

Project No.

0021-7

Project Title

Network K.C. – Mutual Help and Community Networking Project

Name of Organization

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals

Grant Approved

\$1,200,000

Project Aims and Objectives

- Establishing various service teams, comprising elderly people and family members from disadvantaged groups in the District as team members under the leadership of retired professionals, to provide miscellaneous community services and hence convey the message of elderly contributions to the society;
- Implementing the Life Mentorship Scheme by encouraging retired professionals in the District to act as Life Mentors and share their life experiences and skills equally with mentees from disadvantaged families through matching, so as to enhance their knowledge and competitive edge and in turn enrich social capital;
- Developing the community network between retired elders and family members from underprivileged groups.

Project Duration

3 years

Target Groups

- Retired professionals in Kowloon City District;
- Family members from underprivileged groups such as new arrivals, single-parent families, Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) beneficiaries and single elderly residents;
- Health care professionals and community bodies in the District as strategic partners.

Location of the Project

Kowloon City District

Unique Features of the Project

- To promote the spirit of elderly contributions through arranging retired professionals to act as service team leaders and Life Mentors;
- To improve the self-sufficient livelihoods of underprivileged families through their joint collaboration in running the community service teams, and at the same time enhance their self-confidence and bring forth changes in their social roles and behaviour through mutual support and knowledge transfer;
- To develop the outreaching services of service teams into deep-rooted community levels, so as to get in touch with hidden disadvantaged families and lift them from their plights.
- To promote cross-disciplinary cooperation and social integration through uniting people from all walks of life to form the Advisory Committee.

Expected Outcomes

- To foster community unity by inviting retired professionals to nurture the potential strengths of family members from underprivileged families by forming various service teams, such as Catering Team, Home Care Team, Maintenance Team and Escort Team, to render community-based services to needy families;
- To promote self-sufficiency of retired professionals and disadvantaged groups and enhance their self-confidence through running the Life Mentorship Scheme, which in turn makes contributions to the society.
- To boost cross-disciplinary cooperation through forming an Advisory Committee consisting of members from different social and career backgrounds.
- To develop the community network between retired elders and family members from underprivileged groups.