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Youth Mission

(5 missions in 5 IJ Secondary Schools)

The CHIJ Youth Mission (IJYM) aims to provide an enabling environment for our girls to recognise and promote the dignity of human persons. The students over the years have been reaching out to the less fortunate in our society extending to poorer areas of South East Asia.

All IJ Youth Mission members in the school are given a chance to work together with four other IJ Schools, CHIJ St. Nicholas, CHIJ St. Teresa's, CHIJ St Joseph's and CHIJ Katong. The bond that this CCA shares, is the IJ mission and vision that belongs to all the IJ schools.

During the years, a wide range of activities are conducted for members: Community Service, Reflection on Talks/Videos, Fundraising for the Needy, Home Visits, Leadership Camps and Development of Personal Skills through craft works and other activities.

Combined IJ Schools Activities

In IJYM, our members are also given opportunities to organise and participate in combined schools' activities with IJYM in our sister schools. Activities include:

- Combined schools' camp
- IJYM Fun Day
- Leadership workshop
- Combined schools' presentations

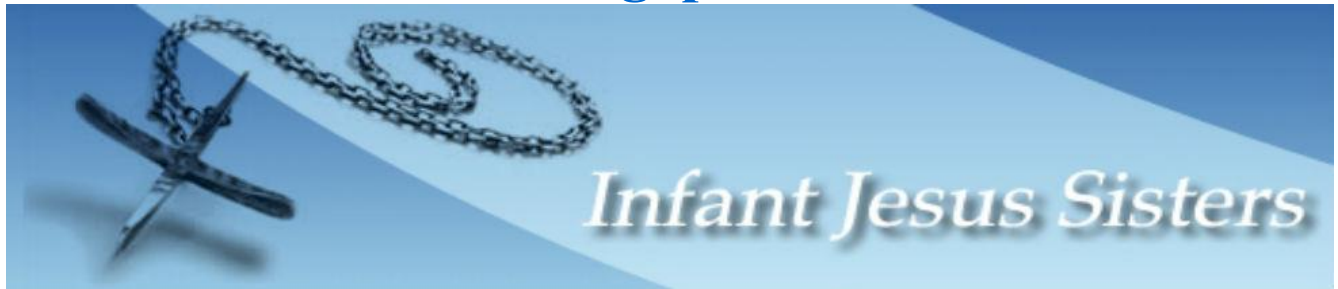
At [CHIJ Toa Payoh \(Sec\)](#), their local outreach, which has been successfully on-going for several years now, the One-room flat project, is now self-initiated. Teachers are happy to report they have very responsible student leaders so IJYM can now expand to serve new mission centres. Lunch in the Dark was a very enriching experience for the girls - highly recommended for other IJYM members to experience. They have modified group reflections to include more open sharings to help cultivate in-depth reflections with the girls. More bonding activities were most helpful so they had no attendance issues.

For 2016, in addition to the on-going projects, IJTP worked with CanossaVille teaching the children art & craft skills. It has planned fellowship sessions with the Good Shepherd Centre.

All members participate in the annual IJ Youth Mission Inter-school Competition to showcase their community service and programme for the year. The IJ Youth Mission (CHIJ Secondary) has attained the Certificate of Distinction from 2014 to 2019.

[CHIJ Katong Convent](#) IJYM's work with Group Life to reach out to the elderly was successful. The focus was on local missions in 2015, growing their IJYM internally by building up the girls' commitment to IJYM. For 2016, KC continued working with Group Life teaching them more IT skills, more interaction activities with the elderly.

- Student-led day activities such as beach cleaning and school-based service learning
- Conducting 1-to-1 workshops teaching seniors on the use of IT gadgets at Goodlife! Centre
- Organising games and art activities for elderly residents of All Saints Nursing Home
- Hosted IJYM groups of the five CHIJ schools during inter-school games and presentations
- Attained the highest 'Distinction Award' for three consecutive years in the annual Combined Inter-school IJYM Presentation



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CHIJ St Theresa's Convent IJYM had worked well with their new mission partner, Beyond Social Services, to serve the community, especially the young. Local outreach last year was with Willing Hearts. For 2016, STC worked with another outreach centre. Teachers left the initiative to the IJYM girls to plan and organize the outreach.

