

Project Summary

Project No : 0012-11

Name of Project : Angel of Vision Mentor Scheme

Name of Organization : Retina Hong Kong

Approved amount : HK\$700,000

Summary :

The project involves a total of 60 volunteers, visually impaired persons and their family members. Under the mission of actualizing the idea of “ **Lives inspire Lives** ” , and enhancing the spirit of mutual-support network among community members , a series of programmes will be conducted by the team:

1. Arranging interesting, interactive activities (e.g. Story-telling, drama and musical games) and regular gatherings for primary school students and their parents . The main objectives of these activities are to promote better communication skills of listening and verbal expressions, language usage and literacy proficiency, as well as strengthening family bonding.
2. Facilitating secondary students and their parents to establish a supporting network in order to promote positive views toward lives through the mentorship scheme, mutual sharing sessions and a variety of activities.
3. Assembling community resources through efforts of building partnership with various organizations in the community, to provide assistance for the community members with special needs (such as the new arrivals or the ethnic minority groups) more effectively.

Contents of the project: [Angel of Vision Mentorship Scheme]

- Challenges for visual impairment? Sharing sessions on [New life from adversities] ”
- “ Interactive story telling and games ”
- “ Drama and music Training ”
- “ Balloon art and magic training ”
- “ Self-confidence and communication abilities training ”
- “ Art workshop ”
- “ Workshop of communication skills for children and parents ”
- “ Parents and children reading scheme ”

Features of the project :

- ✓ Actualizing the idea of “ Lives inspire lives ” ;
- ✓ Enhancing family cohesion and mutual support network among the community ;
- ✓ Promoting positive attitudes toward lives ;
- ✓ Promoting verbal and literacy skills to facilitate better communication children and their parents ;
- ✓ Cultivating self-abilities to overcome adversities through experience sharing by visual impaired persons ;
- ✓ Integrating community organizations or individuals with different backgrounds into partnership in which community capital are being accumulated.

Results and indicators :

1 . Individual level :

Visually impaired persons realizing and achieving mutual help through sharing their experience in overcome difficulties.

After attending programmes such as “ Care for my family—Compatriot Growth of Children and Parents, ” “ Accurate Cantonese Pronunciation workshops ” , “ Study Assistance Groups ” and “ Angels of Vision Mentorship Scheme ” , personal supportive networks consisting of 20 members would be achieved by each participating primary, secondary students and their parents. These networks are formed to promote and cultivate emotional support , positive views of lives and communication skills

2 . Family and neighbourhood level :

Encourage communication between children and parents resulting in the reinforcement of family support.

Develop a interactive supportive networks of 40 families to facilitate mutual support as well as strengthening the sense of belonging towards the community as the result of implementing the “ Angels of Vision Mentorship Scheme ” , “ Cooking team ” and “ Care for my family-the growth of children and parents ” .

3 . Community level :

Mobilize shops, schools, religious and social service organizations in the community to achieve the development of at least 12 cross-sectored network, to establish long term partnership for the accumulation and focusing social capital in the region, and to provide support to needy members for the community.

Duration of the project:: 1/12/2007-30/11/2009

Target groups:

- Visually impaired persons with their family members,
- Children and teenagers (including primary and secondary school students) and their families,
- General public in the community,
- Community organizations and
- Individuals which are interested in participating the project.

Evaluation method: Quarterly per-test and pro-test questionnaire survey