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To be the Youth Organisation of Choice

### Our Mission

To nurture Youth, based on Christian values to serve and lead

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We are served and led by Volunteers.  
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We actively engage our stakeholders.  
We are a Christian organisation for all Youth.

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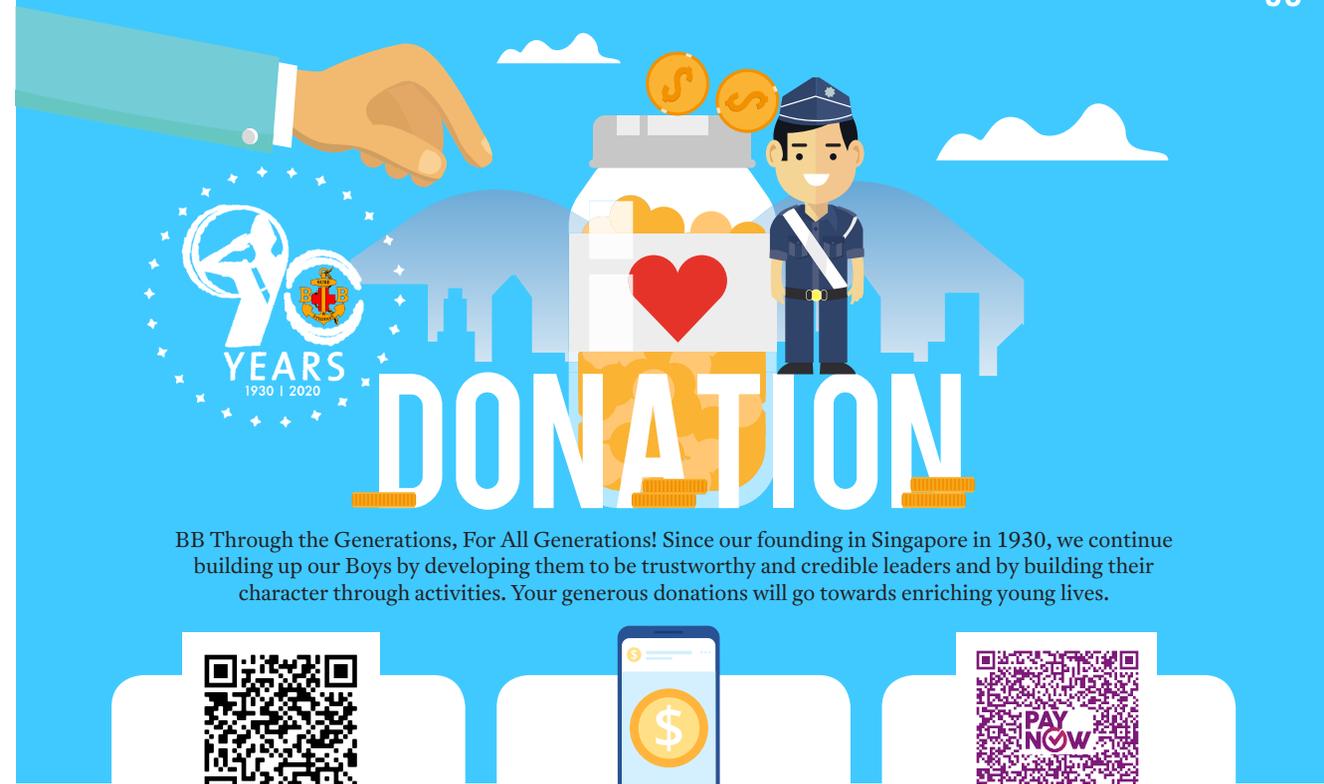
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# M.A.D. INVESTMENT

**POH LEONG BERG (LTA), BRIGADE PRESIDENT**

COVID-19 has disrupted our lives in so many different ways. It reminds us that the world we live in is vulnerable and lives are not permanent. The question is how are we living our lives? Are we living lives that invest in others, leading to fruitfulness?



