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When one **door closes**, another one **opens for the neediest**

While preparing this Newsletter, Hong Kong was undergoing the worst outbreak of virus. With the number of confirmed cases soaring uncontrollably, government hospitals were running out of beds, supermarkets were being swept out of food, restaurants after restaurants closed, and some of the public transport suspended. Conversations between friends were about the infection, the effectiveness of various medicines, and where to buy supplies. Everyone wished this tough time would pass as soon as possible and return to normal life.

During this extraordinary period, the uneasiness magnified among the old and the disadvantaged. Their daily lives were seriously affected with insufficient resources, and they had limited way to seek help when they encountered difficulties. Thanks to the Hong Kong Jockey Club's timely support, which allowed us to immediately execute an aid program to address the urgent needs of the vulnerable living in the Sham Shui Po area.



Online doctor consultation service

We deeply appreciate the selfless service provided by the medical staff to the general public during the pandemic. The surge in medical demand had made their works seriously overloaded. To avoid inadequate support for the vulnerable during this period, and to reduce the pressure on public hospitals, HOPE worldwide used the funding from the Hong Kong Jockey Club and invited Dr. Louis Lui to provide online diagnosis service and medication to the patients living in Sham Shui Po starting from March, so that

the elderly and the disadvantaged patients could receive timely treatment.

Our support team would send an electronic device to the home of the patients, and then delivered medicines to them after online consultation.



Subsidized by HOPE worldwide, patients could get the necessary medicines for free.



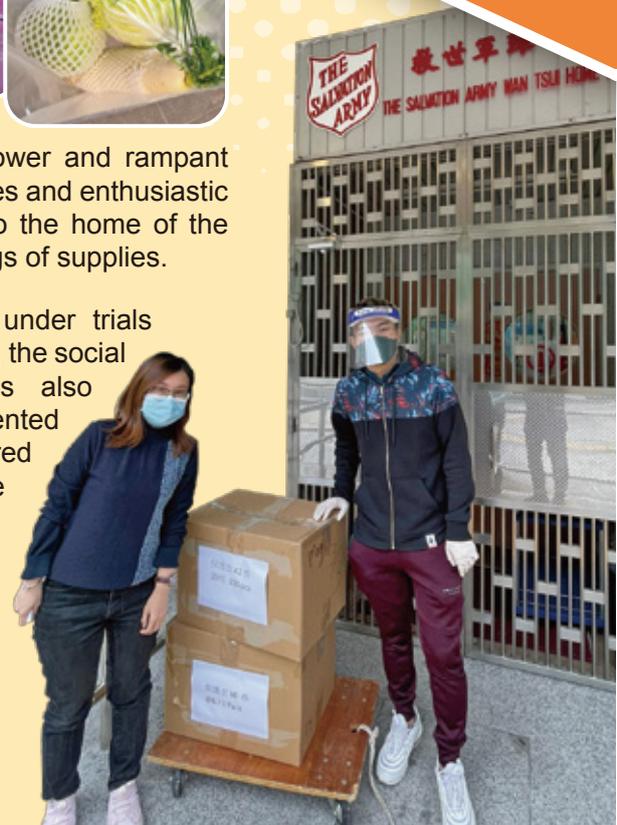
Provision of food and anti-pandemic necessities

When the whole city was frantically rushing to buy food supplies, we were very grateful for the funding from the Hong Kong Jockey Club, letting us to provide supplies for the sick people, the elderly and the low income families living in the Sham Shui Po area. Bags of anti-pandemic supplies including rapid test kits and face masks, together with noodles and canned food were given out, trying to meet the basic daily needs of the disadvantaged during this difficult time.



Despite tight manpower and rampant germs, our colleagues and enthusiastic volunteers rushed to the home of the elderly to deliver bags of supplies.

Not only we were under trials due to the pandemic, the social welfare sector was also facing unprecedented challenges. We shared some protective clothing to the institutions in need, hoping that with mutual support, everyone could get through this difficult time.



Emotional support during the pandemic



The raging fifth wave brought shocking rise in infections which threatened not only our health, but also extended to a variety of family needs, emotional distress, economic problems, etc. For the elderly, most of them had limited understanding of modern technology, and they needed to understand the pandemic information, learn the operation of smart phones, and use rapid test kit in a short period of time. One could imagine their helplessness under these situations.

In view of this, the staff of HOPE *worldwide* regularly made phone calls or met the elders online to express our care, understand their situations, and provide correct information and assistance, in order to relieve their anxiety, help them to live a normal life, maintain good health condition and avoid infection.



