

Dated 7 July 2018

ST. BARNABAS' SOCIETY AND HOME

2017 – 2018 Annual Report

Mission Statement of
ST. BARNABAS' SOCIETY AND HOME

“Serving the Poor and Homeless in Hong Kong”

Service Objectives:

- To minister the love of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To visit and help the homeless, the poor, the sick and distressed in Hong Kong and to give material and spiritual aid to those on the street.
- To provide for those in need of a temporary home where they can be encouraged, nurtured and loved.
- To provide the environment for growth personally and spiritually, to establish relationships, develop responsibility, and integrate into the community.
- To engage daily in intercessory prayer.

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A. *Chairman's Report*

ST. BARNABAS' SOCIETY AND HOME
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 7th JULY 2018
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As the Chairman of St Barnabas' Society and Home (SBSH), I feel that SBSH is like a bridge offering a way for our service users to walk through a difficult stage of their life such as desperation and loneliness to a better situation with hope and love. Just like the golden oldie of Elvis Presley, "Bridge over Troubled Water" broadcasted in the commercial radio program "Who shares my feelings?" one day for SBSH, after that day, unexpectedly, God moved hearts of new donors and new volunteers to visit our center.

Our 30th anniversary celebration was held at our centre on 11 November 2017. It is not easy for us to provide these 30 years of services. Reviewing our founders' stories and centre milestones, we praise the Lord that His grace is much more than what we can think or imagine.

In 1987, we used St. John's Cathedral at Garden Road as a base for providing our service. Our service was mainly outreach visits till 1992 when the Government leased to us a building at Central Western District (our present Day Centre) and then in 2009 a donor made a donation to enable us to carry out much needed renovation to the Day Centre. It was really amazing.

Then we focused on different kinds of self-reliance projects such as Screen Printing on T-shirt and Cup Projects, Organic Mushroom & Soil Project, Weekend Dinner Project, Flea Control Project, Kids' Learning Club Project, Gardening Project etc. All our service users and volunteers benefit from these projects through working together, serving together, learning together. All service users get not only training allowance, companions, knowledge or know how skill but also love and hope. Through all the sharing of our service users and volunteers in our 30th anniversary booklet, I can say that our service is worthy and meaningful.

Some service users have been at our centre for 20 years. This echoes the logo of SBSH that we are the home of God. We aim to have our staff, the poor and the street-sleepers join hands in hands to build up a lovely home through the love of God.

In coming years, most of our present service users are over 80 years old. How to make their "silvery phase of life" remain full of love, peace and hope on this earthy

world and prepare them for God's Kingdom and how to extend our services to bless all the needy in the community are our major objectives.

Through the Grace and Love of God, we have faith that we can continue to provide help, care, encouragement and hope to our friends who may be at a difficult stage of their life and enable them to survive through their difficult stage. We act as a bridge to bring our friends to a brighter future.

On behalf of our friends, we express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your prayers, volunteer service and monetary support over the years, and for your partnership with us in our providing services to our friends.

May Lord reward you richly for all your work with us to the poor and homeless.

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

(Matthew 25:40)

Chairman

Andrew Ngo



Cake cutting ceremony during 30th Anniversary celebration

B. Treasurer's Report

ST. BARNABAS' SOCIETY AND HOME
HON. TREASURER'S REPORT
for the year ended 31 March 2018

The Society has again made a small surplus for the year ended 31 March 2018.

While there was a slight increase in the General Donations from individuals, churches, Christian organizations, schools and corporations, donations for designated purposes have dropped. Taken together, the total donations received in the past year have slightly dropped. The Society could not secure a Flag Day last year but was allotted with one in the coming year. We hope that it will help giving us a stable income so that even if we do not receive designated donations for our projects, we can still fund our core projects like the Kids' Learning Club and Sunday Dinner.

As the government and the society at large have been very keen on looking for lands to build public housing, we have been keeping our fingers crossed for being able to keep our present site as our Drop-in Centre. The Executive Committee of the Society has decided to continue to set aside \$3m from our bank balance as the reserved funds in case we need to relocate our Centre. We keep running the Centre by the grace of our Lord with faith.

As the honorary treasurer of the Society, I remain grateful to God's blessing on us. We know that if we are carrying out God's wish towards our friends we care, He will provide. I would again thank our friends for their continue support to the Society through prayers, volunteering and donations.

