

ALL STAR TALENT SHOW SUMMER PARTY

A talent show and summer party for children living at Serene Court, a women's shelter for domestic violence victims

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

For over 6 years, the CityU School of Law Students' Professional Development and Public Service Programme ("The Programme") has collaborated with the Christian Family Service Centre ("CFSC") organising various service projects and events. On 12, 19 and 26 June 2021, three family law talks were delivered under the Community Law Seminar Clinical Programme by thirteen CityU Law students under the supervision and guidance of Mrs. Scarlet Fung, the Director of the Programme, and lawyer Ms. Daphne Ng-Quinn. From the talks, domestic violence victims gained a better understanding of family law, especially divorce law, enhancing their ability to deal with legal issues currently facing them. Social workers attending the talks also gained relevant legal knowledge, which enabled them to better serve their service users.

Though these talks were a success, they were not the end of services rendered by the Programme for domestic violence victims. On 25 July 2021, the Programme once again joined hands with CFSC to hold the "All Star Talent Show Summer Party", a special party for children witnesses of domestic violence living at Serene Court, a women's shelter for domestic violence victims. Living in the shadows of domestic violence, most children participating in the party lacked confidence in their abilities. In light of this, the event was



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A young participant bravely stepped onto the stage to give a spectacular singing performance.

organised to encourage young participants to showcase their talents and boost their confidence through various fun activities and a talent show. Towards the end of the party, participants also enjoyed a wonderful magic show and received gift bags!

At the beginning of the event, participants played group games with the student volunteers. Once all participants had warmed up to one another, the much-anticipated "All Star Talent Show" finally began. During the talent show, each of the participants had the opportunity to take centre stage and shine. Some spectacular performances included singing by two young participants and even the Director's daughter! Other participants exhibited their talents through mini lessons, such as a young boy who passionately taught a dance and three children who led everyone in crafting adorable clay pandas. There were also some with more unconventional talents, such as testing the audience on challenging IQ questions. As each of the participants had practised for their performances with the support of their mothers and social workers of



Participants learned how to craft clay pandas from talented little artists!



Holding gift bags and certificates, participants and volunteers smiled brightly during the closing ceremony.

THE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

For CityU law students, having a heart for serving is as important as having legal knowledge. Through the efforts and assistance of student volunteers, the party was successfully held. The six volunteers on that day were Angel Lee (LLB), Anson (PCLL), Sum (LLMARBDR), Christopher To (PCLL), Clare (LLB) and Carrie.



Children showed off the balloons twisted by a magician!

CFSC, their hard work and dedication was rewarded and recognised through the appreciation they received. Thus, for many of the children participating, the talent show was a momentous step towards a brighter future.

After the talent show, participants gathered together to watch a magic show, in which a magician performed magic tricks and twisted balloons into the children's favourite cartoon characters. With smiles lighting up participants' faces, the party was brought to a close with a distribution of gift bags, which contained chocolates, candies and small toys prepared by the Director and her family. For their participation, they were also awarded with certificates and a present of their choice!



The audience watched in awe as a magician performed a magic trick!



Student volunteers listened attentively during a briefing.

Knowing that their busy "big brothers and sisters" poured time and efforts into creating a laughter-filled and harmonious afternoon, the children living at the women's shelter felt the warmth of the community and understood just how valuable they are. The event was no less a precious memory for the student volunteers, who understood how an act of kindness can be the greatest gift for another person.



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