

Christian Family Service Centre 60th Anniversary Video (English Version)

Caption: 60th Anniversary Christian Family Service Centre

VO: Founded by Miss Muriel Boone, a United Presbyterian missionary the Christian Family Service Centre (CFSC) was established in 1954. It was initially named as the 'United Presbyterian Casework Centre' targeted at providing services to the needy with financial difficulties. It was until 1965 that the Centre was renamed as CFSC and was relocated to its current address at 3 Tsui Ping Road, Kwun Tong. With the increasing demand for social services the Board of Directors has decided to rebuild a headquarters building with ten storey in 1987. The construction completed in 1998 and has embraced a brand new page to the development of the Centre. As the second millennium approaches the government has been actively promoting the reform of various social welfare funding systems. In 2001, the Centre has officially joined the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System by the Social Welfare Department. As the Centre develops and demand for social needs rises the Centre launches a series of service reforms enabling increased efficiency in service work logistics as well as improving quality of work

Caption: Mr, Kwok Lit-tung, JP
Chief Executive

Mr Kwok: Christian Family Service Centre has a mission to serve the needy with the love of Christ striving to support and enhance family functioning foster an environment in which growth and change can take place. We believe in social justice, respect for human dignity endeavor to contribute to the building of a humane and caring society in Hong Kong. With the implementation of premium service management we hope to establish the spirit of service that is people-centred constantly striving for excellence, and innovative providing quality service with generous support to families in need.

VO: CFSC has long been committed to serve those in need in various areas let us hear about their stories.

Caption: CFSC 60
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Caption: Mrs Tam

Mrs Tam: CFSC was still a stone house when I first paid a visit in 1985.

Caption: Mr Tam

Mr Tam: It was like a baby when I first saw it witnessing its growth today with the increased amount of service units I was a bit shy and timid when I first came later I joined the singing class and took the opportunity to reach out and talk to people Ms. Hui has her ways to make everyone listens and follows to her instructions. Just like the laughing yoga no one was willing to do it before but everyone enjoys it now

Mrs Tam: The Centre has given me a lot of help and provided me opportunities to learn it has also taught me how to care and love the people around me Everyone can enjoy the service and that whenever in doubt there is always someone to listen and answer to their or their family members' problems. Therefore, I do think that the Centre has given Kwun Tong a lot of strengthening and help

Caption: Ms Hui

Ms Hui: Mr and Mrs Tam has given me the encouragement as a couple I have never imagined them evolving into who they are today in 20 years time. The transformation was because of the opportunities given by CFSC it has enabled them to develop their potentials to serve people in different age groups. We are proud to have a couple like them to join our force as social workers and to serve people who are in need. Witnessing the loving and romantic side of them is also something we like to see. Wishing everyone can continue and keep up the good work.

Caption: CFSC 60
生命影響生命

Caption: CK

CK: Secondary school was a completely new environment to me on top of that. I am afraid of loneliness and met a group of playful friends hence I gradually disliked going home and studying and even stopped attending school. My relationship with my mother has turned sour

and social workers at the school started approaching me.

Caption: Ms Wong

Ms Wong: Through coaching, we hope to improve her relationship with her mother, as well as analyze the options for her at the moment. To re-establish her relationship with her mother we arranged her mother to participate in several parental groups. Through interactive sections with other parents she was able to learn more about how to get along with her daughter better. After a series of participation we see improvements and changes in their relationship.

CK: I would really want to thank Ms Wong for giving me the care and support I needed when I was lost. Because of my personal experience I was motivated to becoming a social worker to help those in need to influence a life with my life and to become a companion in their journeys of life so as to show support.

Ms Wong: I was deeply touched when she told me that she would want to be a social worker because of me. Initially I only hoped to help mend her relationship with her family regardless of the outcome. Unexpectedly, my companion with her has an influence on her dream to becoming a social worker and even to help those in need. I was really grateful and appreciative when I heard what she said. And I do hope that she can put what she has experienced into helping the others and to serve those who are in need.

Caption: CFSC 60 生活再出發

Mr Cheng: After recovering from a severe stroke

Caption: Mr. Cheng

Mr Cheng: I have lost motivation in life
People look at me very differently.
A physiotherapist from the hospital said to me
“I can recommend you to a centre in Kwun Tong if you do not
mind.”
When the Centre called, my wife sent me to the car
and then went to the Centre for physical exercise.
I do not mind the physical fatigue
after exercising for a year
I ask her if there is anything I can help
with whenever she is busy

Caption: Mrs Cheng

Mrs Cheng: He met a lot of friends who share similar experiences
after coming to the Centre
he became more talkative and cheerful than before.

Mr Cheng: The Centre has helped us a lot
in turn I helped my wife to lessen her burdens.
I am happy when I see her happy

Caption: Ms Lau

Ms Lau: When he first came to our Centre for assessment
his physical coordination was not too good
his sudden change from being the “stronger”
who used to help others
into a person who needs help from his wife in various areas
has made him down and upset
Seeing his improvements has given our team
a very positive encouragement
Other than his physical improvements
our previous counseling sessions have also helped Mr Cheng

and his wife to restore their confidence
to continue his road of recovery
This is one of our largest achievements

VO: In 2008, CFSC has established its Project Development Team
focusing on the development of sustainable
and innovative service plans
so as to bid and open up new service lines
At the same time
CFSC embedded new elements on top of the existing services
to make amendments in order to facilitate the society's needs
as well as enhancing CFSC's ability
of helping one self while serving others

Mr Kwok: Looking upon the future
It is estimated that that the society will continue to evolve
and that the public's expectation to the standards
and effects of social services will be tightened
While developing sustainable services
CFSC reconfirms our mission
To help our services users to pursuit their ideal family lives
At the same time, we cooperate with other groups
to co-build a friendly community and a fair society
We pay close attention to the planet we are living in
and to promote environmental protection in the society

VO: CFSC's future services will be re-organised into 10 core services

Caption & VO: Children & Family Services
Youth Services
Elderly Care Services
Active Ageing Services
Services for People with Disabilities
Opportunities and Inclusion for People with Disabilities
Mental Health Services
Medical & Health Services
Community Development Services
Environmental Protection & Green Living

Caption: Mr. Nicholas Chiu Sai-chuen BBS, MBE, JP
Chairman

Mr Chiu: CFSC was established in 1954
we have been serving the community in Hong Kong for 60 years
After 60 years' of the continuous development
we have grown vigorously
and have over 1,000 employees working with us currently
The scope of services have transformed from serving
families only into today's comprehensive
and multi-functional service lines
In order to achieve what we have today
thanks must be given to the HKSAR Government
citizens in Hong Kong, as well as the public's support
Without your support
CFSC would not have been able to develop into today's scale
The future's shall continue to evolve and transform
CFSC will put in great efforts to improve as time goes on
to provide with assistance
and services to those in need in the society
The Centre will keep up with the society's development
to establish new services
In the future, we hope to receive continuous support from you all
Thank you

CFSC's Staffs: Sixty Years of Service in Kowloon East
With Love We Create the Future Together