In Christ,

Michael Cheung

(Hon. Treasurer)

6 July 2018

**Report of the Auditor
to the members of the
St. Barnabas' Society and Home**

I have audited the accounts of St. Barnabas' Society and Home as at 31st March 2018 set out in pages 3 to 5 of the Hon. Treasurer's Report in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

Respective responsibilities of St. Barnabas' Society and Home and the auditor

St. Barnabas' Society and Home ("SBSH") is registered under s.5A(2) of the Societies Ordinance (Cap. 151, Laws of Hong Kong) and is a charitable institution recognised under s.88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112, Laws of Hong Kong).

While there is no legal requirement for the accounts of SBSH to be audited, the executive committee of SBSH has invited me to audit its accounts on an honorary basis.

It is my responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on my audit, on those accounts and to report my opinion to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. I do not assume responsibility towards and accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Basis of opinion

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations that I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free from material misstatement. In forming my opinion, I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of SBSH as at 31st March 2018 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

**Elsie Ngai
FCCA, HKICPA**

5th July 2018

ST. BARNABAS' SOCIETY & HOME

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 31st March 2018

	\$	\$
Fixed Assets (Note 1)		
Renovations, Fixtures & Equipments	4,729,539.44	
LESS Accumulated Depreciation (Note 2)	<u>(4,327,124.06)</u>	402,415.38
Current Assets		
Bank Balances (Note 3):		4,331,184.61
Deposits :		
Electricity	37,000.00	
Water	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>42,200.00</u>
		4,775,799.99
Current Liabilities		
Accruals		<u>(55,277.38)</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>4,720,522.61</u></u>
Balance of Funds b/f		4,710,974.34
Surplus for the Year		<u>9,548.27</u>
Balance of Funds c/f		<u><u>4,720,522.61</u></u>

Michael Cheung
(Hon. Treasurer)
15.6.2018

ST. BARNABAS' SOCIETY & HOME
Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st March 2018

<u>INCOME</u>	\$	\$
General Donations :		
Churches, Christian Organizations & Schools	567,928.83	
Corporations	256,582.02	
Individuals	354,781.00	1,179,271.85
Specific Donations :		
Kids' Learning Club		550,277.70
Nethersole Fund		200,000.00
Fleas Killing Project		26,617.50
Sunday Dinner		302,342.50
Outings & Parties		40,000.00
Appeal Letter 2018		111,200.00
Bank Interest		669.88
		<u>2,410,379.43</u>
<i>Nominal value of food and items donated</i>		<u>538,242.40</u>
		<u>2,948,621.83</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
<u>Drop-in Centre</u>		
Staff Salaries, MPF & Medical Reimbursement (Note 4)	654,174.84	
Staff Training	2,518.00	
Centre / Office Running Expenses	86,620.60	
Utilities & Rates	128,121.00	
Insurance	6,721.90	
Centre Maintenance	89,444.70	
Work Training	74,780.90	
Outings & Parties	98,144.60	
Food	6,833.40	
	<u>1,147,359.94</u>	
<i>Nominal value of donated food consumed</i>		<u>451,615.90</u>
<u>Outreach Service</u>		
Staff Salaries, MPF & Medical Reimbursement (Note 4)	438,116.56	
Outreach Expenses	1,500.00	
	<u>437,616.56</u>	
<i>Nominal value of donated food consumed</i>		<u>86,626.50</u>
Kids' Learning Club (Note 5)	288,323.71	
Sunday Dinner Programme	106,846.50	
Fleas Killing Project	48,370.00	
Dental Project	53,120.00	
Eye Project	100,000.00	
Backyard Gardening & Horticulture Therapy	5,938.80	
30th Anniversary Celebration	87,099.40	
Appeal Letter 2018	1,400.00	
Other Expenses	2,000.00	
Bank Charges	2,178.25	
Depreciation	120,578.00	
	<u>(2,939,073.56)</u>	
Total Expenditure		<u>(2,939,073.56)</u>
SURPLS FOR THE YEAR :		<u>9,548.27</u>

Note 1

Fixed assets are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. They include improvement of leasehold, fixtures and the equipments purchased. Depreciation is calculated to write off the costs of the fixed assets over 5 years using the straight line method.

