



Summer Newsletter 2023

Dear Friends of HOLF,

We are delighted to update you with our latest news. Thank you for your continuing love and support for the HOLF family and our services. We are thrilled that the Social Welfare Department approved our license for Block C on April 28, 2023. It has taken many months of challenges and hurdles to get to the point where we can finally move our residents into their newly renovated Block C, which is a beautifully decorated homely living environment for them.



We have also experienced a recently added challenge of several of our residents and staff being diagnosed with COVID during the month of April. We faced a real shortage of manpower over the past month and were very grateful to our team for their support and cooperation while facing and fighting the epidemic. We thank God for His protection as our residents and staff are well recovered from this.

It is now a time to put our thoughts on the above challenges behind us and enter a time of thankfulness and celebration as we move forward into a new season.

We had a new resident join us on June 28. We have a wonderful team of staff, social workers, and volunteers who are using the new space to provide activities that enhance the daily lives of our residents. We hope that we can care for more persons with disabilities as many are in urgent need.

*"For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen." Romans 11:36*



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The Home of Loving Faithfulness holds a valid licence issued by the Social Welfare Department as a Registered Cared Home for Person with Disabilities.



ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEERING

Come join us to support the growth of these children and bring joy to them!



WELCOMING OUR NEWEST RESIDENT CHOI!



DRAWING ENCOURAGES EMOTIONS AND THOUGHTS EXPRESSION!



ORDERING OUR FAVOURITE DRINKS AT MCDONALD'S!



WORSHIPPING TOGETHER!



BEING OUTDOORS IS GOOD FOR OUR BODIES AND MINDS!



WE ARE A HAPPY FAMILY!





AROUND THE COURTYARD

SUMMER

WE ENJOY GROUP
ACTIVITIES WITH
OUR VOLUNTEERS!



LET'S PLAY
SOME BALL GAMES!



BECAUSE OUR VOLUNTEERS
WORKED HARD...



THE CHILDREN CAN ENJOY AN
OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE!



Forever Loved

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Psalm 23:6*



Our beloved Shaan Shaan sadly passed away on 21 June 2023 at the age of 62. We will all remember her beautiful smile, joyful spirit, and courageous heart. She will live in our hearts forever.



MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

"Let not your heart, be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house, are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I'm going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also. I know you know, and the way you know. I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:1-4, 6.

The first sentence of this Scripture verse is so encouraging. It is a special message bringing hope, strength, and courage in the midst of many challenges. We have had a roller coaster of joys and challenges since our last newsletter. The joys of the new licence for Block C, the admission of a new family member (Choi) just now with more to come...but the heartache of losing Shaan Shaan two weeks ago while she was in the hospital and the fears in April of many in the family and staff catching covid. Such a blessing that all came through that...the vaccines and God's grace and mercy in action.

Whenever we lose a dear family member there is always a mixture of sadness at the loss, missing the person, their beautiful character, the joy they have brought to our lives as Shaan Shaan did with her yelps of delight, the ice cream she enjoyed, her hands waving, her tongue signalling a profound yes please...her beautiful smile and facial expressions...no longer with us except in our hearts and minds but now perfect in heaven with our Lord and Saviour. We have to trust in God's perfect timing as He called her home to a special room and special place with Him. We will mourn but also celebrate her precious life on 12th July with a service of thanksgiving at 11:30 and cremation and committal at 1 pm.

Life is eternal for Shaan Shaan and life continues for us and the growing family at HOLF. Many challenges ahead as we also deal with a likely move as Land Resumption proceedings for our site now accelerate...we continue to seek new senior leadership at the superintendent level from someone who can love or who already has fallen in love with the Holf family and all its eccentricities. Please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's grace, strength and wisdom in these seasons of change. Let our hearts not be troubled...as we submit and trust.

Meanwhile, we give thanks to God for our special family, our hardworking staff, our volunteers and other friends who support in many ways...we are blessed and grateful.

We give thanks most of all though for God's love and faithfulness which is new every morning...such a blessing for us and may it also be for you all too.

With thanks from the Trustees,

Andrew, David, Jen, Gretchen, PK and Rebecca