Let me start with a story. There was once a tycoon who had three staff. He gave each staff bags of gold, based upon their ability to steward and care for the money as he would be on a long trip. The first staff was given five bags, the second was given two and the third was given one. The tycoon told them to care for his money. The first two staff used the bags of gold to do business and gain profit. They returned to the tycoon with double the number of bags of gold. They were commended and were rewarded with increased responsibilities in the tycoon's service and were invited to share in the tycoon's joy. The third staff was fearful and hid the one bag he was trusted with, returning just the same one bag to the tycoon. The tycoon scolded him saying that he should have at least put the money in the bank and received interest as now the money would be worth less due to inflation.

Let's replace the bags of gold with resources such as gifts, abilities, energy, health, time, power, knowledge, money, etc. We are all given resources and we all have different resources. This story should encourage and challenge us to use our resources and to invest them wisely to benefit and grow others. Only by investing these resources can we increase their value. The value or the reward is not just praise or monetary returns but the joy and the pride

of knowing that our resources can Make A Difference (M.A.D.) to someone's life and also enhance our own experience by becoming even better at it. The investment gain goes both ways, to the person who receives and to the person who gives.

The Boys' Brigade (BB) movement is the world's first uniformed youth organisation. The Founder, Sir William A. Smith, used his gift of personality and experience in business, being a part-time soldier, and a churchman to start the BB movement at the Free College Mission Hall at North Woodside Road, Glasgow. From Sabbath School, he realised the difficulty in maintaining order among a crowd of unruly Boys who were bored and restless. To solve the problem, he devised a unique system to teach them discipline and esprit de corps by working among Boys. He believed that it was a good thing for Boys to be brimming over with high spirits and love of fun and if he could control the activities and direct them in the right channels, the Boys will enjoy themselves far more than by running wild. He also believed that duties and responsibilities must provide a good proportion of the interest, for play can be enjoyed far more in the intervals between duties than when it is continuous.

To this date, the BB continues to offer interesting, life-building programmes for the Boys, by providing them a fun, meaningful and challenging programme of physical, enrichment, spiritual, and social interests. This is done through awards schemes, leadership opportunities and ranks for Boys, competitions, and elective programmes. Just like the Founder, the Officers invest in Boys using their time, energy, talents, and resources because they see it as a labour of love, helping

them to develop and grow in godly character, training them to become loyal and responsible citizens, and promoting their physical fitness and developing their leadership potential. The BB also provides opportunities for the Boys to use their resources to bless others and exercise leadership through values-in-action activities such as BB Share-a-Gift and BB CARES.

I would like to encourage all Officers and Boys to continue to do something meaningful, and to live for something far more than ourselves. We need to use the resources we have for others with joy and eagerness. When we look back on all the things we have done in our lives, regardless of how much money or fame or recognition we receive, we will get more satisfaction and joy from the pleasure of having "invested" in the lives of others.

... Let's make a M.A.D. investment.

"If you want love and abundance in your life, give it away." Mark Twain.



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**bb2ndcoysg** As a Uniformed Group, we learn skills and show our heart for the people. That's why community service takes up a large part of the BB experience. We

2nd Singapore Company (Victoria School)'s Instagram post for the school's e-Open House for CCAs earlier in May!

# Your Investment, Your Choice

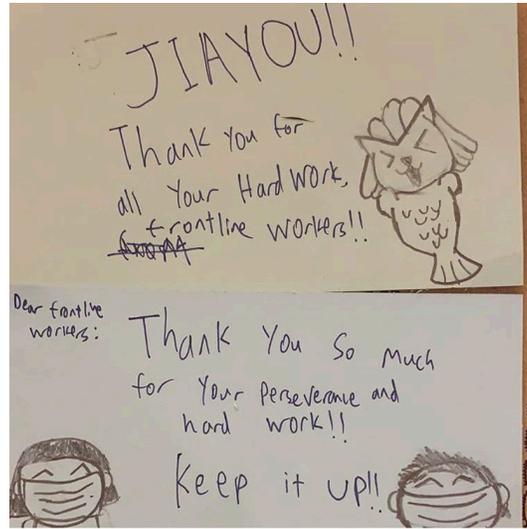
REV DANIEL TONG (LTA), BRIGADE CHAPLAIN

Knowingly or unknowingly, we all invest in our lives. In studying hard, we invest in our future job prospect. In working hard, we invest in our career advancement and financial gain. In active participation in our Company activities and badgework, we invest in our promotion and our Company achieving awards. Some investments, however, are better than others. For example, good investments, like finding someone who shares our love for Christ to marry, blesses our future ministry together and the raising of our family in the love and fear of God; whereas bad investments, like mixing with the wrong company, results in our being led down the destructive path of corruption and addiction.