Note 2

	\$
Fixed Assets at Cost	
Balance as at 1 April 2017	4,654,817.44
Additions during the year :	74,722.00
Balance as at 31 March 2018	<u>4,729,539.44</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	
Balance as at 1 April 2017	4,206,546.06
Charge for the Year	120,578.00
Balance as at 31 March 2018	<u>4,327,124.06</u>

Note 3

As the Government's plan for the future use of the site of our Drop-in Centre remained unclear, the executive committee has designated an amount of \$3,000,000.00 from the bank balance as the "Reserved Funds for the Relocation of the Drop-in Centre".

Note 4

Total Staff Costs for the Year :	\$
Salaries	1,033,040.00
MPF Contributions	50,791.40
Medical Reimbursement for Staff	6,460.00
	<u>1,090,291.40</u>

Total Staff Costs were spreaded to the 2 Main Service Items of Drop-in Centre and Outreach Service at the ratio of 60% and 40% respectively according to estimated time ratio the staff had spent on each of the 2 Main Service Items.

Note 5

Total Expenditure for the Kids' Learning Club for the year included the Total Staff Costs of the staff employed mainly for this programme plus the other operating expenses.

C. *Interim Executive Director's Report*

ST. BARNABAS' SOCIETY AND HOME
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 7th JULY 2018
REPORT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bible Scripture wrote “But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

After 30 years of serving the poor and the homeless in Hong Kong, without Heavenly Father’s Grace and Mercy, it’s impossible for us to sustain such service in Central/Western District to minister the love of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. We remain focusing to build up a “Home/Day Centre” where our service users can be encouraged, nurtured and loved through material and spiritual aid and all kinds of training to let them grow personally and spiritually, establish relationships, develop responsibility and integrate them back into the community.

Thanks to the dedicated and well-trained new cooking team taking up the role in early 2017, our meal services have been improved in taste and hygiene, and we could control the proportion of meals to avoid wastage. Our meals, particularly the soup, received a lot of praise from service users and staff. On average, we have attracted more people enjoying our meal services, e.g. lunch with avg.14 service users/time and weekday dinner with avg. 50 service users/time.

In terms of spiritual growth, we are pleased that our staff in Pastoral Team were willing to attend more trainings to enhance their knowledge and skills to improve Pastoral services. Together with the additional part-time Ministers support, we can strengthen our caring extended to service users more on individual basis and more deeply, through bible study group (avg.10 people/time), discipleship group (avg.5 people/time), day time visit and praying together. Most of our service users come from harsh living conditions with Chinese cultural background, it’s really not easy for them to “praise and thanks our Heavenly Father”. Through taking more initiative caring to them and motivate them to count “Blessings” which they have received through our “Day Centre”, they will be transformed to Christ one day.

As the average age of our service users has reached 81, we have been facing increasing loss of friends. It’s not easy for their family to pass through the sense of grief after the loss and the tedious procedures in handling the funeral. In order for us to coordinate such service more smoothly, we aim to hold more workshops to let our

service users and even our staff have more understandings. For the elderly, how to make their “last stage of life” more meaningful and fruitful in the eyes of God? Enjoying “The Fruit of The Holy Spirit” is one of the tools. They are “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” They will be taught more in showing all these personalities through teaching biblical scriptures, practicing in daily life and encouragement in all kinds of activities.

Through more service promotion (12% increment), we have more no. of visits by schools, companies, churches etc. who also motivate more volunteers to serve at our centre. The volunteer involvement has shown 9% increment. Thanks to our volunteers willing to serve. We believe our centre not only acting as a “Home/Day Centre” for serving the poor and the homeless, but also acting as a “platform” for volunteers to practice and be trained in “serving skill”.

Our Kids Learning Club service secured to have 15 parents and 20 kids attending every Sunday, and 30 participants attending our festive day camp. It has been our 4th year of service. We are grateful to see we can help to build up intimate relationship between kids and parents through Parent-Kid activities together such as “horticultural therapy” and “dancing”. It’s amazing that this service can be fully funded every year till this year. Even in coming year 18/19, it seems that we lack resources, we still continue to have faith in God who can provide all we need to run this service to “bless” those underprivileged families.

