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Grand Opening of RCRC!

Dec. 5, 2009 marked a bright new beginning for CCF with the official opening of the Respite Care and Rehabilitation Centre (RCRC) at Pak Tin Estate. Even the shy winter sun came shining through the clouds to show its warmest blessings upon us!

The gorgeous day also saw our guests of honour beaming with joy when they arrived for the opening ceremony. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Mrs. Anson Chan, the Foundation's Patron, while Ms. Sandra Lee Suk-ye, JP, Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health), officiated the unveiling of the opening plaque. The Foundation's Chairman Mrs. Rosita Lie rounded up with a thank-you speech that brought the ceremony to a cheerful end with resounding applause.

Seizing this celebrative moment, may we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every guest and friend who has shown unceasing support for us. It is also our deepest wish that with the opening of the RCRC, CCF will continue to grow and provide child patients and their families with even more high-quality, comprehensive and professional services.



The Hong Kong Medical Association Orchestra performed their melodious masterpieces.



An open-air ceremony that's refreshing, simple, yet solemn.



Mrs. Anson Chan, the Foundation's Patron, and Ms. Sandra Lee Suk-ye, JP., Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health), graced the opening ceremony with their honourable presence.



Our two honourable officiating guests: Mrs. Anson Chan, the Foundation's Patron, and Ms. Sandra Lee Suk-ye, JP., Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health).



A hall filled with cheerful guests and joyful air.



Ribbon cutting ceremony jointly officiated by the Foundation's Patron, Chairman, Governors, and Ms. Sandra Lee Suk-ye, JP., Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health).



The Foundation's Chairman Mrs. Rosita Lie expressed heartfelt gratitude for the long-standing support and encouragement from the community.



The opening ceremony finished off with a tour of the facilities.



Thanks to the dedicated, behind-the-scenes team who worked for one good month to make this ceremony a success!



A demonstration of play therapy by our little patients.





Services of RCRC



The opening of Respite Care and Rehabilitation Centre at Kowloon's Pak Tin Estate brings forth a range of new services in both respite and rehabilitation, including the only daycare service for child cancer patients in Hong Kong. What's more, the Centre also provides medical care and support services, therapy groups, recreation activities, and a resident play specialist, making it the base for CCF's play service.

The respite care service is set up with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for child patients and their families, as well as bringing relief for parents facing prolonged stress of caring for their sick children. For parents and carers who couldn't take care of their children due to personal reasons or the need for respite from their own stress, the Centre could arrange daycare service that caters to the individual needs of each child. The service is available free-of-charge during the opening hours of the Centre (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5:30pm; Saturday 9am to 12:45pm), by referrals and appointments only.

In addition to respite care service, RCRC also offers occupational therapy, which is a kind of rehabilitation service. The Centre's occupational therapist Miss Callas Cheang designs appropriate training for individual patients based on physical and cognitive analysis of their capabilities and limitations. The ultimate goal is to enhance their potentials and independence in working; learning, and taking care of themselves while adapting to changes in their environment. The service is also available through referrals, free-of-charge. For further information and consultation, parents are welcome to contact the Centre's professional staff or their children's attending doctors.

RCRC is now in full operation and expected to benefit as many child patients and families as possible. For more information, please call the Centre at 2319 1396.





New Service, New Hope

In her new role as an occupational therapist at our Respite Care and Rehabilitation Centre at Pak Tin, Callas Cheang felt a special attachment for her job in designing treatment for rehabilitating child patients. It's not just about providing the most suitable training in physical coordination and brain functions which help improve their quality of living, learning and fitting into society; more importantly, it's an undertaking of passion and vision.

Bringing with her a wealth of clinical experience, Callas also expresses new hopes and anticipation for her current job, "I believe occupational therapy can help child patients take positive steps towards recovery, despite the side effects of their sickness. Given our limitations, we can still do our best to make their lives more colourful and meaningful."

As a new service offered at Respite Care and Rehabilitation Centre by Callas and her dedicated team, occupational therapy will play an essential if not indispensable role in bringing new hope to child patients.



Good Karma with Carmen

When Carmen Poon shared about how she joined the CCF family, the word "destiny" naturally came up as one good reason.

As a secretary and patient coordinator at CCF Respite Care and Rehabilitation Centre, Carmen came with more than 10 years' experience in social services under her belt. Yet, she still feels the thrill of new challenge these days. For one thing, her service targets have switched from the general public (including minority nationalities) to children cancer patients and their families; the job nature is somewhat different, but it still boils down to endless loving and caring for those in need. To stretch herself further through learning, Carmen is now taking a master's degree course in counselling, which will certainly put her skills to good use.

Musing upon the unforgettable episodes at work, she said, "What's beyond words is witnessing how the children conquer severe sickness with the care and support of their families." And the greatest reward for her is to be able to dedicate all she could and work with her colleagues to brighten up lives of the little ones.



