



Innovation! Made possible by you!

Did you know that your donations not only keep the door of the Centre for Kids open for underprivileged kids, but they also give us the room to come up with innovative programme ideas? Here is a significant innovation.

It started with chess-playing

"Mr. Andrew, can you play chess with us?"

A simple request from centre members sparked an innovation that is still going strong four years on.

The story about this innovation started in 2011. Our now-former staff member Andrew wanted to build better relationships with the kids who came to the centre, so he started playing chess with them after they were finished with their homework.



The kids are excited and engaged while learning about good character.

In the meantime, our Hong Kong Children's Programme Director, David Chung, was trying to figure out a way to make our Character Success Education Programme more interesting and effective. One day, he overheard this interaction between the kids and Andrew. A light bulb went off in his head!

Eureka!

"Why not use board games to teach character?"

He then reached out to the owners of Capstone Board Game Café to source appropriate games. The result is a set of six board games, each teaching and reinforcing one of the Six Pillars of Character.

Before a game is played, the facilitator asks questions to get the kids to think about a particular character trait.



Character education + board game playing

We call this new programme "Character on Board". Since it began in 2012, we have helped hundreds of kids in Sham Shui Po and Tin Shui Wai learn about being trustworthy, respectful and caring. They have learned to take responsibility for themselves, to play fair and to be good citizens in the community. And it all happens while the kids are having fun!



Our innovative Character on Board Programme is generating media attention.

"There are so many good things about using board games to teach good character," David said, *"not the least of which is seeing the kids excited and engaged in the process of learning these character traits. It's so much more effective than having adults teaching, correcting, and even nagging them into good behaviour!"*

How it works

Before the game is played, the teacher or volunteer will lead off with questions to get the kids thinking about the specific character trait. *"Usually the kids' real self comes out when playing the games,"* centre staff member Gloria adds. *"You can see that some kids only think about themselves, some are impulsive, some are fearful of making mistakes. We can help them turn their thinking and change their attitudes."*

Centre kids play board games whenever they are finished with homework.



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Another staff member, Zue, told us a story to illustrate the effectiveness of using board games to teach character.

“Once I led a session with a group of first and second graders. The character we were focusing on was ‘caring’. I started off by asking them what they would do if they saw someone fall down. One little boy said, ‘Laugh at the person.’ When I asked why, he answered, ‘When someone falls down, he looks really silly. I can’t help but laugh at him.’ Later, we played a board game where they had to rescue trapped animals on a farm. Through playing and the sharing later, the kids understood that everyone feels afraid and worried when faced with problems, and that he would want someone to help him. When we finished the session, one of the kids tripped and fell. The same little boy didn’t laugh at his classmate. Instead, he went over and helped him get up. His best friend also helped pick up the chair.”

Good character is for everyone

This year, we have taken this programme from our centre and the schools we are working with and expanded it into the community. We set up “roadshows” with several board game playing stations to introduce the Six Pillars of Character to families. Parents who are experiencing difficulties in helping their children build good character can sign up for the “Good Character Family Community Programme” where they can receive follow-up visits from our staff and have access to resources at our centre.

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We are excited about how the programme has had impact on the children we work with. We are seeing the Six Pillars of Character exhibited in their attitudes and behaviour and receiving encouraging comments from their teachers. There is also the added benefit of skills such as communication, conflict resolution, and strategic thinking being built up. These games have become part of the centre. Now, whenever centre members finish their homework, they pull out one of the games and start to play. It’s very gratifying to see the twinkle in their eyes, the delight in their laughs, and the relationship and character they are building.



We are bringing our character education into the community.



So many fun ways to learn English!

Here is another innovation made possible by you – our English programme at the Centre for Kids. The programme helps children from low-income families improve their level of English and build their self-confidence in using the language. What are some of the creative and innovative activities the children have enjoyed?



Volunteer and centre members enjoy reading English books together.



Gotta learn that English vocabulary when winning the video game is at stake.

Kids practice their English oral skills by interviewing native English speakers.



Centre members shop for their own books at the annual book fair.