We are praying for a full time Centre Director to run the centre to fulfill our mission statement “Serving the Poor and Homeless in Hong Kong”. We are in the process of recruitment and pray for the Lord to lead this person to us.

Maranda Li
Interim Executive Director



Part-time Minister Ms Fok led the women's group (right)



Staff of Pastoral team (Ms Tse) led small group once a month after receiving training (Left)



Ms Wong, Program Officer, led the kid's activities once a month after training.



Parents and kids of Kids' Learning Club attended Horticultural classes ◦



Through the dancing classes of Kids' Learning Club, kids and parents built up an intimate relationship..

C. Pastoral Department's Report

ST. BARNABAS' SOCIETY AND HOME
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PASTORAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

Pastoral care

In the Old Testament of 2 Kings 4:1 wrote: The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.”

In this simple verse wrote that this madam was under a bad situation in society and she had no one to depend on. Her husband had died and she became a widow. “The creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen”. Her only hope was on her two sons but they were becoming bondmen.

There are a lot of similar examples in Hong Kong nowadays. Long working hours worsens the relationship between husbands and wives and limits the gathering time with their children. The quality of life of is deteriorated and the living condition is worsen. Is there any chance for the young generation from underprivileged families to get out of poverty?

The citizens of Western District are facing rapid changes in livelihood. The skyrocketing rent of beds, flats, capsules and cubicles has put huge burden in their lives. According to the latest social research, Hong Kong Island ranks second in the number of street sleepers in Hong Kong, and our district is the most concentrated area of street sleepers. We strive to walk together with our service users, give encouragement to them and pray with them. We would face their problems together and accompany them to learn the techniques of how to overcome adversity. Man is created in the image of God and there are a lot of good traits and potentials in him. If we encounter unconditional love and acceptance, and there is someone who can walk with us like Elisha, we can finally walk out of the darkness.

Like our Heavenly Father who loves St. Barnabas' Society and Home and He has given grace to us for over thirty years, we have nothing to boast. Beyond grace, it is still grace. Amen.

Saturday worship (starting from 2:30pm)

There were 2300 men times attending worship this year (50 attendance per week on average). There was an increment of 9 people attending worship comparing with last year.

Fellowship/Small groups activities

Besides the Saturday fellowship, we have women's groups such as Esther and Ruth groups on Tuesdays and Fridays respectively. Following the trend, we set up a men's group on Fridays. There were 16,622 men times (a slight increase comparing with last year).

The design and rundown of activities were from different churches and volunteers coming to the centre to host fellowship activities. They designed the content of activities whole-heartedly. For example, there were drama and music performances, Bible story-telling, personal testimonies, exercises and games that nourished every heart and made our service users know that there was someone who cared for them. We gave thanks to Evangelical Church of All Blessings, International Christian Assemblies and St. John's Cathedral and those secondary schools in our district who enthusiastically served at our centre.

Bible studies after lunch

We roughly went through Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs. There were 2645 men times of attendance. There was a decrease of 12.2% as most of the service users were under employment and they could not attend the bible studies.

Counselling and care

We continued to work with The University of Hong Kong who sent interns from the Master of Counselling programme for placement in our centre this year. We arranged those in need of this service to meet the counsellors. Two counsellors provided the opportunities for service users to review on their history and feelings and to rearrange them. They also gave advice to them for further development.

Regarding to team work, there were two additional part-time ministers who assisted individual caring work. Through the hard work of us, the service users felt that they were being respected and the staff used their talents to listen to their stories and feelings. They also helped solve their conflicts and misunderstandings. They assumed their role of the sons of peace and helped the service users imprint the words of God on their hearts.

Outreach visits

Outreach visits were divided into two parts. One was the residential and the other was the homeless.

Following the redevelopment of old districts, there were a lot of wood partitioned rooms being purchased or dismantled or re-purchased for making profits. The rent increased accordingly and many residents had to move out. We recently discovered that the number of Filipinos, locals and university students from the mainland China who needed to rent wood partitioned rooms increased tremendously.

We visited new buildings twice this year and there were more than 50 new Friends who came from four to five buildings. Nearly every building has the above mentioned residents.

