

CARE Network Insider

Alone we can do a little, together we can do so much

– Helen Keller

We've leaped into another quarter in the blink of an eye! CN Insider April 2022 is here to keep you posted on exciting aftercare-related news. We hope to ignite stronger synergy within the community through better understanding of each other's work in supporting the successful reintegration of ex-offenders and their families.

Save the DATE!
Upcoming Event



CARE Network Summit 2022

By CARE Network (CN),
Yellow Ribbon Singapore (YRSG)

After last year's successful virtual summit, we are thrilled to announce that the upcoming CN Summit will be a physical event, scheduled on 18 July 2022! The details are brewing and coming your way, so keep a lookout for the official announcement.

More about CARE Network

In 2020, the Community Action for the Rehabilitation of Ex-Offenders (CARE) Network developed 2 strategic thrusts with the goal to reduce the recidivism rate.

Read more on CARE Network and its plans via this link: <https://go.gov.sg/cnpublication2020> or scan the QR code here:



Calling for Learning Friends!

By New Life Stories (NLS)

Learning Friends is the cornerstone of New Life Stories' befriender programme that focuses on befriending the children of incarcerated parents. Volunteers in Learning Friends have journeyed with the children and their families and built long-lasting relationships with them, instilling the joy of learning and reading to improve their English literacy and school-readiness. The beneficiaries are children aged 3-12 enjoy science experiments, arts and crafts projects and creative storytelling. So, if you love kids and can spare an hour once a week, come and join NLS as a Learning Friend!



To sign up, please email volunteer@newlifestories.org.sg
To find out more, click <https://www.newlifestories.org.sg/volunteer>

Project LIVEN Programme

By Care Community Services Society (CCSS)

Project LIVEN stands for "Lives Inspired, InVigorated, Enhanced and Nourished". This initiative aims to empower ex-offenders by journeying with them for a period of 3 to 12 months in their area of needs such as employment, skills training, strengthening family ties, and enhancing relationships within the community and resilience-building in overcoming daily challenges. Referrals are received from various sources, such as the Yellow Ribbon Community Project (YRCP) comprising Direct Releasees who frequently require stronger support in their reintegration and rehabilitation after their release.

To find out more about this initiative and referrals, click: <https://www.ccscscares.sg/careprison>
or visit them on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/ccscscares>

STEP UP

A Mentoring Programme by
HCSA Community Services (HCSA)

STEP UP is a mentoring programme co-funded by Allen & Overy and "Jesus the Light" i.e. the Philanthropy arm of Far East Organisation and LinkedIn, and designed to connect ex-offenders and abused teenage girls from HCSA Highpoint and Dayspring Residential Treatment Centre with various community stakeholders like Värde Partner and DBS Bank for 6 months in their reintegration journey. Aligned with HCSA's goal to promote social mobility for their clients, STEP UP will focus on the mentees' development and growth, relationship management and clarity in life goals and direction.



If you are a corporate partner with at least 3-5 years working experience, possess good communication and relational skills and have genuine interest to serve and develop others, reach out to Andrew Ong (andrew_ong@hcsa.org.sg) and be part of STEP UP! To find out more, click [here](#).





Expanded Scope for the Yellow Ribbon Emergency Fund

By Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF)

YRF is excited to announce the expanded scope of the Yellow Ribbon Emergency Fund (YREF)! The YREF was established in 2006 to provide immediate financial support for ex-offenders and their families' food and transportation, within one year of their release from prison.

From 1 April 2022, the YREF will cover other areas of basic needs such as clothing, mobile plan top-ups,

replacement fee for loss of NRIC (one-off for ex-offenders who have lost their NRIC) and the cost of milk and diapers for ex-offenders who have children below 7 years old. The duration of support has also increased from one year to within two years after their release. With the enhanced financial support assistance, YRF hopes to lighten ex-offenders' financial burden and enable them to focus on their other reintegration needs.

