

THE TENT

Annual Report for Year Ended 31st December 2014

The Tent, a residential home for teenage girls was set up in 18th October 2001 as a society. It was registered under the Charities Act on 22nd January 2002. It is also gazette as a Place of Safety under the Women's Charter and the Children and Young Persons Act on 15th August 2002.

Charity Registration Number	: 1544 (22/01/2002)
ROS Registration Number	: ROS 213/2001 WEL (18/10/2001)
UEN Number	: T01SS0154B
Registered Address	: 1034, Upper Serangoon Road Singapore 534797
Board of Governors	: The Board of Governors was elected At the 9th Annual General Meeting held on 9 th September 2014
	1) Prof Tan Ser Kiat President 2) Mrs Lim Siew Koon Vice President 3) Ms Ginny Chew Secretary 4) Ms Hong Wee Tin Treasurer
Premises	: The current premise is leased from the Singapore Land Authority
Auditor	: Baker Tilly TFW LLP

Vision and Mission

The Tent aims to be an excellent organization that uses the best practices to enable our teenage clients to reintegrate themselves back to their families and society.

The Tent endeavors to provide a safe and conducive environment for female adolescents in need so that they can attain reconciliation within themselves, with their families and society.

Through our structured programmes, which are based on compassion and respect for each individual, our clients will experience ònew truthö which is a deeper awareness of their basic dignity and goodness.

families is based on:
, faith and culture
service delivery.

Our Objectives

Facilitate family and personal growth through:

- Counseling and therapy : both for the clients and their families
- Personal development: this is achieved through the cornerstone and fledges programmes aimed at facilitating the residents' growth into a mature and responsible person.
- Journeying with our residents through positive role modeling

Empowering of the individual through tapping into her inner resources and building her self-esteem.

Instilling respect for the others and themselves

Facilitate reconciliation within the family.

*Integration of the person and family is the ultimate aim of The Tent. It is however, recognized that in some cases, this ultimate goal may not be possible. In such cases, we will work towards enabling our residents to fully come to terms with their experiences and take directions to help them become independent before their discharge.

Our Clients

Teenage girls (11 -19 years) who:

- come from broken and dysfunctional families
- are abused and in need of care and protection
- exhibit behavioural problems
- are in need of crisis shelter

Our Programmes:

1) Cornerstone Programme ó foundation programmes which teaches basic life skills.

- personal development
- clothes mending and fabric care
- healthy lifestyle
- study discipline
- meal preparation
- decision making
- time management
- anger management



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- 2) Fledge Programme - ad hoc programmes like camps, music and drama, sports and outdoor activities.
- 3) Unplugged Programme ó counselling programmes

Funding

The Tent receives per capita grant and rental reimbursement from the Ministry of Social and Family Development and is also dependent on public donations to run its residential programmes. Nominal fees are collected from the family members of the residents as payment towards their board and lodging. Such fees are based on the family's financial background and their ability to pay.

Application for Admission into The Tent

Referrals for admission are made by the officers from the Ministry of Social and Family Development, other voluntary welfare organisations, family service centres, schools, family members and relatives,. A pre- admission interview is conducted for assessment purposes with every referral to determine the suitability of The Tent's programmes to meet the needs of the client.

REVIEW FOR THE YEAR 2014

Residential Services for the Year 2014

In the year 2014, The Tent admitted a total number of 11 cases.

Status	Female	Total
Number of cases brought forward from 2013	7	7
Add: Cases admitted for 2014	11	11
Add: Cases returned from absconding for the year 2014		
Subtotal	18	18
Less: Cases discharged for 2014	7	7
Less: Cases absconded		
Total (as at 31 st December 2014)	11	11

Analysis of the Type of Cases Admitted

Case Type	Female	Total
• Sec 5(1) (Probation Hostel, POA)		
• Sec 9(1) (Child Abuse, CYPA)		
• Sec 44(1) (Offender, CYPA)		
• Sec 49(1) (Care & Protection, CYPA)		
• Sec 50(1) (Beyond Parental Control, CYPA)		
• Sec 160 and 163 (Place of Safety, WC)	2	2
MSF Referred	7	7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred by other agencies (KKH, SCS) 	2	2
Total	11	11

Analysis of the Cases Discharged

The minimum period of stay for every resident is 6 months with a review of the case at the end of the period. Cases admitted by the Juvenile Court usually stay for a minimum period of 1 year and a maximum period of 2 years.

Reasons for Discharge	Female	Total
a) Expiration of term/Order	1	1
b) Released on licence		
c) Transferred to other Home to complete the Order		
d) Ordered by the Court		
e) Attained age limit		
f) Upon parent's request		
g) Improved family conditions		
h) Parent refused to cooperate		
i) Child refused to cooperate	2	2
j) Transferred to another Home	1	1
k) Made alternative care arrangements (admitted for temporary shelter)	3	3
l) Others (On trial homeleave)/change of admission authority		
Total	7	7

Analysis of Cases by Ethnic Group (as at 31st December 2014)

Ethnic Group	Female	Total
Chinese	10	10
Malay		
Indian		
Others	1	1
Total	11	11

Analysis of Cases by Age Group (as at 31st December 2014)