- **Learn English through video games** – This is by far the most popular activity. By setting the games in English, the children can learn new vocabulary and commands. We solidify what they learn while playing with a follow-up worksheet.
- **Pair-reading** – By reading aloud with a volunteer, the children overcome their fear of speaking, receive immediate feedback on their pronunciation, and get the satisfaction of finishing a book.
- **Little Reporters** – We equip the children with appropriate questions and take them out to areas in Hong Kong where they are more likely to encounter native English speakers. They practice speaking and listening skills by interviewing passers-by.
- **Visit to Hong Kong Book Fair** – We cultivate the children’s love of reading by letting them shop for their own books at the annual book fair. Then we take them to a nearby coffee shop and let them enjoy their new-found treasure.





Taking our innovations to Tin Shui Wai

Small office. Big dreams.

New beginning in 2013

Tin Shui Wai in Yuen Long is another area of Hong Kong where there is a high concentration of low-income families. The dream of bringing our services to help the children there finally came true in 2013 as we opened the HOPE worldwide Outreach Centre for Kids in June of that year.



In reality, this outreach centre was a small office for a staff of two. But while we lacked space, we made up for it with passionate staff members, helpful volunteers, and innovative programme. We began to reach out to nearby schools, offering to run our learning and character education programmes in the schools. These programmes introduced a whole new world to needy kids in this area.

They had such a good time that they didn't want to leave! We didn't have any trouble getting kids to sign up a second time. And the third time? We had to turn some kids away!"

The end of a beginning

In June of 2015, we had to close the centre because of a drastic rent increase. But since we have built a presence in the district, many schools, parents and children now know who we are and what we do. Going forward, we will continue to help underprivileged children in Tin Shui Wai in two primary schools through these innovative programmes.



We are continuing our service in two schools in Tin Shui Wai despite not having a centre space.

Could it be this fun?

Outreach centre staff member Suki Tsang told us: "The first time we promoted the 'Character on Board' programme to the children in these schools, no one signed up. It was such a new thing to them. We ended up making lots of cold calls to parents to encourage them to let their kids come. We finally got a group of kids together, took them to the board game café and played a few hours of character board games."



Lives are being changed in Tin Shui Wai.



We are reaching out to kids living in Tin Shui Wai with our Character on Board Programme.



Yale Day of Service

Since 2012, we have had the privilege of being part of the global Yale Day of Service. On this day, Yale alumni and friends across the globe share their time and talents to make a difference in the lives of the needy in their communities.

The Yale Club of Hong Kong have sent their members to our centre and given our centre members some unique experiences.

One year, we organized a dodge ball tournament where everyone had so much fun that we repeated it the following year. In 2015, nineteen centre members got to be college students for a day when

Yale alumni took them to the Chinese University of Hong Kong where they toured the library, attended mini-classes taught by Yale alumni, and got to see what it was like to live in a college dorm.

Thank you, Yale Club of Hong Kong and Yale Day of Service, for opening the minds of our youngsters and giving them dreams for their future.



Centre members enjoyed a mini class taught by a Yale alumna during the Yale Day of Service.

Yale Club volunteers played dodge ball with our kids.



We have been part of the global Yale Day of Service since 2012.



Thanks a million!



So much of our Hong Kong Children's Programme is made possible by donors and volunteers. Thank you, all of you who have volunteered. Your presence speaks volumes to our kids that you care. Thank you, donors. Whether you have given us a one-time donation, or have consistently supported us through your monthly donation, we want to give you a million thanks!

The following corporations or entities have funded the following specific programmes since 2012. Thank you!



- Character Success Education Programme (2012 – 2015)
- HOPE *worldwide* Outreach Centre for Kids (2013-2015)



Character on Board Education Programme(2013-2015)



The Generocity Education and Character Development Programme (2012-2015)



- Western Union Foundation Fund – Character on Board Education Programme (2012)



- State Street Fund – Youth Success Education Programme (2014-2015)



- Peers Network Programme (2012, 2013)
- Healing HE-ART Programme (2014, 2015)



- Ready to Read English Community Programme (2012)
- Love to Read English Community Programme (2013)
- Continue to Read English Community Programme (2014)
- Explore to Read English Community Programme (2015)



Good Character Family Community Programme (2015)



Youth Education and Career Exploration Programme (2015)



Let's do more good...