We attempted to help homeless people to move into temporary shelters for single persons and help them return to normal life. However, the frequent changes and redevelopment of old districts still influenced the living habits of those living in shoebox flats, and even took away their working opportunities and well-established community network. They were therefore surrounded with problems that they could not handle and became homeless or slept in 24 hour fast food shops in the end.

Luckily, the volunteering bodies that concerned for the homeless or the living conditions of wood-portioned rooms this year were more than last year. The increase in manpower gave us a stronger foundation to serve and take care of our service users, and we are also pleased with the increasing awareness of the homeless among groups.

Other activities

Besides regular gathering and activities, we are glad that there was support from organisations that hosted different kinds of activities, services and classes including horticultural classes, free haircut service, distributing sticky rice dumplings and meal boxes, Central and Western District Carnival, free Orthopedics clinic, lunch gathering etc. There were also activities such as flea control project in wood-partitioned rooms and cleaning and electrical maintenance before Chinese New Year. All these benefited more than 1,000 men times of families and neighbors.

We would like to express our gratitude to different organisations and churches who support us enthusiastically. May God reward their loving heart.

Pastoral Department



Evangelical Church of All Blessings came to our centre to serve our Friends bi-monthly



Counselling and pastoral care has been an important task in the co-operations of HKU and our centre



Our staff and the devotion of volunteers developed the scope of our outreach visits. Sincere condolences had deepened our mutual understanding and trust. Thanks the Lord!

D. *Communication Department's Report*

ST. BARNABAS' SOCIETY AND HOME
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 7th JULY 2018
COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

“I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High.” Psalm 7:17

We have to praise the name of God. Between the year of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018, Communication Department was very blessed by the Lord that we were provided by God in all aspects and in all projects. As a result, our Friends were nurtured spiritually and materially.

Communication Department was blessed by God that everything was well provided. In early January this year, in the radio programme of “Share My Song” (有誰共鳴) broadcasted by Radio Commercial II, we introduced our centre services, service users' stories and staff and Executive Committee members' sharing. This was the first time that we introduced the centre through radio broadcasting. The audience was moved by the programmes and donated money to support our services.

In the aspect of sponsorship, we have applied for American Women Association, Apple Daily Foundation, Community Church and Sha Tin Alliance Church that provided funding to cover some of the expenses of Sunday Dinner Project, thus helping us to continue this project. Apple Daily Foundation was the first time to sponsor our project. First States Investments (Hong Kong) Limited, Solomon's Porch, Sedan Chair Charities Fund and Hong Kong Baptist Church continued to sponsor Kids' Learning Club. Our kids from low income families can attend the English interest classes free of charge that help them enhance their confidence and abilities. Celebrations in the festivals such as Dragon Boat Festival celebration was sponsored by Jetta Company Limited. They sponsored the ingredients of sticky rice dumplings and they wrapped dumplings with our Friends. The dinner of Mid-Autumn Festival celebration was sponsored by Italian Women Association. TVB, Staff & Artistes Fund for Charities Limited sponsored roasted pig, rice and soup coupons for Winter Solstice celebration. The food of Christmas celebration was sponsored by Union Church. They sent volunteers to host programmes for our service users, which brought along warmth and happiness.

CWM/Nethersole Fund kindly sponsored the project of “For your Eyes Only 2017-18”. We had 14 service users went to the clinic for eye check-ups. The doctor had selected 4 service users who suffered serious eye problems to receive eye surgery and post-surgery medication. Four service users were very excited and happy after receiving cataract surgery. When the doctor removed their gauze on the eye, they said their eyesight had become much better. They were very grateful.

Besides, CWM/Nethersole Fund also sponsored the project “For your Teeth Only 2017-18”. This project is still in progress this year. More than 25 service users who have dental problems will be benefited. They will be accompanied by our staff to go to dental clinic to clean the teeth. Among them, there will be five service users who have serious problems can do the denture, root canal therapy, dental caries needing restoration, tooth extraction and crowning.

“Happy Elderly in Central and Western District” was our centre’s project sponsored by the Central and Western District Council in 2017. The initiatives of the project were flea control and room cleaning in wood-partitioned rooms. We eventually served more than 300 people. Besides, we continued to set up two booths at the Central and Western District Carnival, which was managed by our Friends and the Kids’ Learning Club. A lot of service users played the games and received a lot of gifts. The highlight of the project was the invitation of Free Sing Zheng Ensemble. Our Friends enjoyed the Guzheng as well as Chinese opera duet performances. Our Friends enjoyed the performance very much.

