

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2025

*"Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness". - Psalm 115:1*

Dear Friends of HOLF,

Our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness for God's goodness and blessings upon our home. HOLF celebrated its 60th anniversary on 27th September at St. Andrew's Church. A huge thank you to all our friends, donors, and supporters for attending this special occasion and sharing in our joy, whether it was in person or online. These friendships continually warm our hearts, and we are grateful to all of our supporters for your continued faithfulness.

On 1st October, our founder Wendy Blackmur and ex-Superintendent Tracy Pattrick also organized an event in the UK to celebrate HOLF's 60th anniversary. We are very grateful to our friends and supporters in the UK for attending this special celebration. We are humbled by their support and friendship to HOLF and for all of the blessings it brings.



We are filled with excited anticipation as progress continues on the construction of our new buildings in Tai Po. With its completion, we will be able to further expand and provide even more services to people with physical and educational needs. We also hope to collaborate with other organizations to create employment opportunities for the people of Hong Kong who have disabilities.

We would like to let you know that a new young man (aged 20) has joined the HOLF family. We hope that he will adjust well to the HOLF living environment.

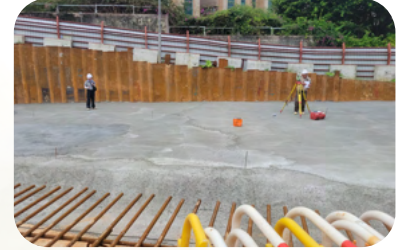


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The Home of Loving Faithfulness holds a valid licence issued by the Social Welfare Department as a Registered Cared Home for Person with Disabilities.

TAI PO SITE PROJECT UPDATE

The construction work for the new buildings in Tai Po is in progress, and we hope all works for these buildings will go to plan and that they will be completed on time in 2026.



SENSORY GARDEN

We are filled with gratitude to Boy Scout Troop 412, who, this year, came to HOLF to do a project for our sensory garden. During their time with us, they built some beautiful fencing around the garden. This addition added a focal point with touches of vibrant colour, which we know helps to catch the attention of our residents. They also built bird houses to hang around different areas of the garden, and also spent time enhancing the instruments that were beginning to weather and fade. These are important additions which we know help to keep our residents' minds and bodies healthy and happy.



The Boy Scouts also made use of discarded plastic bottles along with branches to construct the birdhouses. We hope that they will attract more wildlife who will find these new places to rest, feed and make this place a haven amidst the city's business. We have always tried to bring an element



of recycling and awareness of the environment into the development of the garden, as we recognise that our world is a place to be protected, so we really appreciate that reminder to repurpose where we can.

Our garden has been a big blessing to our residents, staff and visitors. It is a place of peace, tranquillity, and somewhere to go to gain strength from the busyness of life. Thanks to the scouts, we will be smiling even more as we look out for the birds and watch our residents' faces as they look out for all of the new surprises.



THE HOLY 60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

We recently enjoyed a blessed 60th anniversary celebration. It was a time to praise the Lord's grace. A time filled with gratitude and joy. Thank you to all who put time and effort into making it such a wonderful day, including those who put aside the time to pray and to join us for the festivities.



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 resident Tsz Yin (Emmanuel) passed away in the North District Hospital (19th July 2025), aged 27. We will remember his beautiful smile and joyful soul. He was a classical music lover. He enjoyed playing the piano and musical activities. He had a strong and courageous spirit that carried him through his health challenges. He will forever be in our hearts and remembered always.



MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES



"I will declare that your love stands forever...even the heavens praise God's wonders and His faithfulness." -Psalm 89: 2

And so on 27th September just after HK recovered from a typhoon 10, we declared and gave our Almighty God all the glory for His blessings to HOLF for over 60 years. It was a glorious day.

So humbling that despite ourselves we would be so blessed for so long...and what a privilege it is to care for our residents...providing a forever home for them. Thank you to the 300 people who joined the service in person at St Andrews and to those who watched online from around the world and then...another 70 or so who joined Wendy Blackmur and HOLF friends in the UK on 1st October. Extra special that Pui Yee and Wendy's son Andrew were also able to enjoy the UK thanksgiving service with Wendy.

As we now look forward we have a lot going on over the next 15 months. Construction work has been a bit delayed. This summer has seen so many typhoons and black rain storms which have contributed to the slow progress. Our contractors are working on a revised programme to ensure we can finish and move before the end of next year.

In the meantime we are reviewing our IT systems, our staffing arrangements and growth plans as we hope to steadily increase the number of residents within our care over the next 15 months and of course by even more in the new Home.

We also hope to launch an updated logo which will capture some of the Home's key characteristics...colours which celebrate the blue tiles from the roof of the old White House part of HOLF, some green to celebrate the sensory garden, trees and God's amazing creation...we hope it will also show warmth in a homely environment and reveal God's love, care and support for our residents...we plan a more abstract but simple image...so watch this space for an unveiling early next year.

Meanwhile, we look forward to the coming season of winter and yet the comfort and joy of advent leading us to Christmas celebrations as we celebrate his glorious birth.

As we look forward to the next 60 years we want to continue our journey in several special ways:

1. to continue to love and serve God in providing a gold standard of love and care for those with moderate to severe differabilities.
2. we want to care on a multigenerational basis for the parent caregivers of their adult children bringing them into HOLF to live with us at HOLF (if they wish) and then to nurse them to glory as they die in peace knowing that their adult children are in a forever home loved and cared for.
3. to engage and employ adults with special needs in the Home in the office, the laundry, our kitchens etc
4. to collaborate with other like minded NGOs...to play to their strengths and to ours!

It takes a village blessed by the Lord to make this all happen.

Thank you all for your prayers and support in so many ways. Your encouragement means so much to us, our super hardworking staff, trustees, volunteers and other friends and champions of HOLF.

Wonderful blessings. Amplified!

Andrew, David, Gretchen, Jen, PK and Rebecca

The HOLF Christmas Carol Service is scheduled
for 13th December (Sat) at 7:00 pm.
You are Welcome to join us.