

# Sharing Love with Children in Need

A Christmas Party for children living at the Serene Court, a women's shelter for domestic violence victims, and low-income families in Tin Shui Wai

Co-organised by School of Law Students' Professional Development and Public Service Programme and Christian Family Service Centre

Since 2015, the City University School of Law Students' Professional Development Public Service Programme ("the Programme") and the Christian Family Service Centre ("CFSC") have collaborated to organize various service projects and events for underprivileged children such as an annual Visit to the Hong Kong Book Fair and Christmas Party. This provided an opportunity for law students to act as volunteers to serve the children in need. This year, the Programme and the CFSC once again co-organized a Christmas Party for children staying at Serene Court, a women's shelter for domestic violence victims and those from low-income families in Tin Shui Wai.

The Christmas Party was successfully held on 18th December 2022. 20 passionate law students gathered together to celebrate the festive season with a total of 26 kids. 17 of them were from the women's shelter and 9 were from Tin Shui Wai. All participants had a fun time together!



Children happily holding their gifts distributed by Santa Claus at the end of the event.



Volunteers gathered for a group photo at the end of the event.

At the start of the event, student volunteers promptly located the children they were paired up with. The children could barely hide their excitement and anticipation towards the event and meeting their new 'big sisters and big brothers'.

The Christmas party started off with a singing performance led by Ms. Renee and her singing group together with Mrs. Scarlet Fung, the Director of the Programme and her two daughters. They sang Christmas carols like Joy to the World and Silent Night. Everyone enjoyed the performance and deeply immersed themselves in the celebratory holiday atmosphere. Children clapped along to the melodious tunes, and some even eagerly went on the stage to join the carolling!

Subsequently, the volunteers and the kids played games together. By engaging themselves in entertaining group activities, a closer bond was formed between the children and their mentors. The children definitely had a great time with their 'big sisters and big brothers' as their laughters could be heard throughout the entire game session!



Children and their mentors bonded instantly through playing fun games!

After the game session, all participants took a seat to enjoy a magic and bubble show. The magician demonstrated numerous magic tricks, earning gasps of admiration and amazement from the audience. At the end of the show, he even pulled out a pet rabbit from his hat! During the bubble show, the magician was able to form bubbles in various shapes and sizes. When he invited the children to act as 'little helpers' to assist in his performance, everyone eagerly queued up to participate in such a spectacular and unique experience!



A rabbit popping out of the magician's magic hat!!



Children were filled with excitement seeing the enormous bubbles!

At the end of the event, children received Christmas presents chosen by themselves. To express their gratitude to their mentors, the children presented to their mentors the Christmas cards which they have prepared for them.

Everyone had a hard time bidding farewell. Nonetheless, the fond memories created will permanently be engraved in their hearts. Everyone could surely feel the warmth during this cold, wintry holiday season!

#### THE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS:

The 20 volunteers participated in this event included Annabelle Razack, Cici Liu, Cindy Leung, Emma Zhang, Gabriel Yeung, Gracie Li, Janice Choy, Judy Zhang, Kerry Poon, Kitty Fan, Lily Lu, Mable Yick, Margo Ma, Martin Seng, Matthew Wong, Mike Mai, Natalie Yuen, Ringo Lam, Sonia Lai and Vanessa Li.

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