

## **Project Summary**

**Project Title and No.:** “Network K.C.”- Mutual help and Community Networking Project (0005-14)

**Name of Organization:** Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Wong Cho Tong Social Service Building

**Grant Approved:** \$600,000

**Project Duration:** July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

**Target Groups:** Middle Class families, disadvantaged families, professionals & retired people.

**Location of the Project:** Kowloon City District

### **1. Project Highlights**

#### **(i) Objectives**

- ✓ Mobilize the middle class families and disadvantaged families to establish a mutual help support network in the district by implementing community mutual learning groups and neighborhood child care support network.
- ✓ A mentor-mentee relationship will be developed between the child carers through the flexible neighborhood-based child care service.
- ✓ Community mutual learning groups involve people from different classes, professionals and age groups, in order to establish a interlocking relationships and to transform their social roles.

#### **(ii) Strategies**

- ✓ To liaise different parties in the district, such as primary school, secondary school, estate organizations, district councilors, private estates management units, working people, retired elders, business sectors, NGOs, and volunteers groups, to develop the neighborhood child care support network and mutual support learning groups.
- ✓ Encourage the participants in the mutual learning groups to transform their roles from recipients to givers and re-contribute to the society.

- ✓ Bridging the instructors and participants of the mutual learning groups to develop a mentor-mentee relationship and build up a social network to reinforce the social capital.
- ✓ Pair up the child carers from the middle class families and disadvantaged families and develop an experience exchange platform to share the life experience.

**(iii) Expected Outcomes and Performance Indicators**

- ✓ Liaise different parties from different sectors to link up 120 families by implementing the mutual learning groups and neighborhood child care support network.
- ✓ Recruit 50 carers to provide child care service in the community in order to reduce the burden of the working parents.
- ✓ Recruit 6 volunteers to establish mentor-mentee relationship through the mutual learning groups and to build up participants' self-confident and resilience.

**2. Brief Description of Programmes**

- ✓ Mobilize the middle class families and disadvantaged families to establish a mutual help support network in the district by implementing community mutual learning groups and neighborhood child care support network.

**3. Unique Feature and Areas of Innovation**

- ✓ Facing the financial tsunami, many families encounter financial difficulties as well as family problems. This project aims at linking up the middle class families and disadvantaged families to develop a social support network.
- ✓ Encourage the participants in the mutual learning groups to transform their roles from recipients to givers and re-contribute to the society. In the transformation process, participants could build up their self-confident and resilience to cope with unforeseen challenges.
- ✓ Liaise different parties in the society to contribute opinions in different points of view by forming the Advisory Committee.