We have been called to serve the disadvantaged both locally and overseas. Our mission strives to bring to others justice, peace and joy, and is the ground of our service with freedom and out of love.

The Infant Jesus Youth Mission has had another eventful year visiting the elderly at the Moral Link Home in Telok Blangah, raising funds and educating others about 'Dignity' and going on an Overseas Community Involvement Project in Cambodia to develop our ability to empathise with others. This experience provides our members a platform to understanding to see from another person's perspective and gain a greater depth for reflection as well as personal self-transition and awareness of the other.

We also participate in several activities, camps and leadership trainings with our sister IJ schools and have especially enjoyed the IJYM Funday @ STC! However, despite all the hustle and bustle, we were still able to clinch a GOLD AWARD for IJ Youth Mission Inter-School Competition in 2011.

CHIJ St Nicholas (Sec) IJYM continued their long-term collaboration with Lion Befrienders. The members have been reaching out to the elderly @ Tampines. IJYM was successful in deepening the relationship between the girls and their elderly friends. They also brought the elderly on an outing to the school. SNGS continued their long-term mission outreach in Siem Reap @ Kbon Primary School. They raised funds to build their school canteen and stock their school library. Last year, only the teachers were able to make the mission trip due to MOE constraints.

For 2016, SNGS continued working with SASCO to reach out to the elderly through their various centres and homes and forge a new partnership with APSN. With more teachers, various outreach activities can run concurrently, once or twice a month. SNGS continued their long-term mission outreach in Siem Reap @ Kbon Primary School. They raised funds to build their water tank. Girls are involved in the planning of outreach programmes. Continued self-initiated projects by the pupils are on-going.

Our CCA's vision is "Joy through Service", and we seek to live out our school's values especially of Love and Justice through our activities. We do outreach service projects with organisations such as Lions Befrienders, SASCO, APSN, and Ang Mo Kio Thye Hua Kwan. We also carry out fund-raising projects when needed. We go through skills training such as how to communicate with the elderly and simple dialect lessons, as well as handicraft-making which we can do together with the elderly and the disadvantaged whom we visit or for our fund-raising projects.

Befriending Projects at Lions Befrienders @ Tampines Seniors Day-care Centre

Lions Befrienders @ Tampines is one of the disadvantaged organisations that our club partners with. On a regular basis, the members of the IJYM will plan and carry out activities to engage the elderly in the Seniors Day-care Centre. Some of the activities include handicrafts, sing-a-longs and simple games. We aim to foster stronger bonds between our members and the elderly at the day-care centre. Going forward, we have embarked on a scrapbooking project, pairing each senior with 1-2 students of the club.

Befriending Projects at APSN

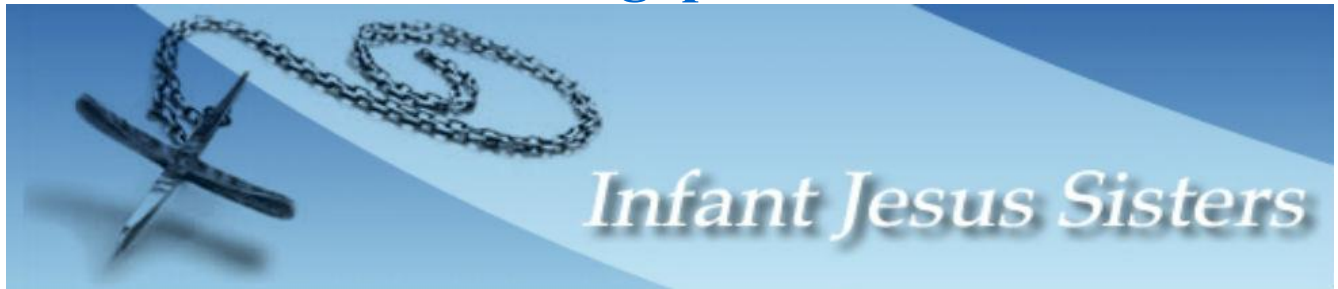
APSN is yet another organisation that our club partners and hold interaction sessions with.

