



# Spring Newsletter 2024



*"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us, establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hand!"*  
Psalm 90:17



**Dear friends of HOLF,**

**Praise God as He leads us into the new year of 2024. We cherish the opportunities that God has given us to continue to be a caring home. We know that God has His purposes for HOLF and would like us to carry on the mission to serve the most vulnerable members of society.**



**In addition to our ongoing services, we would also like to provide short-term residential care for students who have reached 18 years of age and need to move out of their school dormitories because they have not been successful in finding a suitable place of residence after leaving their special schools. We are hoping to take in our first of such young residents soon.**

**We are also able to provide emergency and immediate respite care for individuals with special needs, for example, if their family's primary caregiver is sick or has passed away and there is no one available to provide the necessary care.**

**Our Tai Po site project is in progress and the architectural team has drawn the layout plan of the buildings. It has been submitted to the Government Department for approval. The new premises at the Tai Po site will allow us to take more residents and we will be able to provide a place for training. We aim for it to be a well-equipped, comfortable, and safe home for our residents.**

**We highly value your support as you continue to journey with us to serve the most vulnerable members of our society. Without your support, we cannot achieve as much.**



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**The Home of Loving Faithfulness holds a valid licence issued by the Social Welfare Department as a Residential Care Home for Persons with Disabilities.**



# TRAINING



We aim to provide a high quality life for our residents. Continued training for our residents is very important. The specific needs of each resident are different. Individual care plans are tailored to their needs for their own physical health, life skills, independence skills, and social behaviours. It also helps to develop their own special areas of potential.



*Pui Ling making dumplings.*



*Hephzibah selecting snacks.*



*Hephzibah sweeping the floor of the sensory garden.*



*Fung Tai doing training for her hand movement.*



*Siu Yan organizing tableware after dinner.*



*Pui Ling watering the plants in the sensory garden.*



*Ka Lok sweeping the leaves in the sensory garden.*



*Ka Lok enjoys shopping in the supermarket.*

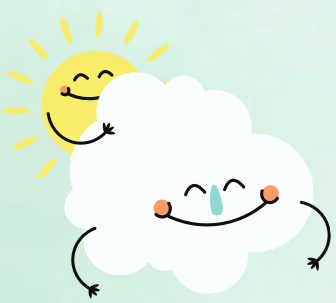


*Yushen experiences shopping in the store.*



*Siu Yan helping to set up the table for dinner.*

# ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEERING



Tip Tip having 1-1 activity time with a volunteer.



Our residents enjoying group activities with volunteers.



Father and son volunteering together. They made beef pies! Yum!



Sunday Cook preparing delicious food!



Wing Sze having a relaxing colouring session with one of our volunteers.



Residents enjoying the sunshine in the playground whilst doing activities.



We are so thankful to the members of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 412 Hong Kong and their families who got creative painting and planting flowers in the playground.



They also installed a sensory board for our residents!





# MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

*"He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."*

*- Mark 14:33-36*



These verses are among the most powerful verses in the NT where Jesus exhibits such "human" characteristics with intense emotions. As the verses describe: He was so "overwhelmed with sorrow". In challenging times we need the support of family and friends. He looked for support from His fellow disciples, but they let him down. He also recognized a need for His heavenly Father (showing His divine nature as the Son of God). He turns to His Father in prayer and addresses Him in such a personal and intimate way as His "Abba Father", (Papa) hoping and praying for an alternative way to avoid a humiliating punishment on the cross... Yet He acknowledges that He must rather submit to God's will and not His personal preference. He does this three times, each time with the same conclusion that He must surrender to His Father's will and proceed accordingly to His tortuous death.

Thankfully, we have the blessing of knowing that His death upon the cross and His amazing resurrection gives those who believe, a new hope, a hope of an eternal life with God. Even more amazingly, we find ourselves blessed with Jesus as our lawyer advocate mitigating before the Judge. His message: I died for this person, for you and for me. He bore the punishment which we so richly deserve. Oh, and lawyers normally charge by the hour. Instead of paying Him, He paid the price for us with His life. Amazing?

Meanwhile, we thank God for being our Saviour, our ever-present help in times of trouble. We also pray for His will to be done concerning our plans for relocating to Tai Po. Our s.16 application to the Town Planning Board has now been submitted, and our general building plans are under review so a new location and a new chapter may soon unfold. May the Lord's will be done. This move will give us the potential to significantly increase the number of residents on our site. May the Lord's will be done. To further facilitate this we are starting to increase the number of residents on our current site, with 2 new residents due to join us shortly and hopefully quite a few more after that. To do this we also need to increase our staff and, as we have discovered, we need to play catch up on staff salaries so we can recruit more staff at market rates. We continue to pray that we can find the right staff and leadership to take us through this next part of our journey.

We are so grateful for:

- our staff who labour through thick and thin;
- our Project Manager for the Tai Po Project along with our Architect and a team of other consultants;
- our friends, donors and volunteers
- it takes a village; and
- our inspirational founders Valerie and Wendy...

But most of all for our gracious Lord and Saviour. May we end by wishing you all a happy and holy Easter as we celebrate the risen Lord.

Andrew, David, Gretchen, Jen, Rebecca and PK