A Calling to Give it All

From a clinic assistant to a care-taker for the disabled, and now a patient service assistant at CCF Respite Care and Rehabilitation Centre, Fandy Lee does know her way to "happiness through helping others".

To say the least, she considered her job not just meaningful but also beneficial to her personal and professional growth.

Despite the lack of training and experience in taking care of patients, Fandy dedicates herself to delivering her best – namely to keep the centre sparkling clean and tidy. In her own words, "Although I can't care for those kids with my own hands, I can still help them recover well by keeping this place clean!" Beneath that light-hearted tone, you can just feel a sheer sense of commitment and passion in giving.



Molin Lin

James Wong

Victor Chan





Time to Play

Many parents know the importance of play for children's development. Apart from the benefits of helping them develop muscular functions, problem solving and communication skills, play time also contributes to parent-child bonding. Parents would therefore willingly set aside time to play with their children no matter how busy they are.

Nevertheless, for parents whose children remain hospitalized, there are limitations in conducting play. Their concerns are:

1. Worries that their children might be too frail and fatigued for physical activities during the course of treatment.
2. Physical fitness being the top priority, play comes as second in importance.
3. In view of their children's physical condition, and the hospital environment causing restrictions, play is something tricky to handle.
4. The needs and wishes of the child to play is neglected due to worries over his/her health condition.
5. During the course of their children's treatment, parents are often exhausted and found it hard to spare the energy to play with them.





As a matter of fact, playing is a pastime that goes beyond developing a child's muscular functions and communication skills; it also brings effective emotional relief that enhances their well-being and adaptability to adversity.

When a child gets separated from the family and stays in a hospital ward, alienation, anxiety and irritation will easily set in. Coupling with reaction to the parents' own anxiety, the emotional impact could become too overwhelming for the child to bear. Times like this call for activities such as painting, or drawing graffiti, which can be an emotional outlet for the child's discontent. The pictures will not only help parents understand the child's repressed feelings, but also assure the child of parental support and acceptance. The essence of the activity lies not in the drawing technique, but rather, the expression of their inner world through colours and images.

During the course of treatment, medical reactions may cause parents to decide that their children need rest more than anything. However, parents should also bear in mind that play is indeed an effective "pain-killer", which brings natural relief for the child patients.

As the saying goes, "Happiness is the key to health!" Play does hold a key to healing ill emotions. Simply put, keeping a child happy will help them get well.

When it comes to choosing the right game, high-impact ones are definitely out of the question. But there are still lots of variety to go for, whether mobile or sedentary.

The key is finding the right match for the child's physical conditions and capabilities.

Above all, the joy of parent-child play time matters much more than the choice of games. Since parents play a truly indispensable role during parent-child playtime, keeping a routine playtime once or twice a week would make a perfect catalyst for parent-child relationship.

As far as space is concerned, there's no limit to what you can do as long as you use your creativity. Nor is there any need to buy expensive toys, for the mere presence of the parents would mean perfect fun for the child.

For any enquiry or questions about parent-child play, parents are welcome to contact our Family Counsellor or Hospital Play Specialist.

**Florence Lau
Family Counsellor**





Our World of Little Patients

The paediatric ward is an environment designed for the little patients in mind; but mind you, the toddlers may still feel alienated and bored to stay in the ward, especially for a prolonged period of time. For parents who want to ensure the best hospital care for these small patients, here are a few pointers to attend to:



Newborn to 12 months old

Although babies at this age do not make a lot of movements and they sleep for long hours but they can still feel the pressure of being hospitalized, for example:

1. Feeling disturbed by strangers.
2. Interruption of resting routine.
3. Lack of appropriate sensual stimulation.

Suggestions

1. Keep the same carer as much as possible, and establish a regular rest routine.
2. If the carer has to be away temporarily, place a once-worn clothing next to the baby.
3. Surround the baby with familiar bedding, music and toys from home.
4. When the baby wakes up, cuddle and carry him/her around, along with a little singing. If special medication or monitor device is used, consult the nurse about how to handle the baby, though cuddling and pampering would never go wrong to help the baby relax.
5. Older babies need a safe environment to move around and develop their motor skills. Placing a mattress in the playroom or a corner of the ward will help them develop coordination.



1 – 3 years old

As their ability to conduct activities increases, toddlers become more curious about what happens around them, and their need for parents' attention gets stronger and stronger. Possible tension may come from:

1. Anxiety due to being separated from their parents and a sense of abandonment.
2. Frustration about not being able to use their newly-acquired capabilities (e.g. crawling, walking, eating).
3. Fear for adults in uniforms, due to their association with the memory of pain.
4. Feeling intimidated for having to stay in bed in supine position.
5. Feeling oppressed by lack of space to move around.
6. Mistaking treatment as a form of punishment.