Part of investing, is the expectation of returns – a good job and salary, promotions and awards. During this COVID-19 pandemic, various Companies and members of our Brigade have made the choice to invest generously in blessing our healthcare workers and migrant workers with words of encouragement, as well as gifts of masks, sanitizers, meals, and necessities. What possible return on investment have these Companies and individuals to reap from their generosity? The return here lies not in tangible external benefits, but in the internal growth and development of our faith and character.

First, we grow in obedience, to God, and His command to love (John 13:34), which pleases Him. Second, we grow in love of our neighbours (Mark 2:31), and have our eyes opened to the needs of the world. Third, we grow in generosity, holding lightly to the things of this world as we die to ourselves (Galatians 5:24). Fourth, we grow in applying our God given gifts to the tasks our Lord lays before us (1 Peter 4:10), which fulfils His desire and plans for our lives and honours Him. Fifth, we grow in teamwork (Ecclesiastes 4:9), which strengthens our unity. With much more that may be said.

While it might appear that many investment opportunities befall us daily, there are in actual fact only two investments – the investment in ourselves or an investment in God. To choose the former means choosing to walk our own way and in our own strength. To choose the latter means choosing to obey God and rely on His strength. Invest wisely, in the most secure and profitable. Remembering that:



Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds." (Matthew 16:24-27)

Those who blessed our healthcare and migrant workers made an investment, even as these workers made an investment in caring for the sick and helping build our nation. The intangible benefit they reap is the thanks for a grateful nation, personal growth in generosity, and the pleasure of the Lord of the Universe. Will you choose to make a similar investment? Today?

# MARCHING ON



Before co-curricular activities were suspended in schools, the 103rd Singapore Company (Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School) held a one-day camp programme during the March Holidays.



The Boys managed to clear their drill test and the newly joined Secondary One Boys took their target test! As precautionary measures, temperatures were taken first thing in the morning and once again after lunch (in line with the advisories at the time of the event).

Happy to clear some badgework, the small group of Boys also participated in the archery tag session which they found really fun!

"We received our promotions too so it was really an achievement! During this tough season, I urge everyone to stay at home and stay safe as it is for the better good!"

**SGT Joshua Wee**

"It was my first annual programme with The Boys' Brigade. It was a very memorable experience as I could meet my fellow members in the Company. Our seniors also kindly helped us with the fitting of uniforms as we were not sure what to do."

**PTE Adithya**



# STAYING IN TOUCH

We caught up with some BB Boys and Officers to find out more about their recent Circuit Breaker experiences.

**25TH SINGAPORE COMPANY, HILLGROVE SECONDARY SCHOOL**



“I decided to make full use of my time to improve my cooking and baking skills. I worked on several types of bread, beginning with a sourdough starter which took seven days to prepare. I have also been making noodles regularly and practicing my ‘Hai Di Lao-style’ noodle dancing. Since then, my noodles and dancing has improved a lot!”

**CLT Duncan Lew**  
(pictured left)

“I couldn’t indulge in my favourite pastimes such as going out with friends, playing basketball or catching movies. However, I reaped the benefits of being able to spend time with my family that we never really had, as my dad was always overseas on business trips. We have been playing a lot of board games such as Monopoly and Jenga. I have also taken this time to read some books which I have not done in a while. I watched loads of Netflix shows like “Arrow” and “Flash” as I find these shows really cool and interesting. As jazz has always been my favourite genre of music, I have been listening to music by Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra as well.”