...for children!

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Date	Time	Programme	The good you will do
September 14 – June 30, 2016	4 – 5:30 pm or 5:30 – 7 pm	Homework Tutoring	Assist children as they tackle their homework and watch them grow in their confidence and achieve targeted key performance indicators.
September 19	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Mid-Autumn Festival Party	Did you know that being a good citizen includes knowing your own culture? Help the kids be a good citizen, one of the Six Pillars of Character, through a fun Mid-Autumn Festival party.



...for the elderly!

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Date	Time	Programme	The good you will do
August 3 – 9	10:30 am – 5 pm	Elderly Programme Mini-Exhibition	Educate the public about our services for the elderly and give them tips on preventing falls. At various locations.
Various dates in August – October	3 – 5 pm	Healthy Ageing in Public Housing Estates	Educate the elderly living in public housing estates about fall prevention, dental care, and exercise.
October 10, 18, 25, November 1, 8	2 – 6 pm	Fall Prevention Roadshows	Help assess the fall risk of elderly people living in public housing estates.



... and fundraise!

Have fun, see the sights or get fit while you fundraise and help the needy in Hong Kong and China. For inquiry, call Amy Chiu at 2588-3231, email amychiu@hopeww.org.hk or watch for updates on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hopewwhk.

Dates	Event	Details
October 18 – 24	Good Trekker	Fundraise and enjoy the stunning scenery. Trek 40 km in 5 days in Sichuan Province. Starting in Chengdu, the trek ends in Yading Nature Reserve in western Sichuan.
December 13	HOPE worldwide Great Santa Run	This year, be the Santa Claus who brings gifts and hope to the underprivileged. Fundraise, run in a Santa suit and be part of this meaningful race.





Earthquake relief in Nepal

On April 25, 2015, an earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale devastated Nepal, killing more than 8,800 and injuring more than 23,000. Buildings collapsed, homes were destroyed and entire villages were flattened.

HOPE *worldwide* Nepal runs a primary school with vocational training in Kathmandu. Within hours after the quake, the school became an emergency shelter for about 60 displaced people, including the school's principal Devbarta Mangshatabam and his family. Just a few days later, a giant tent was set up on the school grounds and used as a classroom during the day and a shelter for the people at night.

Though victims of the earthquake themselves, staff at HOPE *worldwide* Nepal began to deliver tarpaulins as emergency shelters, blankets, food, water and medicine to those most affected by the disaster. Thanks to the Airline Pilots Association-Singapore, the History Channel, the International Churches of Christ, Silk Air, Singapore Airlines, the Times Foundation, and many generous donors from around the world, 8,600 blankets, 3,300 tarp shelters, and approximately 44,000 tons of food supplies have been distributed to those in need (as of June 15, 2015).



As of June 15, 8,600 blankets, 3,300 tarp shelters, and 44,000 tons of food supplies have been distributed.

Below is a brief note sent by staff and volunteers who have been tirelessly bringing relief to the victims:

"When we started our journey to distribute relief materials to Sindhuli, Mahadevsthan, we didn't know that we needed to drive 175 kilometers. It was a long way there. It is a settlement of 151 households, almost 600 people from an underprivileged group. Their main occupation is fishing. When we saw that they were eagerly waiting for us with joy, we forgot our tiredness from the long drive up and down hills. Even though they themselves were in need they prepared dinner for us and managed a place for us to sleep. We really appreciated their kind and hospitable hearts."

"Our team really enjoyed the trip even though the weather was not in our favor. We faced heavy rain and storm while coming back. Two of our team members had to stay back on the way due to their vehicle breakdown, but the rest of our team members reached the valley safely at 4 AM."

Relief work is continuing while long-term plans are being made to rebuild communities. On behalf of HOPE *worldwide* Nepal, we thank each and every single donor who has opened his heart to bring hope to the people of Nepal.

Thank you for opening your hearts and bringing hope to the people of Nepal.



HOPE *worldwide* Nepal's school quickly became an emergency shelter after the earthquake.

