

Summer Newsletter 2025



"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

Hebrews 12:2

Dear friends of HOLF,

We would like to take this opportunity to share our latest news with you. We are excited to announce that we have planned a special celebratory event for HOLF's 60th Anniversary on 27 Sep 2025. We praise God for his leading HOLF over the last 6 decades. His love and faithfulness are always with us, and He continues to bless our ministry and lead us towards new milestones.

We are ever grateful to you for your support over the years. Your continued love is our encouragement and strength.
We invite you to attend this special event and share in our gratitude and joy.



With thankful hearts, we share that the construction work for our Tai Po site is progressing. The design plan creates a harmonious and homely atmosphere for our residents, as well as providing a training platform for them. It is also an environmentally friendly and comfortable working environment for employees.

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TAI PO SITE PROJECT EXPRESS



The foundation works of the new buildings at the Tai Po site are currently under construction and well under way. In response to the needs of today's society, we will extend our service to provide more accommodation for people with disabilities who need support and care. We are expecting resident numbers to increase. The Tai Po new buildings can accommodate 60 residents.











Gold Standard of Life Long Care Residential Home

We are committed to providing a gold standard of lifelong residential home care service where every 'family member' feels loved and respected. During this past half year, we have joined together to enjoy several special occasions: birthday celebrations, concerts and activity programmes. During these moments, our residents feel loved, and the whole home is filled with joy and laughter. In addition, we continue to have monthly outings and receive visits from different volunteer groups, so that we can broaden the life experiences of residents through these outreach activities.

Our residents are able to participate in different activities around the home according to their different abilities, such as household chores and gardening work. This assists in enhancing their life skills and offers the opportunity for them to learn about personal responsibilities and individual potential. We also make good use of the garden environment to allow residents to participate in garden maintenance and experiences, so that they can enjoy the natural world around them.







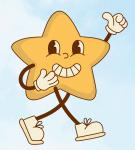
Volunteers making cookies with Hephzibah.





Acknowledgement





ACTIVITES AND ENJOYMENTS













Pui Ling and Ka Lok were busy picking tomatoes We have had a good harvest.



Si Ning was experiencing technology during an outing.



A happy family was doing volunteer work together.



Tip Tip was excited to visit the shopping mall.



Happy Birthday Douglas!



Douglas having fun joining in with an activity



Fung Tai and Chi Kin enjoyed eating out and meeting friends in the restaurant.



Residents transfixed by storytelling from volunteers.







Tat Tat and Tip Tip receiving physical therapy.

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTES

It's Sunday, and the day after celebrating the 100th birthday of a relative. The devotional reading for 27th July 2025 referred this trustee to Psalm 78:4 "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done". The challenge given to us: "Are we committed to building a legacy of faith from generation to generation"? What a great challenge and one which our founders, Wendy and Valerie, set out to start in August 1965. We now look forward to sharing some of those miracles and the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord through six decades and generations of HOLFIES in our upcoming celebrations.

The actual date when HOLF started was 13th August 1965, and as you will now know, we are hosting a special service of thanksgiving on 27th Sept at 4 pm in St Andrew's Church. Tracy Pattrick (a former super superintendent) will also be hosting a celebration event in the UK with Wendy Blackmur on 1st October at 11:30 am at St Michael and All Angels Church DE7 4QA, and a little lunch afterwards at "By the Deli" DE7 4QJ for those in the UK. RSVP via HOLF would be welcome.

As much as we celebrate the many deeds and joys, we also have to reflect that, like EVERY family, there are challenges and times of great sadness. This last week, the HOLF Family lost Emmanuel (aged 27). The staff and residents mourn his sudden passing from ill health. This is one of the really tough parts of being a family when one family member is lost on earth, but heaven's gain to receive dear Emmanuel (which means God with us). Now we believe Emmanuel is with God, and for that we can give thanks even amid the tears and sadness. It is such a privilege to be caring for our residents as we can share the wonders of each resident and through many generations. The verse from Psalms seems so powerful and apposite.

And so may we end this note giving thanks to God for all our HOLFIES over the generations.