**LCP Howard Tan**  
(pictured right)

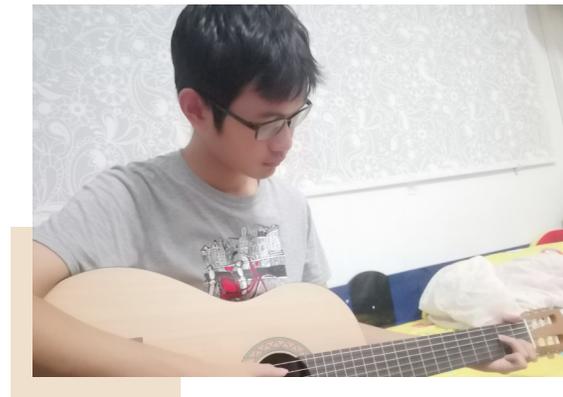


Besides spending family bonding time, I have also kept myself entertained with Gunpla, completing sets that were previously untouched. I had also ordered a new set as I had such a great time building it!

**CPL Gabriel Chew**



**31ST SINGAPORE COMPANY, BOWEN SECONDARY SCHOOL**



Living under Circuit Breaker has been a new experience, as staying home for 2 months has helped me get to know my family better and I feel that our bond has become stronger. I finally had the chance to pick up my guitar and learn new songs without taking time away from my daily activities. Overall, Circuit Breaker has shown me that boredom can be a good thing when dealt with correctly.

**SGT Ooi Yi Kai**  
(pictured left)

“My transition to first year in polytechnic on 20 April was quite unique due to the Circuit Breaker measures. Since I am at home 24/7, it has been easier to focus on my work as I do not have to travel from home to school. I maintained my relationship with my friends by playing games together. To prevent us from being mentally affected by being indoors for so long, my family takes weekly walks around the estate and the nearby park connector while observing social distancing. It is a great way to bond with your family, get some fresh air and exercise. I recommend you do so as well!”

**CLT Caleb Low**



Photo of CLT Caleb and his family was taken before COVID-19!

Initially, I was dreading Circuit Breaker as this was supposed to be my first extended break after a difficult two years in University. I spent the first month completing my last report of the semester and then made use of the rest of the time to cook! I practiced some of my old recipes and also tried my hand at cooking new dishes! I am glad to be able to spend more time with my family after my hectic two years in university!

**2LT Joshua Leong**  
(Officer, pictured left)

While staying at home, I learnt a very important lesson - Not going to school and staying at home is the total opposite of boring if we turn this negative situation into a positive one. This is how I have changed my situation. I did many things at home to pass time, such as baking a blackforest cake with my mum's guidance, cleaning my room, and even looking through my childhood pictures. My Company also helped as they arranged Zoom bonding sessions every Saturday for Boys and Officers to interact and play various games. I have learnt that we should use all opportunities to our benefit and make the best out of it.

**LCP Rohith Ravichandran**



The circuit breaker period was the perfect opportunity for me to slow down and have more time to myself. My daily routine kicks off with a 5 km jog. What motivates me is the chance to snap a shot of the glorious sunrise at the highest point of my route. In the afternoon, I fight the post-lunch food coma by jamming some songs or playing Brawl Stars with my younger brother (he's the one who introduced me to the BB!). My evenings are spent helping my mother out in the kitchen. I've even perfected the art of cooking some simple dishes, such as "Chye Sim Loke Yao Choi". At night, I spend time chatting or playing games such as Scribb.io with my NTU friends on Zoom.

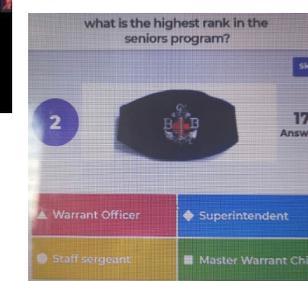


On Saturday mornings, our Company will hang out on Zoom, updating each other on how life has been at home and playing games together. All in all, this has been a welcome break from the busy life, and a great chance to get to know fellow members in 31st Coy better!

**LTA Jeremy Chew (Officer)**



31st Coy's Zoom Meeting



**106J SINGAPORE COMPANY, GAN ENG SENG PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The e-Parade by 106J Singapore Company conducted via Zoom on 30 April had 21 Boys, two BB Teachers-in-charge and two Officers attending. Everyone shared how they were coping with the COVID-19 situation.

That was followed by a short sharing and video screening on the plight of our migrant workers who have been severely affected by the COVID-19 situation. The Boys were also introduced to the efforts of Crisis Relief Alliance (CRA), a local NGO which has been involved in supplying food aid to migrant workers' dormitories. The Boys were then encouraged to create a single Powerpoint slide to thank the migrant workers for building Singapore, and to wish them the best during this trying period. It is during tough times that Boys should be encouraged to think like men and what they can do to help out in both big and small ways.



