preparations, we can only give thanks for the love, patience and support from each of our volunteers.

This event’s success was anchored by the contributions and creative inputs of our organising committee. Four months before the dinner, we held an island-wide, “SOUL” Search (Sing **OUt Loud**) Song Writing Competition to reach out to the youths. A 2-day music workshop was conducted by Elaine Chan, Music Director, who shared tidbits of wisdom to the students and tapped into her experiences to refine their original compositions. A total of 16 songs were submitted by the participants and the top three winners were picked to perform at the anniversary dinner on 3 July 2010. The song titled, “Make a Difference” was singled out by Assoc Professor Ho, our guest-of-honour, who encouraged everyone present to do their part and help those in need.

It was delightful to see the many happy faces and willing hearts where friendships abound. More than 600 guests were present that night to share and celebrate in our joy. The stars that night include Irene Ang of the famed Phua Chu Kang Musical who wowed the audience with her humour and wit. The highlights of the evening include a massive dance performance by FaithActs Rockers and Seniors, titled, “I Believe”. The dance is a showcase of what each of our beneficiaries believe in – the life goals which are proudly affirmed by their friends who support their hopes and dreams.

All the performers joined our special guest artiste, Nathan Hartono, in the grand finale for the rendition of “You Raised Me Up”. What a night of hearts that gave and gathered ... we can say to all our donors and friends, it was a HUGE thanks for their support!

“It was heartening that many of the residents know about FaithActs when I did the recent needs survey. The youths about the tuition, youth hub and the elderly about the WOW Workout and health screening. I am happy to be a part of the work of FaithActs to the Tanglin community.” Daniel Lim, FaithActs’ Donor

“I am receiving blessings everyday especially when helping the youths in our community”.
Rina Chow, FaithActs’ Monthly Donor

<Insert Professor Ho Peng Kee’s speech>

Golfkakis@Singapore Club (GK) Charity Golf Tournament in aid of FaithActs

We were very privileged to be the sole beneficiary of Golfkakis@Singapore Club Charity Golf Tournament, held on 30 April 2010 at Warren Golf & Country Club. Our preparations included brain-storming sessions with the committee members at FaithActs over packets of “teh tarik” prepared by our nearby coffee shop uncle. The event was a roaring success with \$60,000 raised!

About 144 golf players braced the hot sun for a good cause and turned up to support their fellow golfkakis and FaithActs! Along with the friendly committee members, we welcomed the players and handed out goodie bags to the participants. All the participants contributed a generous sum of donation to play at the charity golf event and at various touch points. Their laughter and encouragement meant a lot to the youths in FaithActs and we were glad that everyone had a good time.

Two FaithActs youths also shared their testimonies to inspire other youths present and were “challenged” by the good natured emcee, Bert, to work towards a better future. Only time will tell if these little acts of kindness will change and transform lives, not just for that moment but in their adult lives.

FaithActs Sunday – An Appreciation cum Fundraising event @ Faith Methodist Church

It was rise and shine in the early hours on 25 April, FaithActs’ Sunday morning where we gathered at Faith Methodist Church to acknowledge our donors and supporters. Besides the FaithActs works presentation, one of our oldest volunteer and two youth leaders also shared of how lives are being impacted, not just their own but of others. Truly, this speaks volume of humanity and perseverance that transcends age, gender and religion.

A word of thanks....

- Keppel Club for your support of FaithActs’ Youth Hub and Club Programme
- Mr Gerald Liew for his dedication to help needy individuals and families through the sale proceeds of his book, “ Blessings One By One” towards FaithActs Seniors Programme

Donors’ quotes

“I’m very happy to support FaithActs given its wide coverage of the people in need at the Tanglin / Commonwealth area helping those in financial need, providing free tuition and wholesome games / activities for the youths as well as even catering to the senior citizens. This makes my donation go much further.

I happened to meet one of the families who received help through FaithActs and she was so happy that FaithActs took interest in their case. Well done and keep up the great work.”
Paul Ong, FaithActs Donor

“It feels great to be a part of the monthly birthday celebrations, hearing testimonies from FaithActs staff of how the youths enjoyed themselves” Ann Lam, FaithActs Sponsor for youths’ birthday parties

CHAPTER 6: VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Volunteers: Our extended hands and feet ...

We designed our Volunteers' Orientation programme so that all our potential volunteers can know more about FaithActs, explore volunteering opportunities and create a platform for us to know them better. The orientation hopes to induct potential volunteers to our vision and objectives and to partner them to reach out to the community. We recognise that our volunteers are our assets! In addition, through training modules, we equipped our volunteers with the knowledge and skills to excel in their area of service. Appreciation tea sessions and gatherings were organised to affirm and support our volunteers for their time, effort and selfless giving. In 2010, we conducted Volunteers' Open House on 6 March, 8 May and 22 May 2010 and a volunteers' gathering was held on 26 November 2009.

