



Ladies' Circle

Hong Kong

CHARITIES

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REGULAR FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING SMALL GROUP HOME SERVICE

Small Group Home Service was launched in 1994 by the Hong Kong Christian Service. In 1995 they opened Integrated Small Group Homes for mild grade mentally handicapped children. In 1996 a Home was opened for boys aged between 10 and 18, and in 2006 they started Emergency/Short-term Care.

The Homes are set-up for families who, temporarily, find themselves in situations where they are unable to care for their children. At present there are 12 Homes providing a 'home-like environment' for children, aged between 4-18, until they are able to return to their families, or a longterm alternative living arrangement can be found.

The service aims to assist the families in helping them to build a positive family relationship; to enhancing the children's self esteem and to developing their ability to solve problems. A counseling service, and social and recreational programs are also provided.

Ladies Circle Hong Kong (LCHK) aims to raise HK\$40,000 each year for Small Group Homes, which provides the children with swimming and music lessons and a birthday cake to celebrate every birthday. During our visits, which take place twice a year, we give a donation of stationery.

We are also very honoured, and proud, to have been nominated by Small Group Homes, and awarded, the Caring Company and Caring Organization Award.

www.hkcs.org/fcb/sgh-e.html

CROSSROADS FOUNDATION

Crossroads' aim is to *“serve and support welfare organisations that are working hard to meet need at a local level”*.

17 years ago, when Sally and Malcolm Begbie, were asked, by an NGO they were serving, to send blankets and clothes to Northern China following floods, they sent a consignment of 19 boxes. Today, on a 14 acre site, goods in their warehouse equate to 100 x 40' containers. Requests come from 106 countries; with 200 local orders and 800 orders worldwide completed annually.

Items donated range from school/office/home furniture, medical and electrical supplies, clothing and toys, household items, computers, stationery and books. Distribution is to registered organizations helping orphans, the elderly, the handicapped, refugees, those in poverty, disaster victims, and those in medical and educational need.

'Amazing matches' happen, such as The Conrad Hotel donating a commercial sized coffee maker. A home was found for it in NW China, after a teacher asked for supplies for a coffee shop that she was opening for her students to become more confident with their English.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday members of Ladies Circle HK help in the stationery department. Worldwide requests for school and office supplies are completed, and new deliveries are unpacked and sorted.

www.crossroads.org.hk

DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Formerly run by The Society for the Relief of Disabled Children (SRDC) (a voluntary organization established in 1953), the Duchess of Kent Hospital provides specialist services in paediatric orthopaedics, spinal surgery, paediatric neurology, developmental paediatrics and paediatric dental surgery for children throughout the territory. Based in Sandy Bay it also provides treatment, rehabilitative services and accommodation for patients over 18 years old, especially those with spinal problems. There is also a training centre for local, and overseas, orthopaedic surgeons, paediatric neurologists and developmental paediatricians.



As an expansion to the hospitals' spinal treatment services, a Spinal Disorders centre has been established to provide assessment, treatment and rehabilitation. The centre also undertakes clinical research and conducts educational programmes for the public.

One such programme is their 'Kids on the Block' puppet show, which travels around HK schools, giving the children information on, and an understanding of disabilities.

LCHK helps the hospital in various ways:

- Helping to sort and price clothing and toys to sell
- Administrative help
- Cake stall at their annual fair
- Packing Christmas cards and Christmas paper to sell

www.ha.org.hk/dkch

ANNUAL PROJECTS

HONG KONG 24hr PEDAL KART GRAND PRIX

Held on the football pitches in Victoria Park, the Hong Kong 24hr Pedal Kart Grand Prix is an annual event held by Hong Kong Round Table 10 (RT). It runs between 3pm on the Saturday to 3pm on the Sunday with entries from local schools, colleges and corporations. The karts, which must be 'human powered', can either be built by the teams or rented from Round Table.

Through the entry fees and the sponsorship money raised by the teams, a staggering HK\$30m has been raised for charity so far. Round Tables 10s intention is to donate this money to charities who have little support from other organizations.

In the lead up to the race LCHK help RT with administrative tasks, co-ordination with the park (from set-up to clean-up), and creating 500 passes for the entrants. During the race we help in terms of marshalling around the course, which includes the very early hours of the morning!

In 2011, from the HK\$1m proceeds from the 2010 race, RT gave us HK\$100,000 to donate to charities of our choice. We asked several charities if they would like to send us proposals, for capital expenditure projects only, and after a highly successful evening of voting, all seven charities received a donation: Bethune House, Enlighten, Hebe Haven Sailability Trust, SRDC, Springboard, Watchdog and Operation Breakthrough.

www.roundtablehongkong.org/pedal

BOX OF HOPE

Started in 2008, Box of Hope aims to teach children, between the ages of 3-18, the gift of giving, to be aware of their environment and community, and to encourage them to help make a difference.

Every November the charity, working with schools, childrens' organizations and private enterprises within Hong Kong, collect childrens' gifts - ranging from toothbrushes and soap, to jewellery and toy cars, books and colouring pencils - and combine them in a Christmas paper wrapped shoe box. These boxes are then gifted to children in need throughout Asia.



Since it's inception Box of Hope has gone from strength-to-strength. The first collection amounted to 1,200 boxes. Last year's collection (2011) saw 13,000 boxes distributed to underprivileged children.

"Some of these children have never received a gift."

Last year LCHK held two evenings when members collected, combined and wrapped 131 shoe boxes. We also had two teams volunteering, for two days, at the main Box of Hope office.

www.boxofhope.org

