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Network Insider

Dear Partners,

We are in the last quarter of year 2022! In this issue, we bring you updates on sector's happenings, training opportunities, and celebrate each other's successes, big or small, in achieving our shared goal of uplifting the lives of ex-offenders and their loved ones.

We hope you've enjoyed reading our newsletter thus far and thank you for the feedbacks shared. Continue to drop us your feedback and let us know if you like the newsletter to keep us going and how we can improve through this [survey](#).

Psst.. Did you know?



Enhanced Initiative for Incarcerated Mothers and Affected Children (IIMAC)

By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)

The IIMAC initiative supports female inmates who are mothers, including their children and caregivers. Through the collaboration between Singapore Prison Service and Family Service Centres (FSCs) in Apr 2022, the support was extended to all other female inmates and their family members, bridging the gap between families, and providing them with timely support and assistance from FSCs.

Find out more about SACA at this [website](#).

FriEnd-C Befriender Programme

By HCSA Community Services (HCSA)

HCSA Highpoint Hepatitis C - Educate, Test, Treat! (ETT) Programme and the End-C Programme founded by Tan Tock Seng Hospital were launched on 27 Jul 2022. They aim to provide Hepatitis C Virus testing, education, and connection to care services for high-risk patient groups like former drug offenders and individuals in recovery from addiction.

Read more about the programmes [here](#).



Psst.. Did you know?

Launch of Refreshed Social Service Sector Roadmap and Fund to Strengthen Partnerships for Better Social Service Delivery

Media release on 14 Jul 2022, National Council of Social Service (NCSS)

The refreshed Social Service Sector Strategic Thrusts (4ST), a five-year roadmap for the social service sector, was launched on 13 Jul 2022 at the annual Social Service Summit convened by NCSS. Complementing the refreshed roadmap, NCSS also released the 4ST Playbook, and an upcoming 4ST Partnership Fund to empower the sector to strengthen social service delivery through innovative collaborations.

Read more about the refreshed 4ST and 4ST Playbook [here](#).

HUG2HEARTS

By HUG Community Services

HUG2HEARTS is a programme for inmates that caters to the different stages of the inmates' reintegration journey.

Phase 1

Aims to connect and befriend inmates through games and meaningful activities that reconnect them with their immediate family members and establish connections with their prison counsellors during their incarceration period.

Phase 2 & 3

Aims to boost their confidence, grow their prosocial values, and become integrated, conscientious, and contributing members of society after release.



Read more from their [website](#) and if you are looking for volunteering opportunities, click [here](#).



WSQ Counselling Skills Training (SkillsFuture Credits Eligible)

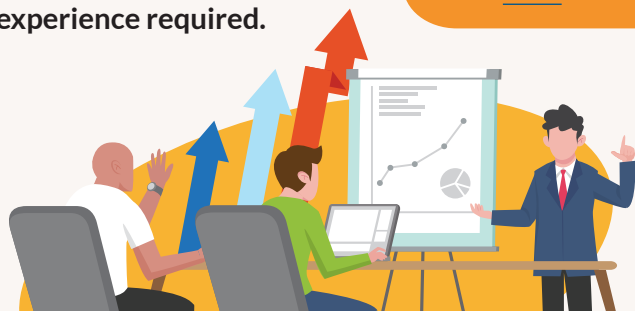
Grab this Opportunity!

By Architects of Life (AOL)

Counselling Skills Training (CST) is a specially designed courseware that will equip you with people-helping and basic counselling skills. You can now be equipped with Para Counselling Skills to effectively help and support others in need using your SkillsFuture credits! No prior experience required.



Click [here](#) for more info.



Celebrate milestones & achievements!



On 9 Aug 2022, New Life Stories was humbled to receive the Minister for Home Affairs National Day Award (Home Team Partners) that acknowledges our contributions and the important role we play in supporting the families of incarcerated persons. With over 100 incarcerated persons having benefitted from our Family Strengthening Programme, we have successfully rebuilt family relationships and provided consistent support to our families.