Suggestions

1. Parents should accompany their young children as much as possible. Upon leaving, tell them where you are going and when you will be back, while assuring them that you will be back.
2. Surround them with familiar toys and items from home.
3. Maintain a regular rest schedule, but ensure that they have sufficient opportunities to move around and not stay in bed.
4. Help toddlers understand what the treatment involves by using stuffed toys to illustrate the procedures, aided with stories and visuals.
5. During check-ups and treatment, embrace your child and speak to him/her in a mild tone.
6. If the child refuses to cooperate during treatment, which is understandable, try not to scold him/her, but rather, explain to him/her that treatment does not represent punishment.
7. Backsliding, stubbornness and tantrums are all signs of pressure. Parents could help their toddlers by showing acceptance, understanding and guidance at fitting moments.

Tammy Loy

**Hospital Play Coordinator
Hospital Play Specialist**





A Summer of Passion and Compassion

What would be a perfect outing for you during the sultry summer months? Well, our volunteers went to give a hand to the Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth during last August's weekends. And surely a lot of sweat and sweetness came out of every Saturday; definitely worth our sharing:

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Our first visit to the Federation was an orientation session to familiarize with the needs of the disabled and to acquire the skills to communicate with them. Our instructor, Mr. Chan, also taught us how to manoeuvre a wheelchair. Believe it or not, it did take some training before you get the hang of how to avoid getting stuck between a ditch cover by pushing along the cover of rim with a tilt. And that sounds easier said than done too.

8/8

It's our day out for a site visit at the Kowloon Walled City Park and Kowloon City Plaza. We went through every single stop we were going to make, locating all the toilet facilities for the disabled people, entrances, elevators and shops. Running around under the sun at 33°C, what we had in mind wasn't our own sweat, but rather, how to save that of our disabled friends.

15/8

Back at the CCF office, lively discussions were held to devise our logistics, just to make sure we didn't miss any loophole during the actual visit.

22/8

Finally our big day arrived! At the Kowloon Walled City Park, we extended a warm welcome to our new friends and orientated them to the washrooms before setting off. Handing them a park guide, we let the professional tour guide take over, leading us through each establishment and monument, along with anecdotes and histories about the Park. That was quite a lesson indeed, just to learn how the park made history since the 15th century. Our next stop was the exhibition gallery which shows facets of life among the dwellers within this anarchic, crammed walled city. There was one side episode though, when one disabled visitor threw a tantrum. Thanks to our volunteer San San who helped him calm down with patient listening ears and soothing follow-up to the guide's narration.

That left us a happy finale at the Kowloon City Plaza where everyone shopped till they dropped – at least with their eyes, since this did come as a rare occasion for them.

29/8

Time to gather for a wrap-up! We reviewed every arrangement and possible improvements, hopefully making similar activities in the future all the better.

If you are up for such sweet taste of "happiness through helping others", by all means please join us now!



Erica Lam

Long-term Follow-up Service Co-ordinator





There's Such a Story



Once upon a time, a man was taking a stroll in the woods when he bumped into a ravenous tiger coming out of nowhere. Jumped to the roar and ran for his life with all his might, the man soon found himself hitting the edge of a cliff. At the nick of time, he thought: "Might as well jump off for a chance to live than to stand still for a sure death!" So he made his leap of faith, and fortunately got stuck on the branches of a blooming plum tree hanging on the cliff. Before cheers set in, yet another ferocious roar shook him up – this time from a lion at the bottom of the cliff. He glanced at the lion and thought: "Now what difference would going up or down make?"

Resigned to the fact that he's as good as dead, he heard some squeaking sound that led him to a pair of mice – one black and the other white. To his shock, they were biting off branches of the tree he was hanging on. "Better off killed by the mice than being devoured by a lion," he mused and took to heart that he should make the best of what's at hand. He picked some succulent plums to feed his empty stomach and then fell asleep on the tree. Deep and sweet was that nap, which somehow ended all his nightmarish encounters; with the tiger, lion and the mice all gone when he woke up. Slowly but surely, he found his way home safe and sound.

As it turned out, the ravenous tiger couldn't wait to catch the man and jumped off the cliff with a big roar, which got the mice freaked out and ran for their lives. And as the tiger landed in front of the lion at the bottom of the cliff, a fierce fight broke out and ended with both predators injured and gone.

As the story of life goes, we are born to face "adversity" that chases after us like the ravenous tiger; "death" that awaits us like the lion at the bottom of the cliff; and the alternating night and day that keep biting into the tree we hang our lives upon like the pair of mice. Sooner or later, we will all end up in the lion's jaws. As such, life is indeed what you make of it, how you face the tiger, and how you enjoy every moment of your journey.

