

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN ANNUAL REPORT



INFORMATION



Seventy Times Seven (“70x7”) (previously known as Life Anew!) was registered with National Council of Social Service (NCSS) as a fund of Prison Fellowship Singapore (“PFS”) with the status of an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) on 1 November 2009. In January 2015, The Ministry of Social and Family Development approved the name change.

IPC Number: IP000680

Unique Entity Number (UEN): T09CC0007H

Registered Address: 50 Playfair Road #03-01,
Noel Building, Singapore 367995

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Name	Designation	Occupation	Date of Appointment
Ms Melissa Kwee Mei Wan	Member/ Chairman	CEO, National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre	28 August 2013
Mr Timothy Wong Kok Chee	Member	Managing Director, Head Group Research/Asian Insight Office, DBS Bank	01 June 2016
Dr Yap Chee Meng	Member	Deputy Head & Senior Lecturer, Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, National University of Singapore	01 June 2016
Ms Ho Kah Yin	Member/ Treasurer	Group CFO, Acorn Marketing & Research Consultants (Group) Pte Ltd	04 June 2018
Ms Charlotte Yew Li Lin*	Director/ Treasurer	Board member, Yellow Ribbon Fund	28 August 2013
Dr Ho Yew Kee*	Director/ Secretary	Professor, Associate Provost, Singapore Institute of Technology	13 February 2014
Ms Lorinne Kon*	Member	Director, OSA Industries Pte Ltd and Wycliffe Bible Translators	28 August 2013

* Resigned on 4 June 2018

ATTENDANCE AT MC MEETINGS

Name	21/02/18	16/05/18	03/09/18	03/12/18
Ms Melissa Kwee Mei Wan	1	1	0	1
Mr Timothy Wong Kok Chee	0	1	0	0
Dr Yap Chee Meng	1	1	0	1
Ms Ho Kah Yin	Not appointed yet	Not appointed yet	1	1
Ms Charlotte Yew Li Lin*	1	1	Resigned	Resigned
Dr Ho Yew Kee*	0	1	Resigned	Resigned
Ms Lorinne Kon*	1	1	Resigned	Resigned

Executive Director Andrew Tay (appointed 21 March 2016)

Banker Development Bank of Singapore Ltd

Auditor Baker Tilly TFW LLP

ABOUT

70x7 is an initiative and a **fund** of Prison Fellowship Singapore Limited (PFS). It was set up to fund activities of PFS that are both non-religious and pro-social in nature. The programmes funded by 70x7 have the objective of journeying with inmates, ex-offenders and their families from brokenness into wholeness, regardless of their race and religion.

VISION

Our vision is reconciliation of love and justice.

POLICIES

Funding Sources

70x7 is financially supported by donations from churches, organisations, individuals, foundations, and government grants.

Management & Avoidance of Conflicts of Interest

We require members of the Management Committee to fill in and sign a Conflict of Interest Form each year and declare any potential conflict of interest situation.

Staffing

70x7 is a fund of Prison Fellowship Singapore and not a legal entity. Therefore, it does not have any staff. The staffing information below pertains to Prison Fellowship Singapore:

As at 31 December 2018, there is a total of 13 staff, comprising 12 full-time and 1 part-time staff:

- Executive Director: 1
- Administrative / Support Staff: 4
- Ministry/Field Staff: 8

Core Activities

Funded by 70x7



Strengthening the community partnership and engagement



Creating and implementing programmes that bring inmates and the community together



Educational and welfare assistance for inmates' families



Victim Empathy Programme in prison



Coordinating the National Youth Achievement Award in Reformatory Training Centre

Through Care Ministry

In-care

For Inmates

Victim Empathy Programme (VEP): A restorative programme that helps prisoners understand the ripple effect of their crime on victims and their families.

Aftercare

(for released male & female ex-offenders)

Aftercare activities commence at the prison gate on the day of an inmate's release. When requested by an inmate, he/she will be met by volunteers and/or staff at the time of his/her release ("Prison Gate Ministry). The ex-offender will then be followed up through a journeying process which include support in the areas of skills upgrading, job placements and financial aid, etc. The objective of Aftercare is to journey with the ex-offender as he/she re-integrates into the society.



Case Management and
Referrals



Job Referrals and
Placements



Skills Upgrading Talks
/ Workshops



Bonding Gatherings
and Birthdays



Financial and Practical
Assistance

Family Care Ministry

For Family Members of Inmates and ex-offenders

We partner with churches, volunteers, and organisations to bring love and support to families of inmates to break the inter-generational cycle of offending. Through programmes designed to help the affected adults, youth and children, we hope to assist in the strengthening of the family units and providing an environment that is conducive for reconciliation of inmates and ex-offenders to their family members, and their eventual re-integration into society. Practical support for inmates' families include medical visits, escorts to visit inmates in prison, social assistance referral and case management, financial aid, educational programmes for children, educational bursary and outings for children and family members.