Befriending Projects with AMK THK

Students befriend seniors and have interactive sessions through games and arts and crafts activities.

Befriending Projects with SUNDAC

Clients from SUNDAC visit the school during long recess on Fridays to mingle with the IJYM members



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and learn life skills. Students use this opportunity to learn about the clients and their interests.

Partnership with other organisations

We are looking into partnerships with other organisations as well.

- Skills Development
- To effectively equip our members with relevant skills for our outreach programmes, IJYM members and teachers have planned and undergone skills training programmes, such as:
- Art & Craft
- Tie Dye Session
- Learning Dialects Session
- Finger Knitting; Making of handicrafts with yarn
- Upper Body Exercises
- Evergreen Songs Sing-a-longs
- "Soft skills" e.g. starting conversations and writing proposals
- Fine Motor VS Gross Motor Skills

Fund Raising Projects (Entrepreneurship)

As part of our outreach to the disadvantaged, IJYM members also plan and engage in fund raising events to raise funds for future events. Here are some fund raisers we have conducted:

- Sale of balloons during Jubilate X
- Sale of flowers during ELDDS Showcase

[CHIJ St Joseph's Convent](#) IJYM did successful outreach at the All Saints Home and also HOME. They had organized successfully an outing for HOME residents to SJC. The Shoebox project was also a great success. For 2016, SJC continued local mission outreach with All Saints Home and HOME.

Our activities include meaningful community involvement programmes like fund raising projects for the needy and volunteering at Homes for the Elderly. Members are transformed by the experience of servant leadership and grow as they listen to the needs of others in their community.

IJYM ACTIVITIES

- Visiting the St Theresa's Home and All Saints Home for the Aged
- Food collection and distribution to needy families
- Fund raising for our outreach activities
- Joint IJYM activities with the four other IJYM schools
- Weekly meetings at school

ACHIEVEMENTS

| Year | Award | Name of Competition |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2018 | Accomplishment Award | Annual Inter School IJYM Competition |
| 2017 | Accomplishment Award | |
| 2016 | Distinction Award | |
| 2015 | Achievement Award | |
| 2014 | Distinction Award | |

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Besides service, the IJYM members from all the 5 IJ Sec schools meet several times annually for the IJYM Fun Day at IJ Toa Payoh, the combined Annual School Camp at IJ St Nicholas Girls, the Exco Leadership Workshop at IJ St Joseph's Convent, and the Inter-Schools Exhibition 2016 on the theme- Dignity Challenged.

In 2017, the IJYM Fun Day was held on 1 Mar, the Combined School Camp on 25 Mar. The theme for the year's Inter-School Competition and Exhibition was "Walking with Sufferers". The presentation took place on 23 Aug 2017.

IJYM members can look forward to having new IJYM T-shirts.

CHIJ St Theresa's Convent is appealing for textbooks and assessment books on behalf of the Mission Centre @ Payatas, Philippines. Schools who are able to donate, kindly liaise with the teacher in charge IJYM KC.

CHIJ St Nicolas has supported the Laos Mission through their contribution of stationary and books and CHIJ Katong sewed face masks for those in need and contributed groceries to the families affected by COVID-19 pandemic and they worked with IJHCC in their distribution of the foodstuff especially during the fasting period.

It is heartening to know that some of the Alumni from the Youth Mission from the CHIJ Schools are in touch with one another and have continued with their outreach even when they have left school when studying at the tertiary institutions and when they start working.

You are invited to join the IJ Youth Mission to acquire inner strength and character as well as to discover the meaning and purpose of serving the community.