If you happen to be picking a fight on your dear ones over the pettiest peeve, or sulking over a simple word uttered by others, why not turn your gaze to the boundless blue sky with floating white clouds, the countless stars glittering in the dark of night, or the little flowers blossoming on the sidewalk? You will realize that you are missing the best moments of your life while hovering over all the troubles.

With this little gem of truth that "happiness is not counted by how much you own, but how little you count," may I wish you a stronger, richer, and fuller life ahead in this New Year!

Molin Lin

Centre-in-Charge, Respite Care and Rehabilitation Centre





Our Rendezvous

Our meeting point is a small patch of ground right behind exit D of Kowloon Tong MTR station. On the grey cement sidewalk stand a few bare trees. Looking up through the parched tree branches, you can hardly see the trace of a clear blue sky which would always seem tainted with a tint of grey. There is nothing above for passers-by to see. Devoid of any human touch, it is literally just a place for people to walk by.

Yet strangely enough, this meeting point of ours has become a heart-warming place to us. Not only do we look forward to going there, but we also cherish it in our hearts. It is where many of our happy and memorable journeys began. Yes, it is the gathering and dispersion point for the CCF Families' Club events.

On countless Saturdays and Sundays, this spot has been filled with colourful crowds of people. Echoing with the sounds of parents chit-chatting and children playing, the cement ground would turn into a weekend marketplace splashed with colours and alive with action.

For the Sunshine Kids and their families, the path of treatment and recovery is long and tortuous. Safe passage would take will of steel, persistence and team spirit among all the family members. But staying on full alert all the time is exhausting. Without proper relief measures, all the anxieties accumulated would pose a threat to the mental health of the family members. Other potential family issues, including marital problems, child discipline or parent-child relationship, might also aggravate. This may prove too much for the families to cope. In the end, they would be badly bruised even before treatment for the child patient is effected.

It is like burning gasoline to keep the engine of a car running. To avoid overheating the engine and to minimize the cogwheel's wear and tear so that power efficiency of the engine can be maximized, a high-quality lubricant is needed. Without the lubricating effect, any state-of-the-art engine would only end up breaking down in smoke.

It is the belief of CCF Families' Club that on the path of recovery, the most reliable and efficient lubricant is laughter. The complex scientific basis of its immune efficiency aside, it is common knowledge that laughter can drive our blues away while serving as an excellent ice-breaker that energizes our lives.

It is therefore the primary objective of CCF Families' Club to bring laughter to the tortuous path of recovery and create more unforgettable fond memories. Such is a mission that Ms. Mak and Mr. Wong would gladly undertake.

But all we can do is just providing an environment that is relaxing and enjoyable, or making arrangements to that effect. True joy and laughter can only be created by engaging every participant in our activities and enabling them to care for and share with one another, so that a bigger impact is achieved.

By the same token, CCF Families' Club is like a big oil refinery, and our rendezvous is like a gas station which provides us with an endless supply of a "super lubricant" conducive to harmony in our families and a "premium gasoline" that drives our families forward.

Please remember that we don't accept cash, VISA or gas credit cards. But all forms of encouragement and support are always welcome!

James Wong

Education and Development Co-ordinator





Ordinary Kids, Extraordinary Lives –

31 stories of love, hope and surviving childhood cancer

Out Now!



In celebration of CCF's 20th anniversary, a capacious book entitled "Ordinary Kids, Extraordinary Lives – 31 stories of love, hope and surviving childhood cancer" was published last December. Tracing the very real experiences of 31 children who have fought and overcome their encounter with childhood cancer, the bi-lingual collection features 75 full-coloured pages with over 100 photos that also bear witness to the labourious work by CCF staff and our professional photographer. After years in the making, this book features encounters with the power of love, the triumph of hope, and the celebration of life.

The book is not for sale, but will be distributed at CCF Families' Club activities. Copies are also available free at CCF Family Service Centre (No. 8-13, Ground Floor, Lung Fook House, Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate, Kowloon) and the Respite Care and Rehabilitation Centre in Pak Tin (No. 1-5, Block 9, Pak Tin Estate, Shek Kip Mei). For enquiries, please contact our staff at 23288323.

A Chat with CCF New Communications Officer!



CCF's Intelligence has seized the first opportunity to find out all about our new Communications Officer Alexis Chui. Here's the highlight:

Q: So, Alexis, mind telling us how old you are?

A: Hmm.....I'm older than CCF for sure.

Q: Can you tell us all about your job then?

A: Sure. I'm mainly responsible for public relations and media liaison work at CCF. Right now, my top priority is to coordinate the work on our all-new website with online forum. CCF has provided services to over one thousand young patients suffering from childhood cancer since 20 years ago, and many of them are now grown-ups. So, we hope the new website using the latest Web 2.0 technology can offer a diversified information platform where our friends of every age, parents and the public can support and share with each other, reinforcing CCF's community. This kind of online forum and member zone for patients, survivors, their families and the public is yet to be seen in any cancer group in Hong Kong. So, please visit us when the new website is launched!