Children and Youth
Programmes



Parenting Workshops



Family Bonding Events
and Outings



Educational
Sponsorship



Case Management and
Referrals and Family Visit



Events and
Celebrations



Volunteer Outings/
Retreats

COLLABORATIONS



SISTER

by Chai Yee Wei

A landmark film project between National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC), local film company Blue3Asia and 15 Singaporean film-makers, "15 Shorts" showcases lesser-told stories of everyday Singaporean heroes from the 1970s to the 1990s, in support of 15 charities.

Director Chai Yee Wei's short film "Sister" was dedicated to 70x7. "Sister" tells the story of Roman Catholic nun Sister Gerard Fernandez, who became a death row counsellor after Catherine Tan was sentenced to hang. Catherine Tan was one of the two holy wives of the infamous Adrian Lim - a spirit medium whose outrageous story of sex, rituals, and rites shocked the entire nation.

VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT



Volunteers are our valuable partners. It is through constant engagement with them that we will eventually see a community that embraces inmates, ex-offenders and their families. We aim to continue to work on enhancing our care and equipping of volunteers through training and various engagement activities.

18 **training sessions** were conducted for volunteers in 2018. They covered a range of topics including:

- Challenges Faced by Discharged Inmates
- Prison Sub-culture and Gangs
- Financial Planning for Low Income Families
- HIV/AIDS Care
- Digital Age Parenting
- Essential Listening Practice

Activities funded include:

- Training and talks to equip volunteers to provide both practical and emotional support to inmates, ex-offenders and their families
- Engagement of volunteers to connect and express appreciation for their partnership and support
- Volunteer recruitment / interviews
- Bonding meetings/ events

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Funded by 70 x 7



Daily/
Ongoing

- In prison sessions
- Meet and connect with ex-offenders on their day of release at Prison Gate Ministry
- Assistance on job referrals and placements
- Family visits and practical assistance, case management for inmates' families
- Recruitment and management of volunteers



Women's
Support Group

- Chinese New Year celebration 26 Feb 2018 at Chin Lee restaurant
- Parent day celebration 4 June 2018
- Watching movie 30 June 2018 at Vivo City
- Durian outing 8 Aug 2018
- Christmas celebration 17 Dec 2018



Men's
Support Group

- Chinese New Year dinner
- Yearly Retreat in SG chalet (3D2N)
- Yearly Christmas celebration at St James Church



Family Care

- Weekly Care Club [children and Youth programmes]
- Camps, activities, school holiday programmes and outings etc.
- Educational sponsorship
- Family bonding events / outings
- Parenting workshops
- Events and celebrations
- Case management and referrals; family visits
- Volunteer care/ retreat



Fundraising Event
and Activities

A charity golf event named "PFS-Life Anew Charity Golf 2018" was organized on 12 Oct 2018. The event took place at the Warren Golf and Country Club. A total 144 golfers took part and we raised almost \$300,000.

PLANS FOR 2019

As more opportunities are being presented to PFS to reach out to beneficiaries with pro-social, non-religious activities, 70x7 will focus on raising sufficient funds to finance these activities in 2019.

Review Of Financial State And Explanation Of Major Financial Transactions:

70x7 recorded a net surplus of \$97,020 for the financial year ended 31 December 2018. This is attributed mainly to donations raised through the Charity Golf event, as well as receipt of Care & Share grant disbursement from NCSS (National Council of Social Service). Two fundraising events have been planned for 2019 to strengthen 70x7's financial position.

REVIEW AND CHANGES IN THE POLICY: NIL

EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE CHARITY'S ASSETS ARE HELD

Passenger Van

The passenger van (purchased in 2016) was used mainly for:

- Ferrying
 - ex-offenders and their family members to their home, halfway houses or for other purposes
 - children of ex-offenders to and from home for Care Club, KayCan and other activities
 - staff and volunteers for various activities
- Home visits and delivery of donated food or other items to beneficiaries
- Transport for festive celebrations, camps and other activities

FUTURE PLANS & COMMITMENTS

70x7 intends to fund more pro-social, non-religious work amongst those whose lives have been affected by crime.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- If given the opportunity, to continue the VEP run in prison
- Continue to support ex-offenders by equipping them with necessary skills, assist in job placements, and in meeting their social needs
- To enhance the Prison Gate programme to boost the number of ex-offenders who will consider joining the support group activities
- To plan new In-Care programmes that will reach more of the prison population
- To continue reaching out to the families of inmates through the Family Care Ministry
- To plan two fundraising events
- Becoming more involved with other rehabilitative agencies and partners such as the CARE network



Thank You
and
Be Blessed

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