



Existing statue that will be relocated to the new building.

## A Letter FROM IRENE

*Dear Friends & Benefactors of Boys' Town:*

Like an old American saying goes: "From small beginnings come great things". As our fundraising initiatives for the new building move forward into the second year, we are excited and grateful to our friends and benefactors who have helped us raise \$6m dollars so far. We still need another \$9m to build the new building. Thank you for helping us to improve the lives of the boys and build them a better future.

With the Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled to take place on 30th November 2010, we have kick-started the tender process for the new building's contract.

Well, just as old facilities have to make way for the development of new facilities, people also come and go. Some staff have moved on and some are in the process of changing careers, we appreciate their support, patience and friendship to the boys under our care and wish them well in their future endeavours.

As we draw curtains on 2010, we have lined up a series of exciting events for 2011. We look forward to partnering with you to lift the boys up, heal their wounds and put them on the path to a brighter future.



**Irene Loi**  
Executive Director  
Boys' Town



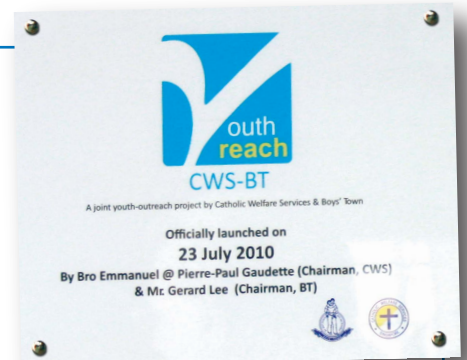
# INTRODUCING ...YouthReach

## THE LAUNCH 23RD JULY 2010

Catholic Welfare Service – Boys' Town YouthReach marks a new milestone with the launch of the newly renovated centre. Brother Emmanuel, Chairman of CWS and Mr Gerard Lee, Chairman of Boys' Town officiated the opening ceremony and signed the Memorandum of Understanding. Several groups were also in attendance, including the advisory board, Singapore Sports Council, voluntary welfare organizations, partner schools and the neighbourhood police post.



*Brother Emmanuel, Chairman of CWS and Mr Gerard Lee, Chairman of BT signing the Memorandum*



The evening's Open House hosted thirty parents to performances put up by their children. YouthReach took the opportunity to introduce various new programmes: Street Outreach, Step-Up Services, School Family Education and Time-Out.

## PROGRAMME & SERVICES

Through the "Enhanced-Step-Up Services A and B", we have served 31 youths from 4 secondary schools who are at-risk of dropping out from schools or have dropped out. The Time-Out programme, a customised programme for Assumption English School was also implemented in January this year rendering support to assist students with school adjustment issues.

The recently launched School Family Education (SFE) at Assumption English School aims to promote healthy family lifestyle amongst parents, teachers and students. Some of the talks/workshops conducted this year include Growing Pains of Teens, Stress Management and Team Building.

## STREET OUTREACH

Street Outreach is one of the strategies to work with disengaged youths who have fallen through the cracks of family and social institutes. Since January 2010 we have completed the youth profiling exercise in Tampines estate and targeted certain youth-groups to work on. For example our partnerships with a LAN gaming vendor have also provided valuable access to befriend young gamers more effectively.

## DROP-IN SERVICE

The drop-in centre has been actively engaging youths through weekly English, Mathematics and Science tuition sessions, Japanese Drum practises, and Learn-To-Play Guitar sessions.

By leveraging on various activities to instill moral values and life-skills, we have also inexorably boosted the youths' self-confidence. This was evident when our youngsters from the Japanese Drum programme exuded great confidence and fiery passion at the Singapore Youth Olympic Game closing ceremony.



## DROP-IN SERVICE (CONT'D)

The drop-in centre places great emphasis on the socio-emotional development of the youths. Currently we provide counseling to 10 youths with family, peers and/or developmental issues. A girls' group work, comprised of 6 girls, was conducted in August to help them address Boy-Girl Relationship issues. Our youth workers also work closely with the Social Workers to mentor and identify youths who may require professional interventions.