Fruits for Doc

By Sunkist

To CRY or not to CRY

1 Hey, what's wrong with
your arm?



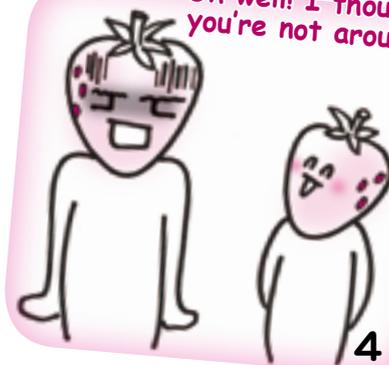
2 I've just been
pricked for a
blood sample.



3 That a boy! I didn't
even hear a single cry
from you!



4 Oh well! I thought
you're not around!





May – October 2009

Date 2009	Donor/Organizer	Event	Amount(HK\$)	Remarks
May 2	Residents of Siu Sai Wan*	Charity Sale	23,226.10	
May 16-24	Lane Crawford (Hong Kong) Ltd.	World of Wonders	56,748.50	
May 22	The Hong Kong Singers*	The Wizard of Oz	5,200.00	
May 25-Jun 30	Kiehl's since 1851*	Charity Sale of "Can I Have Some Fresh Air Please" T-Shirt	118,231.50	The amount was used to purchase two sets of Bedside Monitors for Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
May	City Lady Junior Chamber	Charity Sale of Calendars	27,506.50	The event was held between June 2008 and March 2009.
May	Euromate Ltd.	Charity Sale	3,000.00	
May	Miss June Leung	Charity Sale	30,000.00	
May	Marco Polo Hotels, Hong Kong*	Marco Polo Rewards Scheme	10,900.00	
May-Oct	Holiday Inn Golden Mile Hong Kong*	Sale of Teddy Bears	6,357.10	
May-Oct	Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Co., Ltd.*	"Share My Song" Programme	54,366.58	
May-Oct	ipac financial planning HK Ltd.*	Casual Wear Days	700.00	
May-Oct	Mrs. Sophie Leung Lau Yau Fun	Sale of <i>My First Bite</i> Baby Cookbook	74,320.00	
May-Oct	Red Mission*	Sale of Red Card	2,206.90	
May-Oct	Seaview Club	Generous Exchange Square	1,328.00	
May-Oct	Dr. Peter Teo	Fund-raising Campaign	37,824.70	
Jun 7	Anastassia's Art House Ltd.	Art Workshop	200.00	
Jun 12	Pacific Club*	Charity Casino Night	102,020.00	
Jun 19-25	PMC Connection (Hong Kong)*	Fund-raising Campaign	2,420.00	
Jun 28	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Y.F. Chau*	35th Wedding Anniversary	93,880.00	
Jun	The Castello Club	Castello Generous Exchange Square	4,199.00	
Jun	Hasbro Far East Ltd.*	Fund-raising Campaign	104,518.00	The amount was used to support the Drug Sponsorship Programme.

* Repeat donor



Fund-raising Activities

Date	Donor/Organizer	Event	Amount(HK\$)	Remarks
2009				
Jun	Hong Kong Economic Times Ltd.* & Chong Hing Bank Ltd.*	Charity Sale of <i>Let's Talk</i>	42,000.00	
Jun	Koon Wah Mirror Group	Fund-raising Campaign	150,000.00	
Jun	On Pedder	Sale of Dylan's Candy Bar Products	77,144.70	The event was held between April 8 and May 6, 2009.
Jun	Shek O Country Club*	Fund-raising Campaign	1,610.00	
Jun	St. Rose of Lima's College	Fund-raising Campaign	1,000.00	
Jun	Wise-Kids Development Ltd.*	Fund-raising Campaign	10,000.00	
Jun-Jul	The Nielsen Company*	Fund-raising Campaign	4,800.00	
Jul 17	Geodis Wilson Hong Kong Ltd.	Mission, Vision, Values Connecting Dinner	17,580.00	
Jul	Art Adventure	Fund-raising Campaign	320.00	
Jul	Union Hospital*	Fund-raising Campaign	36,111.80	The event was held between March and June 2009.
Jul	Zurich Insurance Group (Hong Kong)	Fund-raising Campaign	2,163.10	
Jul-Oct	Miss Joyce Cheng	Fund-raising Campaign	95,686.00	
Jul-Oct	Alain Yip Photography Alumni*	Charity Auction	28,350.00	
Aug 8	Langham Place*	Crowd Lu Live@Langham Place	6,085.30	
Aug 23	Hong Kong Tae Kwon Do Development Scheme*	Taekwondo Competition	2,623.00	
Aug 29	Learning Seed Education Centre*	Fund-raising Campaign	8,250.00	
Aug	Bupa (Asia) Ltd.*	Customer Satisfaction Survey	10,450.00	
Aug	Fun Camping Association Ltd.*	2009 Summer Fun Camping	4,000.00	
Aug	Thomas Sabo Sterling Silver*	Charity Sale	30,450.00	
Sept 5	Zurich Insurance Group (Hong Kong)*	Charity Bowling Competition	104,389.50	