Health-related activities included the free clinic organised by the Chinese International School. Those Friends who had health problem were accompanied by our staff to Dr Lauren Bramley and Partners clinic. As required, the doctors prescribed medicine or ointment, or gave referral letters so that the service users could go to hospitals for further check-ups.

Hong Kong Horticultural Therapy Association sent interns to our centre to hold horticultural therapy classes. They held eight therapeutic sessions for two groups of service users—Kids Learning Club and the elderly respectively. The service users made little gifts by using plants in the class. Their five senses and fingers were trained through the therapy. The courses were very effective. Asian Academy for Sports & Fitness Professionals (AASFP) also regularly came to our centre to teach our service users to do exercise. Our Friends could stretch their arms and legs.

Regarding volunteering, Macquarie Group held their Macquarie Day and at our centre. They cleaned our centre and did gardening tasks at our backyard. St. Clare’s Girls’ School collaborated with Lion’s Club to provide dinner boxes and distributed

them to our service users. Last year, we were invited by American International School, Shanghai Victoria Academy, West Island School, Chinese International School, Renaissance College and Discovery College to attend their school fairs for recruiting volunteers and promoting the services of our centre. St. Stephen's Girls College invited us to introduce our services at their morning assembly. After all these promotions, a lot of student volunteers helped out our children and elderly programmes. Besides, St. John's Cathedral invited us to their bazaar, in which we set up a booth to raise fund for charity. After the event, they kindly donated some of their incomes to us, too.

Regarding regular volunteering activities, Commonwealth Bank of Australia served dinner every month. St. John's Cathedral hosted fellowship programmes bi-monthly and brought happiness to our Friends. We had an intern from Public Health Department at Hong Kong University this first quarter to organize seminars and workshops for our Friends. Our Friends could learn the knowledge of maintaining good health skills and Chinese medicine. The intern also examined their tongue and read the health status of our service users. Our Friends gained a lot of benefits from them.

We pray that God will continue to give us a serving heart to magnify His kindness and love among the poor and homeless people.

Communication Department



Happy Elderly in Central and Western District Project (Flea Removal in wood partitioned room)



Hong Kong Horticultural Therapy Association sent interns to our centre to hold horticultural therapy classes.



Jetta Company Limited. sponsored us the ingredients of sticky rice dumplings and wrapped dumplings with our service users



St. Clare's Girls' School collaborated with Lion's Club to provide dinner boxes and distributed them to our service users



Commonwealth Bank of Australia served dinner every month.

F. *Kids' Learning Club*

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KIDS' LEARNING CLUB'S REPORT

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

Hong Kong is known to be one of the wealthiest cities in the world whereas there are over one million people still living below the poverty line. The widening wealth gap does not only entail unequal distribution of income but also educational resources. Kids' Learning Club, therefore, aims to address this gap by offering free English classes and entertaining activities for children from underprivileged families. A large number of our service users are newly arrived children from the mainland China and they have great difficulties learning this language. We hope that the kids can not only acquire knowledge at the club but also find their interest and values through exposure to different activities.

Sunday Programme and Dinner

There is a slight increase in the number of students who participated in our Sunday Programme in 2017/2018. A total number of 916 students attended our classes this year while there were 904 students in 2016/2017. We are grateful to maintain an average number of 21 students coming each time as last year. Some of the children who joined our club from the beginning have found new services that match their needs to prepare themselves for entering secondary school. We are delighted to know that they have found resources suitable for them and in the meantime, we look forward to growing with some new kids who just joined us. There is a 12 % decrease in the number of parents and children who had meals at our centre. It is resulted from the fact that some new families needed to prepare meals for other family members at home and we hope that we can invite them to also join us in the future.