THE NEXT CHAPTER

TEAM FaithActs

“Contributing Youths”

TEAM FaithActs is an initiative started in Oct 2010 with a vision for all youths to contribute through community service. We hope to teach youths to give and to inspire them to a greater cause outside of themselves. We desire to develop them into young persons who are not only cared for, but who also care for the community, especially those who are in need. Below is the testimony from one of our youths who went to a resident’s home:

“On 5th October 2010, a few youths and I, together with FaithActs staff, went to help an elderly couple clean their house, shift furniture as well as change a light bulb. Through observation and interaction, I came to respect the elderly lady a lot. She had to take care of the daily needs of her wheel-chair bound husband as well as manage the household chores. The couple had a son who unfortunately passed away a few years ago. While we were cleaning their home, the elderly lady told us to throw away the son’s graduation certificate as there is no need to keep it anymore. After hearing this, I was quite sad and touched. After so many years, this elderly couple had finally accepted the truth that their son had passed away.

Overall I find that helping the elderly lady is a very good chance for me to know how the world is like. I believe that we should continue to help no matter how big or small our action is and that we should always help people in need.” Hongwei, youth leader, 17 years old

YOUTH EXPEDITION

Our maiden overseas expedition trip birthed from the passion of FaithActs staff who were previously involved in overseas community trips and a thought that we should venture out of Singapore. Upon knowing this, our boss, Falcia, with her usual can do spirit said, “Let’s do it then!” And thus, our journey of sourcing out for host countries, projects to be done, and the youths to be selected began. Eventually, we decided on Surabaya, since Tricia, the previous director of FaithActs, is currently based there and to partner with Pondok Hayat, a pro-life foundation. Some of the projects to be done include mural painting for the Pelita school, building a library for the children’s home, helping out with their outreach event and the purchase of a water pump. We have 7 youths, 2 volunteers and 2 staff coming on board for the trip in December 2010.

Funds for the expedition trip was raised via the efforts of our youths and fundraiser. As the youths’ strengths are in cooking, we got the team to prepare a 3 course fund-raising dinner for guests. While having the dinner, the youths will share with the guests on the objectives and activities in the upcoming expedition trip. In addition, a movie premiere was organised by the corporate fundraising department to raise more funds for the trip and the needy family and children in Surabaya.

We focus on inculcating reciprocal learning in the youths – that they learn lessons through their service for others in other countries, as well as to let youths appreciate the comforts in Singapore. Our hope is for these youths to gain a first-hand experience through this trip so that they can be mentors and impart skills and lessons learnt to the next batch of youths the year after. Ultimately, we hope to have a sustainable project with different groups of youths going on an annual basis.

FAITHACTS CHARITY GOLF OPEN

Laguna Golf and Country Club

Friday, 20 May 2011

Join us in a *rewarding and uplifting experience* on the putting green in support of *FaithActs* that offer you the chance to touch the lives of many with just the swing of your club! There are many things that a golf game can promise you – a *Hole-in-One*, *Great Prizes*, lots of *Pars & Birdies* and the title of *Champion*; but rarely does one offer you the chance to touch the lives of many others with just the swing of your club. Whether you are a golfing ‘pro’ or just a happy ‘beginner’, you can gain a rewarding and uplifting experience on the putting green when you participate in the charity golf tournament of the year.

Sign up now for the Corporate Challenge Competition for a flight of 4 Golfers for only \$3,000, \$5,000, \$8,000 which includes:

- 1 page B/W or 4C Corporate advertisement
- 250% tax exemption
- Goodie Bag worth \$150
- Prizes for all Corporate Challenge Flights
- Wonderful prizes in the Blessed Draw
- Donors’ Acknowledgements on event banner and backdrop
- And a fantastic chance to win the Hole-in-One Prize!

Hole-in-One Prize

One unit of Mercedes-Benz E-class E200 CGI Blue Efficiency (Elegance) for 2 Par 3 hole as hole-in-one prize at Masters Course, Hole 8 (Men/Ladies 170M/142M) and Hole 17 (Men/Ladies 165M/142M), kindly sponsored by Daimler Chrysler SEA Pte Ltd.

Book your Corporate Challenge flight TODAY and give us a call at **Jean or Pat @ Tel: 6475 - 1509** or email to info@faithacts.org.sg for a copy of the golf package details. Participation forms are available on our website: www.faithacts.org.sg.

Thank you!

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