Age Group	Female	Total
12		
13	1	1
14	2	2
15	2	2
16	1	1
17	1	1
18	2	2
19		
20		
Above 21 years	2	2
Total	11	11

Standards (as at 31st December 2014)

Educational Level	Female	Total
Primary 6 (EM2 & 3)/ Northlight School	1	1
Secondary 1 (Normal Academic)		
Secondary 1 (Normal Technical)		
Secondary 1 (Express)	1	1
Secondary 2 (Normal Academic)		
Secondary 2 (Normal Technical)		
Secondary 2 (IP)	1	1
Secondary 3 (Normal Academic)	1	1
Secondary 3 (Normal Technical)	1	1
Secondary 3(Express)		
Secondary 4 (Normal Academic)	2	2
Secondary 4 (Express)		
Secondary 4 (Normal Technical)		
Secondary 5 (Normal Academic)		
ITE		
Polytechnics/Junior College	3	3
Awaiting School Placement	1	1
Total	11	11

January

Start of the School Year

- ❖ Mentoring Programme with Beautiful People (Ongoing) on a monthly basis for 12 months
- ❖ Chinese New Year Reunion Dinner (Steamboat & Yu Sheng)

February

- ❖ Beautiful People Community Day (16.02.14)

March

- ❖ Heritage Trail with The Volunteer Switchboard (01.03.14)
- ❖ Roller Blading Class with Lions Club ó Raffles City (Ongoing on a monthly basis for 3 months)
- ❖ Cooking Class ó Healthy Lifestyle with Lions Club ó Raffles City (Ongoing on a monthly basis for 3 months)

April

- ❖ Ice Skating with Big Sisters from Beautiful People (05.04.14)

May

- ❖ Exam Period

June

- ❖ Outing to the Movies
- ❖ Community Service at Marine Parade with Big Sisters from Beautiful People (21.06.14)
- ❖ Bowling at West Coast Recreation Centre with Volunteers from Portek International (27.06.14)
- ❖ Dinner with Lions Club ó Raffles City (23.06.14)
- ❖ Outing to River Safari with volunteers from Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton LLP (28.06.14)

August

- ❖ National Day Celebrations

September

- ❖ Mid- Autumn Festival Celebrations with Big Sisters from Beautiful People (06.09.14)
- ❖ Sports Day with volunteers from Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton LLP (06.09.14)
- ❖ BBQ Party with volunteers from Portek International (12.09.14)



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❖ Exam Period

- ❖ Outing to East Coast Park with Big Sisters from Beautiful People. (18.10.14)

November

- ❖ Outing to the Movies

December

- ❖ Christmas Party with volunteers from Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton LLP. (06.12.14)
- ❖ Makeover Workshop conducted by an ex resident
- ❖ Christmas Dinner hosted by volunteer, Esther (12.12.14)
- ❖ Christmas Dinner with families, ex residents and volunteers (19.12.14)
- ❖ Camp with Big Sisters from Beautiful People (20.12.14-21.12.14)

Report on Unplugged Programme

The 'Unplugged Programme' is a series of counselling programmes of which the aim is to help the residents and external clients deal with the underlying causes of their presenting symptoms. These presenting symptoms range from offending behaviours to post traumatic symptoms arising from the different forms of abuse suffered. The sessions (duration of 45 minutes to 1 hour) are conducted on a weekly basis for every resident.

Staffing

The breakdown of the staff strength is:

Manager	1
Counsellor	1
Programme Executive	- (Position Vacant)
Housemothers	4
Finance Officer	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>7</u>

Training for The Staff:

Wan Toy Leng:

- ❖ Briefing on Policy Guide on Sexualised Behaviour (08.04.14)
- ❖ RP Care Conference 2014 (29.10.14)
- ❖ Transforming Lives & Strengthening the Community (21.11.14 & 22.11.14)

Natalie Yan

- ❖ Briefing on Police Guide on Sexualised Behaviour (08.04.14)

ng People in the Journey of Loss and Grief (19.05.14

- ❖ Data Protection Policy Training (29.05.14)
- ❖ Juvenile Law for Professionals (26.09.14)
- ❖ Trauma Informed Skills Workshop (27.10.14)
- ❖ RP Care Conference (29.10.14)
- ❖ Transforming Lives ó Strengthening the Community (21.11.14 & 22.11.14)

Volunteers

The volunteers of The Tent come from all walks of life. They include individuals who are professionals in their own field of work, retired teachers, and home ómakers, students from the tertiary institutions (SMU, NUS etc) and the YMCA. They help out in giving tuition to the residents, conducting of the various programmes, classes and also in providing support to the staff during outings with the residents.

In the year 2014, the 3 main group of volunteers from Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton LLP, Portek International and Beautiful People organized outings to places of interest and parties for the residents. The Lions Club - Raffles City came on board in March to conduct cooking lessons and roller blading classes for the residents.

Donors

In addition to the grants received from the Ministry of Social and Family Development, The Tent is also dependent on donations from individual and companies.

The contributions from the donors for Year 2014:

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❖ Scandinavian Women's Association	3,600.00
❖ Haniffa Pte Ltd	750.00
❖ SG Gives	800.00
❖ Lee Yin Chong	5,000.00
❖ <u>Anonymous Donor</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 60,150.00</u>