Date	Donor/Organizer	Event	Amount(HK\$)	Remarks
2009				
Sept 10	Walton International Group Ltd.*	Fund-raising Campaign	3,312.80	
Sept 25-Oct 10	Sony Computer Entertainment Hong Kong Ltd., Harbour City Estates Ltd.* and Citibank	Fund-raising Campaign	1,450.50	
Sept	Cambridge University Chinese Society	Variety Show 2009	33,925.50	The event was held on February 28, 2009.
Sept	St. John's Cathedral – CLARES*	Fund-raising Campaign	15,000.00	
Oct 4	晨曦足球隊	Fund-raising Campaign	10,000.00	
Oct 10-11	Hebe Haven Yacht Club*	24-hour Charity Dinghy Race	585,000.00	
Oct 15	German Speaking Ladies Group*	Fund-raising Campaign	30,000.00	
Oct 15	Miss May Li Suk Mei*	Charity Bazaar	2,325.00	
Oct	Mountainview Montessori Preschool*	Charity Run	3,700.00	
Oct	Red Mission*	Fund-raising Campaign	30,160.00	
Oct	St. Baldrick's Foundation*	Head Shaving Event	1,618,311.24	 <p>The event was held on April 21, 23 and 25, 2009 and the amount was used for sponsoring the research project on "Molecular Diagnosis and Minimal Residual Disease Monitoring of Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in Hong Kong" for two years.</p>

- (1) Special thanks to the following companies for placing the Foundation's donation boxes on their premises:
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| Eastrip Travel Co., Ltd. | Net Travel | Waterfall Golf+Gym |
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| Grand Waterfall | Park Hotel | Wharney Guang Dong Hotel |
| Guangdong Hotel | Renaissance Harbour View Hotel | |
| Hebe Haven Yacht Club | Royal Plaza Hotel | |

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(The organizations above are listed in random order as in the Chinese version)

* Repeat donor





Patient Services

May 14 children had each designed a special shopping bag as a gift to their mothers on Mother's Day.

Two patients from The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre joined the mobile-making group.

May 16 93 people from 29 families enjoyed the film "Trail of the Panda" together.

May 17 37 parents and 26 children from 23 families attended a parents' tea gathering.

May 17 & 23 11 survivors attended two workshops on HKCEE English Oral Mock Examination.

May 31 149 people from 44 families had a day of fun watching dolphins and visiting Tai O.

June Three patients from The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre participated in craft making for their fathers on Father's Day.

June 3-24 Seven survivors attended a mock interview for applying the post of Book Fair Helper.

June 21 24 Sunshine Ambassadors attended an orientation programme which included an introduction of Children's Cancer Foundation, service duties of Sunshine Ambassadors, group sharing and team building games.

June 27 Ten survivors visited the "Youth E Start" in Mongkok.

July & August One session of Hospital Bingo was conducted and ten patients participated.

Two sessions of group play were conducted and seven patients participated.

Two sessions of craft activities were conducted and five patients participated.

July 5 79 people from Bereavement Club had a day of fun watching dolphins and visiting Tai O.

July 18 73 people from 27 families enjoyed a family trip to Yuen Long and Kam Tin.

July 22-28 Five survivors were employed by "Yellow Bus" as helpers at the Hong Kong Book Fair.

July 22 & 28, August 6 & 12 Three workshops on arts & crafts with an average attendance of 14 in each.

July 23 Four survivors attended a workshop on HKCEE Examination Skills of Chinese subject.

July 25 Six survivors attended a workshop on Interview Skills.

July 25 30 people from 14 families visited the Hong Kong Science Park.

August 1-29 Nine survivors joined a volunteer group. They had three training sessions and one evaluation meeting; they organized an outing for members of the Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth.

August 3-27 Four survivors attended six sessions of English Class.

August 10 35 people from 16 families visited the Coca-Cola Plant.

August 16 78 people from 30 families enjoyed a day of fun at the Po Leung Kuk Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp.

September To celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival, 27 patients from The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Tuen Mun Hospital and Queen Mary Hospital designed and created their own lanterns.

In-patients Newsletter Vol. 83 was published.

September 19 Five survivors attended an arts & crafts workshop. The trainers of the workshop were members of the Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth.