The Weekdays Programmes

The Weekdays Programmes were proudly supported by volunteers from West Island School, Renaissance College, Credit Suisse and The University of Hong Kong. With the help of these passionate volunteers, we successfully held English Exchange Program for students from St. Matthew's Primary School and Drama Club for students from San Wui Commercial Society School. Teachers highly appreciated the programmes since the entertaining games and the relaxing atmosphere that we offered undoubtedly encouraged students to speak more English.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Programme

In view of the difficulties that the kids have towards doing assignment, we launched “Big Brothers Big Sisters Programme” in November 2017. We recruited student volunteers from South Island School to guide primary school kids to study and finish their assignment on Mondays. We strived to maintain a small group in order to take good care of each student. From November 2017 to March 2018, we served 131 men times with an average of 8 students coming in each session. Parents highly welcome this new program since some of them cannot afford tuition classes in the market. In 2018/2019, we will extend the service to Wednesdays and Fridays to meet the needs of our service users.

Festival Day Camps

Each year, we hold three festive day camps for the children at different school holidays, which are Easter day camp, Summer day camp and New Year day camp. We wish that the children could spend their holiday meaningfully by offering them various educational activities.

We had a significant growth for New Year day camp, where we had a total attendance of 162, which indicated 32 participants joined our camp each day. Comparing to the attendance in the fiscal year 2016/2017, there were 27 participants per day and we had an average of 5 participants more per day in 2017/2018.

The attendance of Easter day camp also expanded because we had more days that matched school holidays. In 2016/2017, we had an attendance of 100 whereas we had an attendance of 171 in 2017/2018, which indicated a 71% growth. The attendance of summer day camp was however dropped by 10.9% because of unstable weather in July 2017.

Outreach visits

We suspended the outreach visits from September 2017 to February 2018 because the new staff needed to get familiar with families before visiting them. We strive to visit each family twice a year with a view to understanding their needs and improving our services, given that the time during service hour does not allow us to share as much.

The smooth operation of Kids’ Learning Club lies in the tremendous support from different organizations and individuals. Thank God for bringing each of them to us, and we hope that Kids’ Learning Club will continue to be guided by His light in

the future.

Kids' Learning Club

	April 17-18	April 16-17	+/- %	Remarks
Physical Support	Total served (Man-time)	Total served (Man-time)		
Meal Service				
Sunday Dinner (parents)	716	861	-16.8	A number of new families could not regularly have dinner at our centre.
Sunday Dinner (kids)	937	1019	-8.0	
Total	1653	1880	-12.1	
Frequency	45	46	-2.2	
Outreach				
Outreach-night	34	51	-33.3	We suspended the outreach service from September 2017 to February 2018 for the new staff to get familiar with families before doing visits.
Frequency	7	7	0	
Kids Programme				
Sunday Kids' Programme	916	904	1.3	
Frequency	42	43	-2.3	
The Drama Club	60	285	-78.9	Out partner school could not participate since September 2017 because the students needed to practise for 60th anniversary performance.
Frequency	5	24	-79.2	
The English Exchange Programme	279	330	-15.5	Fewer days that match the school schedule.
Frequency	15	18	-16.7	
Big Brother Big Sister Program	131	NA	NA	This program was launched in November 2017.
Frequency	15	NA		
Easter Day Camp	171	100	71	The longer school holiday allowed us to hold the camp for 6 days and therefore an increase in man-time.
Frequency	6	3	100	
Summer Day Camp	359	403	-10.9	The attendance was affected due to unstable weather.
Frequency	12	12	0	
New Year Day Camp	162	110	47.3	
Frequency	5	4	25	
Developmental Program				
Work Training	186	212	-12.3	We only had three helpers since June 2017.
Hours Spent (w/work training allowance)	301.5	424	-28.9	We have changed the training hours from 2 hours to 1.5 hours since June 2017.
Frequency	64	60	6.7	
Community Education				
Service Promotion	1570	690	127.5	We had more opportunities to promote in sizable organizations (e.g schools and churches).
Frequency	7	4	75	
Volunteer Involvement				
Involved in centre service, outreach, spiritual program etc.	540	445	21.3	We partnered with HKU graduate house in 2017/2018 for a service project.
Frequency	104	98	6.1	



English Exchange Programme assisted by volunteers from Credit Suisse and HKU Graduate House



