

Project Summary

Project Title : “ Flying with You “ –A Mentorship Project for Youth

Project No. : 0014-10

Name of the Organization : Haven of Hope Christian Service

Grant Approved : \$750,000-

Project Duration : 2 years (18/4/2007-17/4/2009)

Target Groups : Disadvantaged students and their parents

Location of the Project : Tseung Kwan O

(1) Project Highlights

(i) Objectives

- 1) To activate human capital of the community (e.g. women, young old, parents and people at work) for coaching disadvantaged students and their parents to enhance their resistant capacities as well as to develop positive attitudes towards their lives.
- 2) To facilitate the mentors for establishing self-retain group to substantially carry out community mentorship project.
- 3) To empower the parents of the community and schools for helping disadvantaged families to build up their social and support network in the community.

(ii) Strategies

- 1) To organize different groups of people from the community (e.g. women, young old, parents and people at work) and transform them to be mentorship teams through the provision of intensive training.
- 2) To enhance the skills of the experienced mentors to become trainers of the new mentors as well as the core members to set up self-retain group for the substantial development of the project.

(iii) Expected Outcomes and Performance Indicators

- 1) Direct returns from the activation of human capital (including the ability of mentors, service hours and the no. of participants)
- 2) Prevention of possible family and social problems through the enhancement of resistant capacities of the disadvantaged families.
- 3) Increasing for the amounts of volunteers, mutual-aid and social support networks within the community
- 4) Substantial development of community mentorship project through the establishment of self-retain mentorship group and the publication of project manual.

(2) Brief Description of Program

The project aims at developing a family-school-community based collaboration model for enhancing resistant capacities of the disadvantaged students and their families in Tseung Kwan O. At the same time, the experienced mentors from the project of “Flying the Sky” would be further empowered. They will play the role as trainers for passing their experiences to the new mentors, besides they will also be the core members to set up a self-retain mentorship group for the substantial development of the project.

(3) Unique Feature and Areas of Innovation

- (i) Family-school-community based collaboration model – people from various types of community groups (e.g. church, NGO...etc), schools (principal, teachers, Parent-teacher-association...etc), and also the parents of the disadvantaged students would be lined up for the planning and implementation of the project.
- (ii) Establishment of self-retain mentorship group---the trained and experienced mentors will set up a self-retain group for the development and implementation of the project.
- (iii) Parents-mentors Support Network---share the concept of “Community Support the Families”, the project mentors (especially parents) will link up with the disadvantaged parents to form a support network