September 27 23 parents and 18 children enjoyed a day trip to the farm of Hong Ning Dairy Company and Tai Po Waterfront Park. This programme was specially organized for children under seven.

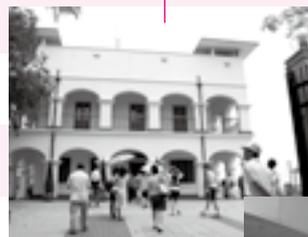
October Three patients participated the game activity for Halloween at The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre.



BBQ and family fun right after a parents' tea gathering.



Group sharing for Sunshine Ambassadors at the orientation programme.



A fun and enlightening trip to see the heritage of Yuen Long Ping Shan.



The Hong Kong Science Park makes a perfect destination for family visit.



A lovely summer day out at Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp.



It's every kid's dream to visit Coca-Cola Plant.



Feeding a cow is absolutely an all-new experience for these kids.



October	Gao Post vol. 14 was published. Two sessions of "Learning Strategies Training Group" were conducted and two patients participated.
October 11	36 people from 13 families enjoyed a boat trip at Hebe Haven Yacht Club and had lunch in Sai Kung. This programme was specially organized for children under seven.
October 17	28 parents from 17 bereaved families attended a seminar "You Never Leave Me" conducted by the Rev. Yin Yeung.
October 18	Seven people from six families attended a pottery class.
October 25	94 people from 25 families participated Children's Cancer Foundation Sports Day at Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground.



CCF's mini Lion Dance Troupe kicks off the Sports Day.

Financial Assistance

May – October	Financial assistance was provided for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 12 drug sponsorships (2) one prosthesis (3) 13 wigs (4) funeral expenses (5) travelling allowance (6) subsidy for home removal (7) emergency living expenses (8) one medical equipment for a BMT patient (9) subsidy of travel expenses for a parent (10) subsidy for BMT preparation for a patient (11) subsidy of child care expenses for a sibling (12) subsidy to purchase a high chair for a palliative patient as last wish (13) subsidy to purchase a mobile phone for a palliative patient as last wish (14) subsidy to purchase a notebook computer for a palliative patient as last wish (15) subsidy to visit Hong Kong Disneyland for a palliative patient and her family as last wish (16) travelling document expenses and pocket money for four patients and their parents to visit Tokyo Disneyland (17) subsidy to stay one night at the Hong Kong Gold Coast Hotel for a palliative patient and her mother as last wish
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Winners of Top Athletes at CCF Sports Day.

Half-way Homes

May – October	A total of five families used the Half-way Homes.
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Publications

May	The Vol. 4 Sunshine Express was published.
June	The Sunshine Express (special version) was published.
September	The Newsletter (36th issue) was published.

Hospital Services

May 19	A quarterly Coordinating Committee Meeting between paediatric oncologists and radiotherapists of the five major public hospitals and representatives of Children's Cancer Foundation was held at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
May 19	A Palliative Care Task Group Meeting between paediatric oncologists of the five hospitals and representatives of Children's Cancer Foundation was held at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Medical Equipment

May – October	The following items were purchased for the following hospitals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prince of Wales Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one 19" LCD TV one 22" LCD TV 2. Queen Mary Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> three 32" LCD TV one 42" LCD TV one Wall-mount one Double Swing Door Cabinet six Notebook Computers two NOD 32 Antivirus 3. Tuen Mun Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> three Notebook Computers
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Medical Training

The following sponsorships were provided:

May 6-July 28	One nurse from the Children's Hospital of Fudan University, Shanghai received training in paediatric oncology nursing care at The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital.
May 8-10	One doctor from the Prince of Wales Hospital attended the 20th Annual Meeting of the International BFM Study Group Meeting, Bergamo, Italy.
June 1-August 31	One doctor from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital received training in paediatric tumour pathology in the Department of Pathology, Vanderbilt University, Tennessee, U.S.A.
June 19-22	The National Continuous Education Course on Paediatric Oncology was held in Heifei, China. 64 doctors and nurses from various provinces benefited from the course. Sponsored by the Foundation, the course was co-organized by the Shanghai Children's Medical Centre, The Second Hospital of Anhui Medical University and The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
July 1-Dec 31	One doctor from the Prince of Wales Hospital received training in paediatric haematology and oncology in The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
August 27-29	Two nurses from the Prince of Wales Hospital attended the 14th Congress of the Asia-Pacific Blood and Marrow Transplantation, Seoul, Korea.
October 21, 2009-January 19, 2010	One doctor from the Shandong Provincial Hospital received training in paediatric haematology and oncology at The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital.
October 29-30	One doctor from the Prince of Wales Hospital attended the European Symposium on Late Complications after Childhood Cancer, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Bone Marrow Transplantation

May – October	Ten paediatric oncology bone marrow transplants were performed at The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital and nine at Queen Mary Hospital.
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Staff Training