"I find that the e-Parade was an interesting idea and something different from the usual classroom parades. I was glad to see my friends online and learn that everyone was doing fine. The sharing by my BB Officer made me view migrant workers in a different light and to appreciate their hard work.

Initially, I was upset that the migrant workers were the reason why the number of COVID-19 cases increased. But after watching the video, it made me realise that they are just like anyone of us who are also afraid of the virus and feel vulnerable. This is not something within anyone's control and I should thank them for their contributions here."

**Junior Isaiah Ong**



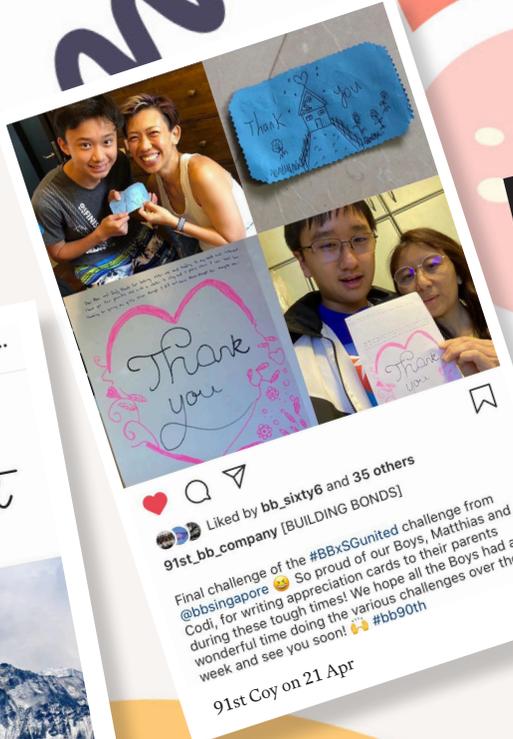
bb50thcoygssg During this period of battling Covid-19, our boys remained steadfast by helping out with simple household chores and activities. Let us remain strong in this tough period and get through this together!  
#BBxSGunited @bbsingapore  
50th Coy on 16 Apr



bb64thsg Day 4 Challenge: Our Boys living up to expectations to fulfill the daily tasks. @bbsingapore #bbsingapore #bbxsgunited #bb64  
64th Coy on 25 Apr



On 13/06/2020, bb6th Coy decided to start climbing Mt Everest #66thClimbsEverest  
Liked by bb2ndcoysg and 20 others  
bb\_sixty6 66th is embarking on a journey to climb Mt. Everest...from home!  
66th Coy on 13 June



Final challenge of the #BBxSGunited challenge from @bbsingapore So proud of our Boys, Matthias and Codi, for writing appreciation cards to their parents during these tough times! We hope all the Boys had a wonderful time doing the various challenges over the week and see you soon! #bb90th  
91st Coy on 21 Apr

# COMPANY SNAPSHOTS



8 likes  
bb28th Presenting to you your friendly neighbourhood Spiderman!  
This photo was taken in the 1990s, during one of our rappelling activities.  
#bb28th  
28th Coy on 27 June



bb45th The life of the batch of 2017-2020! Stay tuned! :) It's been a wonderful journey!  
45th Coy on 1 May



33rdCoy Blessed Fathers' Day! we can appreciate our fathers.  
Also thankful to the father figures who role model to set an example and correct us so we can be all that a man ought to be  
33rd Coy on 21 June



bb94thsg On Mother's Day, our Boys took the time and effort to do something special for their mum. Here are some of the things they did! BB94th wishes all mothers a blessed Mothers' Day 2020.  
94th Coy on 13 May



bb53rd WE LOVE BRIGADE / We've loved seeing your Brigade Bingos and Brigade Memories on Instastory! Brigade has definitely impacted our lives and given us many things to be thankful for, hasn't it? We can't  
53rd Coy on 13 Apr



bb31st Day 4 of the #bbxsgunited challenge by @bbsingapore, our boys (and officers) used reusable containers when ordering take out!  
#bb90th  
31st Coy on 17 Apr

# COMPANY SNAPSHOTS

**Captains of the 49th Company**

**Mr Tan Boon Liat**  
First Captain of 49th  
1989 - 1994

**Reverend Gregory Chiang**  
Acting Captain of 49th  
1994 - 1995

**Late Mr Jimmy Koh**  
Second Captain of 49th  
1995 - 2000

Liked by **bb\_sixty6** and 33 others

**bb49thcoy** The 49th Singapore Company was founded on 4th November 1989 with 29 Boys and 5 Officers. Mr. Tan Boon Liat was the first Captain with Mr. Roger Ong as the co-founder. Both Officers contributed greatly to the company and ended their service in October 1994.