To apply for YREF, you may approach the following administrators from Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm:

- Singapore Aftercare Association (SACA) @ 62942350
- Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA) @ 6732 1122
- Industrial & Services Co-operative Society (ISCOS) @ 8228 8724
- Care Community Services Society (CCSS) @ 6950 7500

Education Support Programme

By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)

SACA offers 2 course fee co-payment schemes: Lee Foundation Education Assistance Scheme (LFEAS) and Skills Upgrading Scheme (SUS) for ex-offenders who are looking to further their education or pursue skills-based courses. The programme includes casework and counselling, peer mentoring, tuition and other supporting activities.

Application criteria are as follows:

- Singaporean/Permanent Resident
- Enrolled in a recognised/accredited local institution
- Released for 2 years and less at time of application
- Monthly gross household per capita income not exceeding \$1,900



For more information, please click: www.saca.org.sg or scan the QR code:



Yoon's Social Kitchen

Co-founded by Ms Talia Lee and Ms Qara Yoon, Yoon's Social Kitchen is a little cafe operating as a social enterprise with a big mission to provide a safe space for female ex-drug offenders to learn a skill and achieve sustainable employment in a safe and unbiased environment. When asked what's her motto when things get tough, Ms Talia shared that

"Those that are forgiven much; love much. Keep on loving!"

Head down to their location at Macpherson Mall or to order online, click: <https://take.app/s/6596665134>.

For more information, visit their

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/YoonsTraditionalTeochewKueh/?ti=as>

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/yoonstraditionalteochewkueh>

Celebrating
Each Other's
Milestones



Sleek and Trendy Cut

Braving through the pandemic, Mr Upu Badarrudin opened a barbershop called 'Sleek and Trendy Cut' after several months of working at a friend's barbershop. Determined to tap on his skills such as barbering and music to turn over a new leaf, Mr. Upu believes that

"There is no one who could change us except ourselves. It comes from within and change before it is too late."

His barbershop has drawn local celebrities like Fuad Rahman and Gurmit Singh and is located at Queensway Shopping Centre.

To book a haircut slot, just call/text @ 97324647

To find out more, visit IG page: https://instagram.com/sleek_cutbarber

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Soon Huat Bak Kut Teh

Founded in April 2013 by a Yellow Ribbon Awards 2021 recipient, Mr Jabez Tan believes that

"While we can't rewrite our past, we can all grab a clean sheet of paper and write our future as long as we continue to have faith, find the right support, choose wisely and move forward!"

Soon Huat Bak Kut Teh is a business of second chances where more than 50% of their employees are ex-offenders, serving delicious Bak Kut Teh and other Chinese cuisines. It is conveniently located at Bedok and Jalan Kayu.

To order online: <https://orderonline.soonhuat.sg/#/> or contact them @ 6273 3338. For more information, click: <https://www.soonhuat.sg>



Infinite Transport

A logistic company founded by Mr Jabez Koh, a Yellow Ribbon Awards 2021 recipient and known for his strong advocacy of empowering ex-offenders to give back to society and provide employment opportunities for them. When faced with challenges, Jabez holds on to his personal mantra which is

"We can't control what is happening, but we can control ourselves and how [we] deal with it."

To engage their services, click: <https://www.facebook.com/infinite transports> or contact them @ 6747 9778.



Triad Trails

By Architects Of Life (AOL)

This is Singapore's first ever tour led by ex-offenders turned good! Get up close and personal with an ex-offender tour guide and uncover the underbelly of Singapore's past dark secrets of gangs, drugs and untold crimes.

For more details, click: <https://triadtrails.mulacan.com/>



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MOU for Singapore Teochew Foundation - Yellow Ribbon Fund Skills Training Assistance to Restart (STAR) Bursary

By Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF)

YRF is pleased to announce the partnership with Singapore Teochew Foundation, officiated through a Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony held on 1 April 2022. The STAR bursary will provide financial assistance over the next 10 years to motivated inmates who are keen to embark on acquiring a degree while still incarcerated. This initiative will benefit up to 100 inmates through their course of study until completion, even after they are released from prison.

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