May 15	The Clinical Psychologist and the Long-Term Follow-Up Service Co-ordinator attended the "Treatment of Internet Addiction Workshop" organized by Hong Kong Christian Services.
June 23	The Nurse-in-charge and Nurse Specialist gave a talk on "Palliative Care for Children with Cancer and Their Families" to CCC nursing staff.
July 25	The Family Counsellor and Nurse Specialist attended a workshop on "Overview of Family Law" organized by Hong Kong Social Workers Association.
August 21	The Clinical Psychologist and the Long-Term Follow-Up Service Co-ordinator attended an information session on "Differentiation of Self Inventory – Revised (DSI-R) – Chinese Version" organized by ISS Wofoo Family Institute.
September 2	The Centre-in-charge, Nurse-in-charge, Nurse Specialist, two Family Counsellors, Long-Term Follow-Up Service Co-ordinator, Hospital Play Co-ordinator and Occupational Therapist attended a workshop on "Infection control" at Queen Mary Hospital.
September 28-29	The Family Counsellor and Hospital Play Co-ordinator attended a two-day "Trauma Healing Workshop" organized by Health Care and Communications Consultant Ltd.
October 7	Mr. Hung from Hong Kong Christian Service gave a talk on "Internet Addiction" to all professional staff.

Others

June 5	The Clinical Psychologist and the Long-Term Follow-Up Service Co-ordinator visited the Hanging Gardens of Boardgaming of Hong Kong Christian Service.
July 25-26	The Founder Chairman, Centre-in-charge and Hospital Play Co-ordinator attended the "The First Seminar for Parents of Chinese Cancer Patients" at Guangzhou. The Founder Chairman joined the entire two-day conference whereas Centre-in-charge and Hospital Play Co-ordinator joined the first day of the conference.

Public Education

June - October	11 talks on life education were delivered to 11 secondary schools.
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Without the generous donation of needed supplies and services from individual donors and organizations, the above-mentioned CCF services and events would not have been possible. The Foundation regrets the incomplete listing of donors and thanks them sincerely nevertheless.



CCF "Back to Nature" Family Xmas Outing



Xmas BBQ at
Kam Tin Country Club



Crossing the legendary
"Mother's Bridge" ...



Time to bounce
for fun!



Let's go **rock 'n roll!**



Pick your
own greens



What a feast of
...."forks"!



Don't miss that
Chicken wing!



Catch **Santa** while you can!

"V" for "Very yummy!"



"Smile!" Photo Studio



CCF's one-of-a-kind Xmas tattoo



Meet the Little Princess!



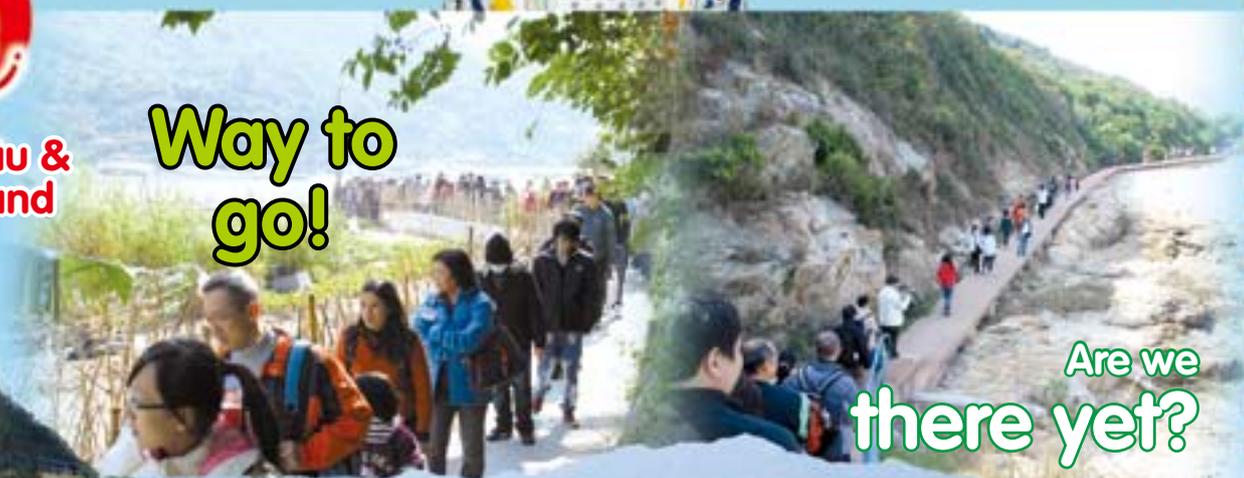
"What about my share?"

Xmas Tour



to Peng Chau & Lamma Island

Way to go!



Are we there yet?

Nothing beats sun & sand!



Say "Cheese" for Xmas!



Picture-perfect family trio!

