

## Project Summary

<b>Project Title:</b>	Kwai Chung New Network
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<b>Organization:</b>	The Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship
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<b>Project Duration:</b>	3 years
<b>Target Groups:</b>	Residents of Kwai Chung Estate
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Kwai Chung Estate

### 1. Project Highlights

#### I. Objectives

1. To enhance residents' self-confidence and develop their individual potential, ascertaining one's significance and role in community development.
2. To promote integration of different groups, to facilitate mutual support and trust among residents of different years of residence and of different generations in the district.
3. To advocate community care and the spirit of mutual support in neighbourhood, improving ecological environment of the community by constructing a community with benevolence and care.

#### II. Strategies

1. Motivating residents' participation and establishing Angel Network
  - To establish a platform for the residents to participate in the community through Care Station (road show) or other activities, encouraging residents to exercise their potential and expand their network of interpersonal relationship.
  - To motivate potential residents to participate in the Benevolent Academy, enhancing individual's value and ascertaining one's identity.
  - To induce personal potential of the residents and promote positive message about one's giftedness through the establishment of the Angel Network.
  - The Angel Network to be divided into three levels: Peace Angel, Caring Angel and Community Angel:
    - A. Peace Angel refers to those residents who are willing to participate in the community, understanding resources and services in the district and expanding their interpersonal relationship network.
    - B. Caring Angel refers to those residents who are not only willing to participate in the community, but are also willing to enhance their self-confidence and develop their personal potential by joining different groups, programmes or

classes. Besides, Caring Angels are turned into the support network for Peace Angels and other residents by sharing community resources through relationships.

- C. Community Angel refers to those residents who are not only turned into the support network for residents, but are also taking initiative in concerning the residents in the same or nearby blocks and becoming the searchlight of the block, so that the emergence of problematic families may be limited.
    - To set up Peace Angel, Caring Angel and Community Angel in all the 16 blocks of Kwai Chung Estate and to implement network matching in order to promote and practise the atmosphere of mutual support and mutual help.
2. Discovering community resources for motivating Angel Network
    - To invite active or potential persons in the district to be volunteers and to connect with various organisations such as Mutual Aid Committees and social welfare NGOs.
    - To encourage volunteers to realise their strengths by receiving suitable trainings.
    - To pair the volunteers with suitable neighbours according to their strengths for them to develop their potential and contribute to the community.
  3. Detecting needy families
    - To detect needy families (e.g. single parent families, new immigrants, children, CSSA households, the elderly and chronic disease patients) in the community by launching Community Care Project, in which we will network with NGOs, government departments and schools in the district, in the beginning.
    - To connect the residents and establish their relationship network through community service days (e.g. cleaning day, special homework tuition programme, etc.) or other activities.
    - To contact residents, understand their needs and build up the connection among them through Care Station or other activities.
  4. Matching families in the district with others and broadening residents' network and horizon
    - To recruit network volunteers for providing related trainings and carrying out family matching by liaising with volunteer teams of professional institutions (e.g. volunteers team in medical sector), schools, community groups and church, etc.
    - To care for the residents with the theme of holistic health, matching Community Care volunteers with families so as to visit them regularly; to enhance residents' sense of belonging to the community and strengthen the relationship between residents and the community through the substantial participation of the volunteers so that the residents can have participate in and contribute more to the community.

- To broaden residents' interpersonal network and horizon and to achieve personal growth by cross-sectoral matching.
  - To help the residents apply their skills (e.g. companion services for hospital or clinic visits, delivering soup, etc.) and thus improve their self image, and to plant the spirit of mutual support and harmony by matching Community Angels or Caring Angels with other families.
5. Developing community resources by establishing Benevolent Academy
- To establish the Benevolent Academy as a platform of developing potential and complementarity.
  - To invite network volunteers to be mentors, providing holistic cares and services to the residents, so as to enhance residents' concern about their physical, mental and spiritual health.
  - To promote potential residents, including housewives and elders, as little mentors of the Benevolent Academy, guiding network volunteers to provide community services to the elderly and the chronic disease patients in the district through sharing their life wisdom like skill and knowledge in household cleaning and soup cooking, and bringing harmony to the elderly, women and the youth.
  - To let volunteers absorb residents' life wisdom as well, so as to enrich their life experience.
  - To achieve complementarity on this platform as those being helped can enhance their identity by becoming helpers and those helpers can enrich individual experience by absorbing life wisdom from the residents
6. Organising resident mutual help network
- To identify residents with longer residence and invite them to become community service volunteers (Peace Angel or Caring Angel) through Welcome/Adaption Programme or other activities, and to match up residents with different years of residence; encourage volunteers to provide support to new residents and other residents (e.g. provide related community information to new residents).
  - To match the volunteers with new residents who are holding One-way Permits (especially for women) for providing support to them, enabling them to integrate into the community more easily.
  - To encourage volunteers with potential to become Community Angels, who are responsible for detecting the needy families or families in crisis and to support those families so as to strengthen the resident mutual help network and build a harmonic community.
7. Establishing volunteer support network
- To identify and encourage suitable Caring Angels or Peace Angels to become Community Angels and to match them with needy families for continuous care.

- To let volunteers communicate with each other about the situation of the region through regular trainings and gatherings and provide support when necessary so as to achieve mutual help and care among the neighbourhood.
- To enable the Community Angels to expand their networks through regular gatherings.
- To help and encourage the volunteers to keep improving and to raise their self-confidence with different types of trainings.

## **2. Brief Description of Programmes**

### **I. Cross-sectoral Network Building Scheme**

- Through various types of community programmes including Community Care volunteer training and matching, volunteer support group (sharing session), seminar, etc., we contact and visit local churches, primary and secondary schools, higher education institutes, NGOs, government departments, Mutual Aid Committees, etc. for discussing different forms of collaboration in order to integrate specialities, experiences, resources and networks of different organisations so as to build a cross-sectoral network and enjoy synergies.

### **II. Community Care Scheme**

- Through various community activities including the Care Station (road show), special homework tuition programme / language day camp, soup delivery, etc., we reach the residents of different years of residence and different ages, and visit the needy families so as to prepare the matching programme. At the same time, we identify potential residents and encourage different sectors to participate in the programmes so as to promote the spirit of neighbourhood care and develop a support network inside the community.

### **III. Resident Support Scheme**

- By organizing various events including the Welcome/Adaption Programme, the Benevolent Academy and Community Angel Trainings as a platform, we build up residents' enthusiasm and sense of belonging of the community and promote the culture of mutual care among residents of different years of residence.

## **3. Unique Features and Area of Innovation**

- I. By identifying families or persons having different needs and potential, the project helps them develop and contribute their strengths and hence fosters cohesiveness of the community so as to enhance social capital.

- II. The project integrates residents of different years of residence in the estate and acts as a support network in the region.
  
- III. Elders and chronic disease patients are able to participate in community network building through the process of integration of the elderly, the middle age and the youth.
  
- IV. By establishing a platform for learning and serving the community, every resident has an opportunity to be a learner and also a mentor, ascertaining his/her role and identity.