

Project No : 0008-11
Project Title : A Caring Community for The Healthy Growth of Children After School Care Project
Name of Organisation : The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Jockey Club Cheung Wah Youth S.P.O.T.
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Project Aims and objectives :

The project will collaborate with Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association Buddhist Chan Shi Wan Primary School. It aims to facilitate the healthy growth of the most in need primary one and two students selected by the school through the setting up of a “Caring Community” after school care programme to provide the alternative caring environment that they needed. At the end, the participants will increase their confidence, self-care ability and sense of responsibility. The project also aims to develop the capacities of local women, parents, retired persons and unemployed youth so that they can feel empowered and regenerated. Moreover, it also aims to build up the community care networks among the most in need students’ family and the volunteers’ family, so that they can provide mutual care and support in the future.

Project Duration : 1/11/2007 – 31/10/2009

Target Groups :

1. The primary students(P.1-P.3)who are lack of parental care
2. The parents of the target students
2. Women from local women association
3. Parents from PTA
4. Retired persons
5. Unemployed youth
6. Secondary school students(F.3 or above)

Location of the Project : North District

Unique Features of the Project :

1. Since the project is in its second year ,the project continues to mobilize different community resources such as women, parents, youth and retired persons to nurture a ‘second home’ for those students who are lack of family care. It also fosters a community care network to promote mutual care spirit.
2. The experienced volunteers are transformed to become core members, they share their valuable experience and provide mentorship as well as guidance for the new

volunteers.

3. The targets of the project do not only include the most needy students but also their parents. When the network between the volunteers and the parents are formed, the volunteers will encourage the parents to participate in the project implementation so that their roles will change from service recipient to service provider and that will increase the sense of belonging to the community.
4. The co-operation model is beyond general combination, which include women, unemployed youth, primary students, elderly and the retired persons.
5. The project will include training on community knowledge and special features, the participants will organize field trips for their fellow students. It can enhance their sense of belonging to the school and to the community.

Expected Outcomes :

1. The project will cultivate a caring environment just like “a second home” for the participants. After all they will enhance their self-care and study abilities.
2. By using capacity building approach to develop the capacities and confidence of local women and parents, they will feel regenerated. Their participation in the project can also increase their sense of belonging to the community. Moreover, they will understand more about the child developmental needs that will benefit their own child rearing pattern.
3. Changing the roles of the target students and their parents from service recipient to service provider. The parents are encouraged to assist in the project implementation while the students will organize volunteer service for the needy in the community.
4. After serving as volunteers in this project, the unemployed youth will enhance their self confidence and sense of responsibility that are pertinent for their employment in their future.
5. It can develop the community care network among the most in need students’ family and the volunteers’ family, so that they can provide mutual care and support in the future.
6. By increasing the community knowledge, the participants can enhance their sense of belonging to the community.