

Project No	:	0043-02
Project Title	:	School and Centre hand in hand
Name of Organisation	:	Buddhist Bright Pearl Primary School
Grant Approved	:	HK\$442,000

Project Highlights :

This project is derived from the believes "Start from family and fill it with love" and "Family participation to establish a considerate community". A serial of activities will be introduced to help families to function well and increase their resistance against hard time.

The upgrade of families' resistance will bring great change to our community since families and community are undividable. It also links families, community and those who need help together, forming a large "Helping Network" that will change the community and increase the sense of belonging between families and community. People need help will be handed when the community will be in a harmony.

Brief Description of Programmes to be organized :

a. "New Family Momentum" serial

"New Family Momentum" aims to strengthen the resistance among family through the participation of workshop and sharing meeting. Low income families and those need help will explicit their potential and get more understanding about the available resource in the society through this activity and therefore grow with courage under the difficulties they are facing.

b. "Integration of School, Society and Family with Love" serial

1. Voluntary work training: Families are encouraged to join the voluntary work and learn to be more concern about the society and be more considerate to those need help.

2. "Love Account": Families are encouraged to do more voluntary work, e.g. accompany people to doctor's appointment, hair cutting, to the society. Those works they do will be recorded in their "Love Account" to induce their motivation to perform more voluntary works. The "Love Account" will record the number of service hour which will be used as an assessment for future encouragement prize.

3. Better Communication between School and Community: This activity will encourages school to do more promotion fro better social education so that students and parents can receive more usable messages.

Unique Features of the Project:

a. School as the platform to consolidate families, volunteers and people from different network for a "United Community"

- b. Encourage participants to do voluntary works for serving the community link people from different network together
- c. Families of our school as a founder member and then extend this network to other schools and "parent-volunteer". Organizing a responsible service team that assists the future network development in the long run.

Project Duration: 15 months (From July 2004 to September 2005)

Target groups: Students of Kindergarten, Primary Schools and Secondary Schools in this district, and those low income families in Chun Shek, San Tin Wai, Sun Chui and Lung Hang Estates

Location of the Project: Shatin

Expected outputs and outcomes :

I. Establishment of Social Capital Index (short-term effect)

- Increase social resource: provide 5000 hour of voluntary work
- Encourage social participation: record no less than 2000 adult volunteer work and 1200 volunteer work by children below 18 and teenage. Elect 100 participants among the above to become love ambassadors who will self-initiate help to those needed. 20 out of these 100 will then be elected as the leader of parents. They will be the committee of "Community-Family helping Society" and will perform further voluntary works and extend the voluntary work network to different level of this district after the complete of this project 2 years later
- Unify the Community: Start from " Buddhist Bright Pearl Primary School " and extend the voluntary works to the other place in centre of Shatin. Through the "Integration of School, Society and Family with Love" activity to recruit participants from different background and increase the sense of belonging among the community
- Family aspect-- Integration of people from different level: Organize meeting for people from different levels to share how they can overcome difficulty and their experiences of doing voluntary works. Number of voluntary network and participants, frequency of activity, format and related functions will all be recorded
- District aspect-- More chance to work together among different organizations: The messages of serving the community, being a love ambassador and the skill of volunteer leader will be brought to the community and other network through different levels of voluntary works. There will be 22 opportunities for different organizations to work together and this will optimize the utilization of resource within the community

II. Establishment of Social Capital Index (long-term effect)

Index for Effectiveness Assessment include:

- strengthen the function of being a father and mother: Questionnaires will be used to understand whether the resistance among families have been improved or not after the workshop and help to solve communicate problem

- strengthen the growth of volunteer: Questionnaires will be distributed before and after the training and service sections for comparison to prove the resistance of family and teenager (including happiness, communication and effectiveness) for the development of self-confident

- long-term voluntary work, publication in community, unity and network development: It can be assessed by having evaluation meeting with the committee of "Community-Family helping Society" and some other societies. The training to "love ambassador" will strengthen the existing community network and help more schools, organizations and people in the long run.