Tribute

Children's Cancer Foundation

Spotlight!

BRAVE HEARTS, BLOSSOMING FUTURES:

Hope Train 2024 Returns to Empower Young Cancer Survivors

This year, Hope Train 2024 makes its inspiring return, shining a spotlight on the remarkable resilience and creativity of young cancer survivors. Through the transformative ARTrepreneur programme, these courageous youths are not only enhancing their artistic skills but also finding new opportunities to express themselves and carve out brighter futures. Under the theme "Brave HeARTS, Blossoming Futures," the programme aims to nurture the artistic talents of these young individuals, helping them turn their creativity into a powerful tool for empowerment and self-discovery. It's about much more than just art—it's about hope, confidence, and the courage to dream big again after a tough journey.

The opening reception for the exhibition, graced by Guest of Honour Ms. Jane Ittogi, was held at the Mediterranean Garden at the Flower Dome, Gardens by the Bay on the evening of 5 November 2024. Against a backdrop of blooming flowers and natural beauty, our young artists proudly showcased their stunning creations. Each piece told a unique story of courage, determination, and their journey toward healing. It was a well-received event attended by CCF donors and beneficiaries who got a delightful insight into the creative minds of the young artists through their artwork. The exhibition will be open to public from 6 November 2024 to 5 January 2025.

How You Can Make a Difference

Hope Train 2024 invites everyone to be part of this meaningful initiative. Here's how you can contribute:

Donate

Help sustain the programme and provide these youths with the resources they need to succeed.

Adopt an Artwork

Own a one-of-a-kind piece while supporting its creator's growth and dreams.

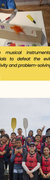
Start Your Own Fundraising Initiative:

Gather your community to amplify the impact of this incredible cause.

Every contribution, big or small, goes a long way in creating opportunities for these young survivors to thrive, dream, and inspire others with their journeys. To learn more or get involved, visit **The Hope Train x ARTrepreneur 2024 - Children's Cancer Foundation | Singapore.**

CELEBRATING COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT:

CCF Caring Hearts 2024



Last month, we came together for CCF Caring Hearts 2024, a heartfelt event dedicated to honoring the extraordinary individuals and organisations who have gone above and beyond to support children and families impacted by childhood cancer.

We were deeply honoured to have Mr. Eric Chua, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, join us as our Guest of Honour. His presence and heartfelt words of encouragement highlighted the importance of collective effort in building a more caring and compassionate society.

To all our partners, donors, and supporters—thank you for making a difference. Your generosity and commitment are the driving forces behind the positive change we continue to see in the lives of children and families impacted by childhood cancer. Together, we are creating a brighter, more hopeful future.

Let's keep this spirit of compassion alive as we move forward, united in our mission to support those who need us most.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

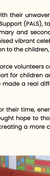
PlayQuest 2024

UNVEILING INNER STRENGTHS

PlayQuest is a magical programme designed to help children aged 7 to 12 build confidence and feel empowered as they adjust to mainstream school life. In this year's magic-themed therapeutic adventure, our young wizards discovered their inner strengths through fun activities like crafting potions, creating wizard wands, and working together to overcome challenges.

The children went home feeling more confident, with stronger friendships and a sense of pride in their accomplishments!

Children created their own PlayQuest Wizard passes to explore their unique identities.



Children crafted clay sculptures to express their inner thoughts and feelings.

Children made "I Can" wizard capes to discover and celebrate their strengths.

Children created potions and combined them to protect PlayQuest village from the evil witch, building self-esteem by recognising their strengths.

Children made musical instruments from recycled materials to defeat the evil witch, enhancing creativity and problem-solving skills.

Children crafted their wizard wands to reinforce their learning and remind them of their inner strengths.

YOUTH CAMP

Heroes in Action

Our Olympian Heroes Youth Camp brought 19 inspiring young people together for two days of growth and fun! Held at Singapore Sports School, this camp was about learning about themselves and working as a team through exciting challenges.

The camp ended with everyone sharing notes of affirmation, leaving the young participants feeling motivated and empowered!

Community Engagement

CELEBRATING THE IMPACT OF SALESFORCE VOLUNTEERS:

A Heartfelt Thank You

From July to December 2024, we partnered with Salesforce as part of Project V, a structured corporate volunteering programme developed by the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) and the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC). Designed to promote sustainable volunteering, Project V connects businesses with community organisations to foster meaningful engagement and long-term impact.

Salesforce employees made this partnership come alive with their unwavering dedication. Every week, they volunteered at Place for Academic Learning and Support (PALS), taking on roles such as class assistants for preschoolers and lunch helpers for primary and secondary school students. Beyond their regular contributions, the volunteers also organised vibrant celebrations for Teachers' Day, National Day, and Deepavali, bringing joy and connection to the children, families, and staff.

The impact of their efforts is truly remarkable. Over 80 Salesforce volunteers contributed nearly 200 hours, creating memorable moments and meaningful support for children and families impacted by childhood cancer. Their kindness and commitment have made a real difference, reminding us of the incredible power of community and collaboration.

We are deeply grateful to Salesforce and their volunteers for their time, energy, and compassion. Your contributions have brightened countless days and brought hope to those who need it most. Thank you for being such an integral part of our journey in creating a more caring and supportive community.

Be a partner with us

As we gear up for 2025, we are excited to open our doors to new partnerships. Whether you are a business, organisation, or individual passionate about making a difference, we invite you to join us in our mission.

Together, we can amplify our efforts, extend our reach, and provide even more support to children and families impacted by childhood cancer. Your involvement, whether through sponsorship, collaboration, or volunteering, can make a significant impact.

Let's unite our strengths and work together to create a brighter future. If you're interested in partnering with us for 2025, we'd love to hear from you at hello@ccf.org.sg!

KOEN'S JOURNEY:

From Fighter to Thriving 8-Year-Old

Diagnosed with stage 4 Burkitt Lymphoma at just 3 years old, Koen faced a grueling battle that included seven rounds of chemotherapy, multiple lumbar punctures, and extended hospital stays. Throughout this challenging journey, CCF became a vital source of support for Koen and his family.

From the first visit by a dedicated CCF caseworker, Koen's family received the guidance and care they needed to navigate the chaos of his diagnosis and treatment. The social worker's thoughtful preparation helped Koen face critical procedures with courage, while CCF's initiatives — such as bedside crafts, a toy library, and engaging activities — brought moments of joy to the difficult hospital days. When Koen completed treatment, CCF supported his transition back to normalcy through Place for Academic Learning and Support (PALS), an infection-controlled bridging school, ensuring he could smoothly rejoin childcare and continue his education.

Today, Koen is a vibrant 8-year-old thriving in school and competing in soccer. Thanks to the unwavering support of CCF, he carries no lasting negative memories of his hospital experience. His family, deeply grateful for CCF's role in their journey, now gives back to the organisation by sponsoring nasogastric tube pouches and Hickman line bags to CCF to support other families in need.

Koen's story stands as a testament to the hope and resilience that CCF fosters in families impacted by childhood cancer.