To find out more about NLS Family Strengthening Programme, visit our [website](#) or FB page [here](#). To join us as volunteers, click [here](#) or email to volunteer@newlifestories.org.sg & sign up to be a Learning Friend today!



Past Happenings



SACA Family Day Event 2022

By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)

In Jun 2022, SACA organised its very first in-person get-together for clients after a long time. Over 160 clients and their family members spent a Sunday morning with SACA at Golden Village Vivocity and caught the screening of 'Jurassic Park World: Dominion'. It was wonderful seeing families enjoy the movie together and of course, taking in the lively atmosphere of everyone finally being in the same room!



HCSA Highpoint Halfway House's 'A.I.M Society' 3rd Anniversary on 20 Aug at SAFRA Mount Faber

By HCSA Highpoint Halfway House (HCSA)

Launched in 2019 and now boasting a strong alumni count of 65, the A.I.M. Society is an aftercare programme that provides a supportive alumni network to current and former residents of HCSA. During the third anniversary celebration, Alumni members engaged in day activities such as futsal and bowling, followed by a buffet dinner. Members also proudly received medallions in honour of their commitment to living a crime-free life. Thanks to Bible Church and its volunteers for supporting the event and making it a huge success. Find out more from our post on our [IG!](#)



Yellow Ribbon Race 2022 – Racing on Foot, Wheels and Water for Second Chances

By Yellow Ribbon Singapore (YRSG) & Singapore Prison Service (SPS)

Rebranded as the Yellow Ribbon Race (YR Race), the annual run event returned this year and included both physical and virtual categories. About 3,000 participants joined in the physical race at the Changi Prison Complex on 25 Sep 2022. The Guest-of-Honour, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Mr Lawrence Wong, flagged off and participated in the physical race despite the rain. The virtual race, which ran throughout the whole of Sept 2022 also allowed participants to clock distances on foot, wheels, or water. Thanks to all for the unwavering support throughout the hybrid race event!





Conference on Recovery and Desistance from Substance Abuse

By Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA)

On 29 Sep 2022, SANA hosted its first-ever Conference on Recovery and Desistance from Substance Abuse. Themed “Amplified Voices: Persons-in-Recovery”, the conference provided a platform for desistors to share stories of their recovery journey and for practitioners to share best practices in the respective areas of intervention. At the Conference, Guest-of-Honour Minister K Shanmugam also launched a book entitled “A Woman’s Journey Home: Stories of Hope & Empowerment” featuring stories of 16 women desistors, the unique challenges they faced and how they overcame them.

Download the e-copy of the book [here](#). For more info on SANA, visit us at sana.org.sg or find us on FB [here](#) or IG [here](#).



Yellow Ribbon Community Arts Festival (YRCAF)

By Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF)

Previously known as the Yellow Ribbon Community Art & Poetry Exhibition, the Yellow Ribbon Community Arts Festival (YRCAF) was launched on 4 Nov 2022 at Gardens by the Bay by Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law, Mr Edwin Tong.

Themed “Home is where the heART is”, the YRCAF offered a glimpse into the inmates’ expression of what ‘home’ means to them through their artworks and poems. Being incarcerated and away from home, their artworks depict their hope to reconnect with their loved ones and their desire to be given a second chance when they are released from prison. The festival also showcased band performances by desistors, sales of YR food and merchandise, and art workshops for the public. If you had missed the physical event, you could still show your support to the cause and adopt the art pieces through the [link here](#) **from now till 31 Dec 2022**. Proceeds from the adoption of artworks and potteries will be channelled to YRF.



To close off CN Insider for year 2022, here’s #MyNeuVoice [video](#) from NeuGen Fund on the importance of support given to the children of ex-offenders.

Thank you for your hardwork & *heartwork* in supporting ex-offenders and their families. Hang in there for the final lap of 2022 and have a great year end season!