49th Coy on 27 May

**7thbbcay**  
St Andrew's Secondary School

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 68 others

**7thbbcay** Throwback to the fun times we had together as a company! We can't wait for CCA to resume normally again!

7th Coy on 15 June

**NP BB PRIMERS PRESENTS BONDING DAY**

MAY 29 • 7:30PM  
IN MS TEAMS THEATRE

Any day spent with you is my favourite day

58 likes

**nprimers** Hellooo Primers! 🥳🥳 Having some post welcome party withdrawal symptoms? 🥳🥳 We are back with another event!! Introducing our FIRST EVER BONDING DAY!! 🥳🥳

NP Primers on 22 May

**37thbb\_hss**

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 35 others

**37thbb\_hss** Our first ever zoom meetup as a company!

37th Coy on 9 May

**bb21coy**

20 likes

**bb21coy** Sec 1 basic drill

21st Coy on 23 May

**bb4whitley**

Liked by **bb\_sixty6** and 25 others

**bb4whitley** We missed camping together. Reminiscing our combined Adventure Camp with BB73 and BB85 last year. | 18-20 Oct 2019

**#bb #bb4whitley #theboysbrigade #bbsingapore #boysbrigadesingapore #sureandstedfast #boysinblue #adventure #camp #adventurecamp #whitleysec**

4th Coy on 10 May

**bb9thcoy**  
Zoom

Liked by **26thboysbrigade\_sg** and 40 others

**bb9thcoy** 1st E-PARADE 🟢 Looking forward to more!!! #9thcoy #back

9th Coy on 20 June

Doing the right thing even when no one is looking.

**HONEST LIVING**

A sharing by CPL Daniel Wang.

9AM - 9.45AM | MAY 23, 2020

JOIN US ON ZOOM TO HEAR FROM HIM!  
ZOOM DETAILS WILL BE SENT VIA WHATSAPP.

"BB has taught me to be honest - to do the right thing even when no one is watching. Cheating may be the easy way out, but it won't get you far."  
-CPL Daniel Wang

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 23 others

**bb5thcoy** Hi Boys, this Sat we have CPL Daniel Wang sharina on the topic of Honest Living. Dont forget to join

5th Coy on 20 May

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Have you downloaded our #BB90th Anniversary Sticker Pack?

**bb84th**

We all have a hero, a role model in our lives.

**SURE BUILT & STEDFAST**

**THANK YOU FATHERS!**

Like

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 45 others

**bb84th** Over the weekend, our Officers took the time to deliver Father's Day gifts and letters individually to 103 followed strictly during the process of delivery and photo taking)

84th Coy on 22 June

# Exploring Fun

Over the past few years, the Explorers Companies have been growing and here are some activities that the kindergarteners have taken part in!

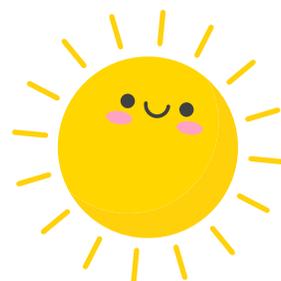
## 5th Explorers Singapore Company (Edelweiss Kindergarten)



To celebrate the achievements for the school year, 60 Boys and Girls took part in multiple activities relating to what they learnt during the Programme at their end-of-year day camp last November! They even helped to cook spaghetti and prepare macaroni fruit salad with their teachers' supervision, and washed their own dishes after!



The Explorers Programme was born in partnership with the BB and The Girls' Brigade Singapore to develop a brand-new Community Development Programme for Boys and Girls aged five through six. To date, six Explorers Companies are operational with 451 Boys and Girls. More Companies are expected to start in the later part of this year, pending the COVID-19 situation.