# BOYS' TOWN CARNIVAL 2010

*Let's do it for the boys!*

This year our Carnival took a new twist. Instead of being held in Boys' Town, we were fortunate enough to hold the event in Liang Court for 3 days, all due to the kind sponsorship of AsiaMalls. It was a fun-filled event with lots of games and food. Our Dance & Band boys, Students and teachers from both Assumption English School and Assumption Pathway School supported by providing entertainment through music and dance performances. We also had performances from the Japanese cheerleaders for the Albirex Niigata Soccer team and YouthReach Japanese Drum Group.



Performance by our Dance & Band Boys



## Who WE ARE...

**BOYS'TOWN** was established in 1948 by the Brothers of St Gabriel. Our Home provides boarding and residential care for boys aged 11 - 18 who come primarily from troubled, single parent & financially needy families.

It is a registered charity with IPC status and also a member of the National Council of Social Services (NCSS) but does not receive any funding from the Community Chest.

As such, we depend solely on the generosity of our benefactors & supporters. If you are interested to donate or volunteer your services you can contact our Community Partnerships Department at **6769 1618**

or check out our website: [www.boystown.org.sg](http://www.boystown.org.sg) for more information on how you can make a difference.

We thank you for making the lives of our boys at Boys'Town more meaningful & enriching.

without somebody helping you along. Boys'Town was that for me. The staff taught me important social skills to deal with demands and challenges of life."

Now he is passionate about martial arts and he's a big fan of Bruce Lee. His dream is to train hard at different dojos and hope to bear the Singapore colours and fight in international Mixed-Martial Art tournaments.

Kaijie had a tough life before coming to Boys'Town. But being part of a Boys'Town family, whose members truly cared about him, opened a door to a brighter future and created a miracle for him.

## Create A MIRACLE...

"创造奇迹" this Chinese phrase is one of Kaijie's favourite idioms, it means "to create a miracle".

Kaijie came from a low-income family; his mother works odd jobs at hawker centers and HDB estates, his father maintains the golf course at a country club, both working long hours to provide for the family.

With the lack of parental supervision, Kaijie says he became involved in a gang for the sense of belonging and brotherhood that it brought.

Barely into the first year of his Secondary education, the school principal had to make the painful decision to expel him from school for several assault and battery offenses against his classmates. At the advice from his aunt, his parents decided to send him to Boys'Town, but after eight months, he ran away to regroup with his gang members.

Kaijie began to spiral down into a life of crime; hustling illegal cigarettes, pushing drugs, gang fights, acting as lookout for gambling dens, etc. A year later he was arrested during a gang fight and was incarcerated at a juvenile facility for two months; there he shared a claustrophobic cell with 7 other youths, which he said was the worst experience he has to endure.

At his court hearing, Kaijie appealed for a second chance to recommence his secondary education. The presiding Judge transferred him to Boys'Town to further his academic advancement for two years under supervision. The second time round residing in Boys'Town, he thought hard about life and what to make of it.

Kaijie is in his final year at Assumption Pathway School and he is doing exceptionally well, his goal is to ace the ITE Skills Certificate in Mechanical Servicing Course. Kaijie recently won the "Boys'Town - Boy of the Year 2010" award and was honoured as the "Boy of the Month" in August 2010.

"Boys'Town has helped me so much. It's here that I learned to grow up. Now I take responsibility for my actions," states Kaijie, "You can't get far



## Auto-Inclusion of donations for TAX-EXEMPTION

From 1st January 2011, all individuals, businesses, companies etc. that make donations to Institutions of Public Character (IPCs) are required to provide their tax reference numbers (g. NRIC/FIN/UEN) to the IPCs in order to be given tax deductions on the donations. With this change, IRAS will no longer accept claims for tax deduction based on donation receipts.

Donors who wish to remain anonymous and do not wish to claim tax deduction are not required to provide their tax reference numbers to the IPCs.