Drama Club



Big Brothers Big Sisters Programme



Sunday kids' programme with volunteers from community church

G. Centre Statistics

Centre Statistics

	April 17- March 18	April 16- March 17	+/- %	Remarks
Physical Support	Total Served(Man-time)	Total Served(Man-time)		
Emergency Temporary Shelter	392	803	- 51.2	Following our principal to help our service users applying for public housing or elderly homes and we are glad to see more and more elderly homes are willing to accept our service users who can pay only minimal from their CSSA.
Meal Services				
Lunch	3434	3070	11.9	Since Apr, 17 we have a new kitchen team being trained under 6 times at where our centre and 3 times at other organisations, we are glad to see the quality and hygiene of meals offered in lunch time improved.
Dinner	16115	16793	- 4.0	The drop is caused by less frequency which might be due to closure of center caused by storm or rainstorm.
Total	19549	19863	- 1.6	
Frequency	574	592	- 3.0	
Outreach - night	848	862	- 1.6	Since May, 17 we have ceased midnight outreach (once per month) as most of the 24-hr fast food chain are renovated to discourage overnight sleepers there. Less street sleepers are found in the Central/Western District.
Outreach - day	379	471	- 19.5	We spent more time on individual service users within limited time of visits and therefore there was a decrease in mentime.
Outreach - total	1227	1333	- 8.0	
Frequency	180	179	0.6	
Spiritual Growth				
Worship	2358	1963	20.1	Great to see our service users more devoted in Worship
Frequency	47	48	- 2.1	
Bible Study	2301	2645	- 13.0	On avg we had 10 people in Yr. 17/18, while 11 people in Yr. 16/17.
Frequency	243	248	- 2.0	
Pastoral Care/Spiritual Counseling	4437	2988	48.5	We continue to strengthen our pastoral care conducted by our ministers including Part-Time ministers since Sept, 17.
Frequency	5433	2933	85.2	
Social Activities/Fellowship	16622	16607	0.1	
Frequency	438	442	- 0.9	

Discipleship Group	615	638	- 3.6	On avg we had 5 people in Yr. 17/18, while 4 people in Yr. 16/17
Frequency	122	155	- 21.3	
Developmental Program				
Work Training	1784	1969	- 9.4	After installation of dish-washing machines in August 2017, we lowered our work training but kept more hygienic utensils.
Frequency	1930	2138	- 9.7	
Hours Spent (w/work training allowance)	2709.5	3101.74	- 12.6	
Community Education				
Visits by schools, churches etc.	594	815	- 27.1	Less big groups of parties visited Centre. On avg we had 7 people per group in Yr. 17/18, while 12 people per group in Yr. 16/17.
Frequency	87	67	29.9	
Community Service by SBSH Friends	10	40	- 75.0	It will be our coming Yr. 18/19 objective to encourage more community service by SBSH Friends
Frequency	2	3	- 33.3	
Service Promotion	4390	3919	12.0	Keep value everytime we can promote our services in other parties, to bring the awareness of serving.
Frequency	48	34	41.2	
Volunteer Involvement				
Involved in centre service, outreach, spiritual program etc.	1155	1060	9.0	It's great to see more and more volunteers serving at our centre.
Frequency	193	154	25.3	

H. *Centre Activities Highlights*



April 2017
St. John's Cathedral hosted Saturday Fellowship and served dinner at Centre.



May 2017
International Christian Assembly volunteers hosted program, served dinner and cleaned the Centre.



June 2017
Macquarie Group Community Day at Centre



July 2017
Hong Kong University Graduates Association College hosted programs at Centre.



August 2017
Volunteers from Legendary Performance hosted Sunday dinner program at Centre.



September 2017
The Italian Women's Association sponsored Mid-Autumn Festival dinner at a Chinese restaurant.



October 2017
American Women's Association of Hong Kong volunteers served dinner at Centre.



November 2017
Kau Yan School students hosted programs, sponsored and served lunch at Centre



December 2017
Union Church hosted programs and sponsored gift bags during Christmas celebration at Centre.



January 2018
Rotaract Club of The University of Hong Kong helped house cleaning in the Happy Elderly in Central and Western District project



February 2018
Nethersole Charity Foundation sponsored eye check-up and surgeries.



March 2017
Lions Club International District 303 Hong Kong & Macao China together with St. Clare's Girls' School sponsored and served meal boxes and soup at Centre.

I Staff Photo and Organization Chart



Saint Barnabas' Society and Home