## 2nd Explorers Singapore Company (Chen Li Kindergarten)

Captain Diana Thio (LTA), also shared about their camp: "The 2nd Explorer Singapore Company campers had a great time being little Einsteins. They learnt knowledge about gravity, that light travels in a straight line, sound travels in waves and that a tuning fork is able to make a ripple on water."



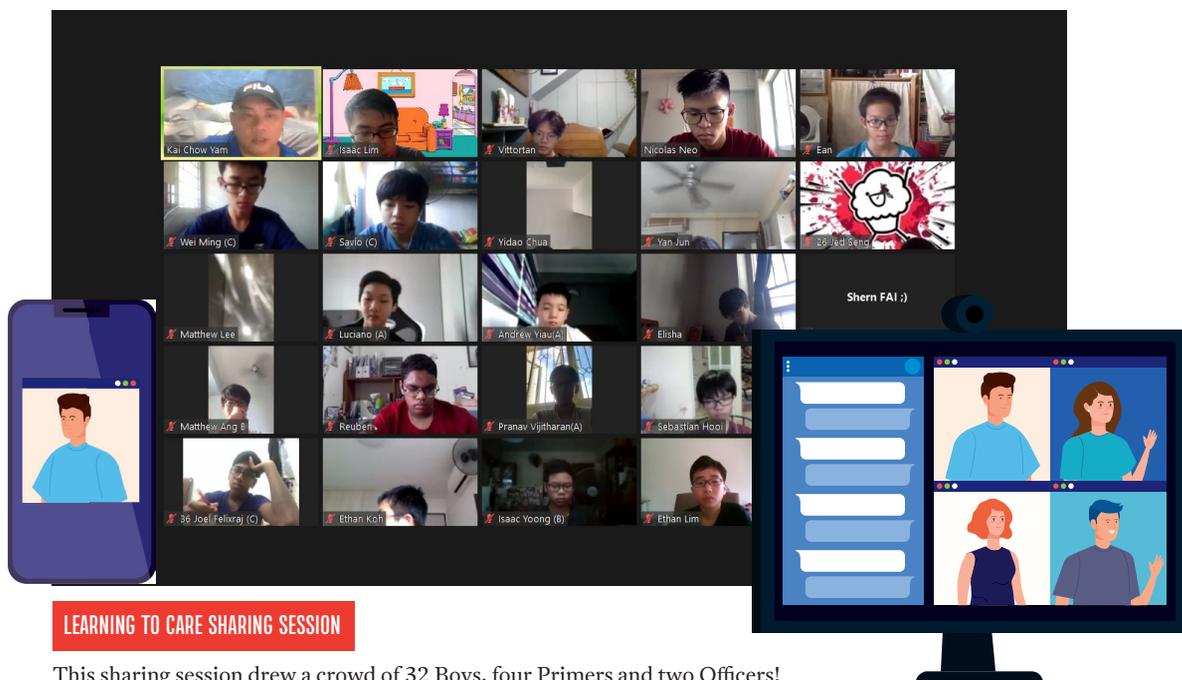
On the second day of the camp last November, the 41 Boys and Girls went on an adventure to West Coast Park for a learning journey with Better Trails. They learnt to bag their trash, walk on the correct pathways such as the cement or gravel path, and to leave no trace of rubbish at the beach. We hoped their takeaway from the camp managed to influence their family members to take care of the environment too!"



# CARING BY SHARING



Since early May, the 5th Singapore Company (Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School) launched a series of online sharing sessions from the Boys themselves! Ranging from topics such as 'Being Humble', 'Learning to Care' and 'Honest Living', CPL Ruban Joyson Praison, CPL Luciano Chung and CPL Daniel Wang respectively shared from their personal experiences gleaned in their time with the BB.



## LEARNING TO CARE SHARING SESSION

This sharing session drew a crowd of 32 Boys, four Primers and two Officers!