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Summer break activities for parents and children

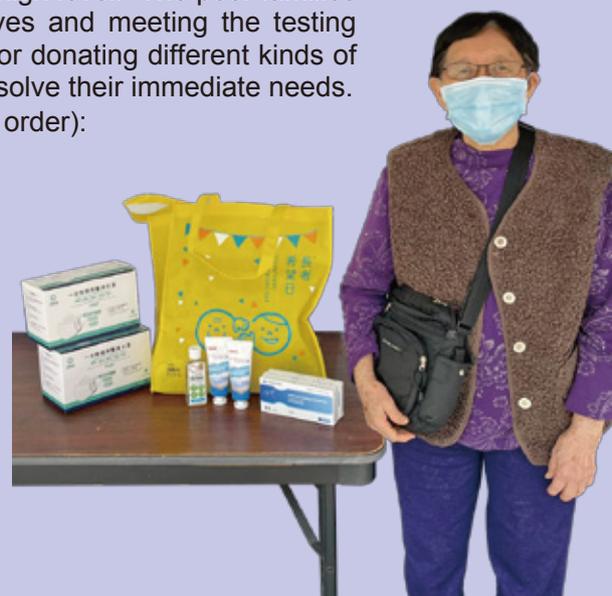
The brought forward summer break caught many parents by surprise. The 'HOPE *worldwide* Center for Kids' adjusted the schedule accordingly and launched a number of tutoring classes helping the school students to continue to learn so that they could catch up with the progress after the summer break.

The Center invited a group of students from the University of Hong Kong and Chinese International School to form a voluntary team to provide one-to-one online tutoring services for the primary students. Tutoring classes including Chinese, English and mathematics were offered. In addition to these, fun activities should be the highlight during the summer break. The Center arranged regular online board games, so that the children could play with friends at home.

On the other hand, some parents had frustrations to help their children to participate in online learning. The Center organized the 'Supporting the Parents Seminar' to relieve the tension between the parents and their children, letting the parents to share their children's homework problems, and understand the physical and mental needs of their kids.

Under the fifth wave of coronavirus, more than one million Hongkongers had been infected (as of March), and the daily number of confirmed cases was still hovering at a high level. The poor families and the elders needed anti-pandemic supplies for protecting themselves and meeting the testing guidelines. Many thanks to the kind-hearted people and organizations for donating different kinds of materials, letting us to donate to the disadvantaged and helping them to solve their immediate needs. We would like to thank the following organizations and individuals (not in order):

1. Lee Hysan Foundation - masks, rapid test kits, air purifier
2. Citi Hong Kong - rapid test kits
3. Sino Group - masks, rapid test kits
4. Mr. Guo (Farnova Group Holdings Limited) - rapid test kits
5. Mok Wing Yau - rapid test kits
6. Wong Kwok Ying - rapid test kits
7. Polly - mask, hand sanitizer
8. Irene Tang - rapid test kits
9. Ray - hand sanitizer
10. Ruby Wan - oximeter
11. Ringo Wong - Lianhua Qingwen capsules
12. Anonymous - rapid test kits
13. Hong Kong Jockey Club – home aid program



Santa Run 2021

With special thanks to the supports from various organizations, the HOPE worldwide Santa Run 2021 held for raising funds for the children with Special Educational Needs (SEN), was successfully completed on January 3.

The response of this year was very encouraging. We received supports from many enterprises and institutions of various industries such as medical care, banking, manufacturing, trade, IT and real estate. Some runners even created interesting routes so that they could run and had fun together with their friends.

A well-known cross-country running coach and marathon runner, known as Fai Sir (Wong Chun Kiu), formed the 'Fai Sir Trial Team' and led a group of participants to run up to Tsz Wan Shan and Lion Rock, demonstrating the skills of cross-country running. Another marathon and cross-country runner, 'Train Sir', formed another group named as '20Km Chasing Train Group'. Though Train Sir also found this route challenging, it only took the runners to spend just more than 6 hours to complete. Both teams were so popular that additional group was offered in order to meet the enthusiastic response from the runners.

Another fitness trainer, Candy, led the 'Tsim Sha Tsui Lighting Run', which attracted many families to play together.



This year's Santa Run was also supported by some doctors and nurses. A total of 70 medical staff from different public hospitals formed a team. Their shift duty did not hinder their passion from joining the event. They hoped that through Santa Run, more people could understand the needs of SEN Kids, and at the same time got to know the services provided by the HOPE worldwide 'A Village Makes SENsense' Program.



A group of caring runners from Midland Property went to Tsim Sha Tsui and West Kowloon to participate in the Santa Run for the SEN kids.

We also received sponsor from a philanthropist again this year to support some SEN Kids families to participate in the Santa Run, providing opportunities for them to enjoy family time.



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