

Chin Swee

BLK 51

Chin Swee, which means very pretty in Hokkien dialect, has many beautiful people and is full of enchanting happenings. Our team of volunteers and the elderly has come a long way. To date, BLK 51 Chin Swee zone has eleven active and ad-hoc volunteers and forty-two elderly.

Apparently, before the current team of 11 member volunteers was formed, there were only two veteran volunteers, and Mr. Ho, our chairman, running the show. It has been tough. Before beginning of this year, 2001, many of our elderly do not know about the existence of the Hong Lim Green CC. And connection between volunteers and elderly is very minimal.

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Young & Enthusiastic
Volunteers



Although, our team is only less than a year-old, we have taken a big step forward with our 42 elderly. There is many sprouting of new friendships among our group with our elderly. All elderly has different temperaments. Experiences with them are sometimes sweet and sour as well as bitter at times

All of us are full-time working adults, with a very much busy schedule. Personally, I feel the time spent with our elderly whom we visit or organise activities every Sunday meaningful and rewarding. Yes, sometimes, I felt quite overwhelmed with the hectic Singaporean work life coupled with the every Sunday's Home Visitation. However, being able to bring a little smile to our elderly make all the hard work and time spent worthwhile.

Our volunteers have contributed in various ways. There is one of them, whom I felt worth a special mention here. He is not new to many in the community. His name is Jason Seow. He has been with Hong Lim CC as a volunteer for almost five years now and has recently been awarded as an Outstanding Befrienders Co-ordinator. Although, I had only worked with him for only a few months, it is not difficult to feel his love for all the elderly under his care.

I am hopeful that our team will continue to stay on. And may all the friendship seedlings with our elderly blossom into beautiful flower in more years to come together as a team or with one another. Thanks everyone in our group to make that happening possible. ☺

*'Give love and be loved' -Anonymous
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