I'm CPL Luciano Chung and I would like to share about caring for each other and its importance! I start my sharing from the personal experience of care being shown to me by my BB Senior, SSG Cheng Zhi An, our CSM. Since knowing him in Secondary One, he has been one of the few persons who is willing to sacrifice his own time and efforts to help me unconditionally. Whenever I asked him for help, be it for BB or studies, he will always offer it without hesitation. Even during our camps, he cared in his little ways by making sure I'm doing fine. He always invites me to join him for fishing or even playing online games. He is someone whom I look up to that deeply cares for me, even outside of the BB.

## WHY CARE?

It is important for us to care for one another, especially during this Circuit Breaker (CB), by providing emotional support for one another.

Some people might be struggling with their mental well-being. Being stuck at home during CB might be very frustrating for them but you might not be aware of it.

We need to let others know that even if they face challenges in their lives, they are not alone and they can always seek help from others.

## HOW CAN YOU DO IT?



### By providing a listening ear

The first thing you need to learn is to know what others are going through. By developing an interest in others' lives and listening to them, it allows us to empathise and maybe think of ways to help them if needed.



### Be observant to the needs of others

There are some people who are too shy to ask for help, but if you are observant enough, you will know that they need it. In school, we should make special effort to care for the people around us.



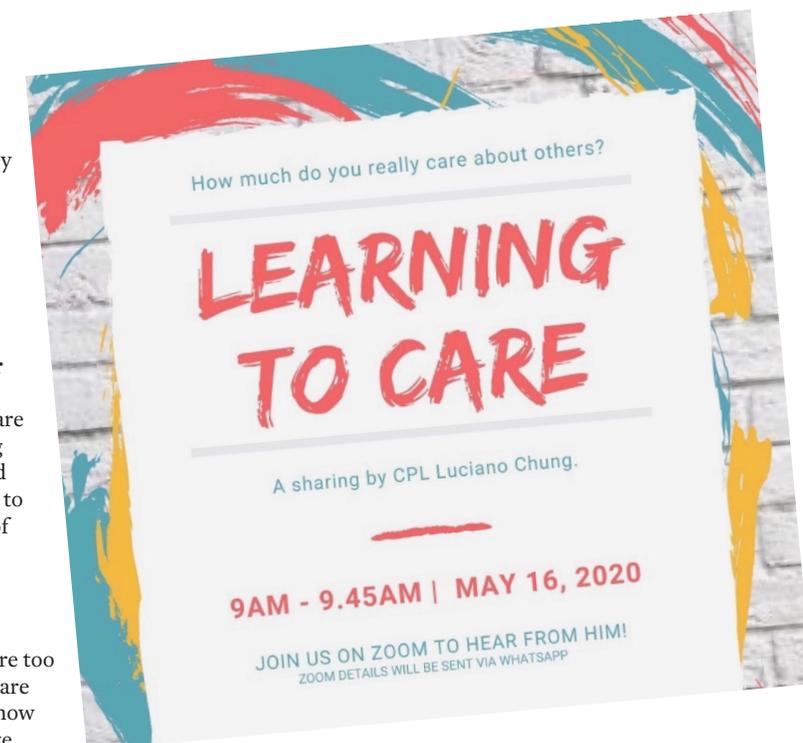
### Serve instead of waiting to be served

Another way to show care for others is by serving them. Even just the simple way of filling someone's glass with water or passing the dish across the table can be ways to show care. How much more should you care for your friend who might be having a bad day by simply checking up on them? Surely, they will be able to feel your care for them.

## APPLICATION

- In summary, when we care for others, we should be willing to provide a listening ear, observe what difficulties they may be facing and be willing to serve them.
- Help others with a sincere heart. You never know the impact you would have on them.
- BB should be a safe place for everyone to grow and express their opinions, forging strong brotherhood through caring for one another.
- We could all start by thinking of who we can care for in our Company. It could be your friends or it could even be your junior or senior. You can start by sending a text of encouragement to them, and just check up on them to see whether they are doing fine.

In conclusion, I would like to share a verse of encouragement from Matthew 7:12, "in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you". I hope that my sharing is helpful and may all of you seek to be a caring friend to one another.



# MEMORIES FOR 90TH ANNIVERSARY!

As we celebrate our 90th Anniversary this 2020, we invited Companies to share memories unique to their history with photos taken through the years. And we will be showcasing more collages in the next issue of BB News!

Here are some collages the Companies created and sent in:





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