

Bishop Ho Ming Wah Association & Community Centre

BISHOP HO MING WAH ASSOCIATION (BHMWA) is an independent registered charity established in 1984, named after Bishop Ronald Owen Hall, CMG MC, who was Bishop of Hong Kong and Macao for 34 years (1932 -1966).

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE ASSOCIATION operates in the Lower Crypt of St. Martin-in-the-Fields where our main services are provided. Last year we have 838 registered Centre Members, 323 of them come regularly to our activities or services.

MISSION STATEMENT

BHMWA exists to enhance and improve the quality of life of all residents, particularly the Chinese community, in London through support, coordination, influence, information and enrichment.

OUR SERVICE

The Centre opens to Centre Members from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays, and from 10 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays for the Homework Club & Parenting Service of our Neighbourhood Multi Service Project. In the year under review, we have successfully maintained and delivered our existing services. Highlights of our achievements include:-

❖ For promoting healthy life style,

- the **Luncheon Club** served a total of 3662 freshly cooked hot meals
- the **Tai Chi Class** ran 150 sessions with an average attendance of 32 each
- the **Line Dancing Class** ran 88 sessions at full capacity of 25 participants per session and organized 2 social fundraising events
- 11 **Health Talks** and 12 **Chat After Lunch** (Discussion Forum) sessions were held with about 20 participants each session
- 9 **Walks for Health** during the warmer months with more than 20 on each walk
- the new activity, **Move To Music**, was held monthly since January



Walk for Health

❖ For social cohesion and integration through education & enrichment, we provided

- 39 sessions of **English Class** with an average attendance of 16
- 42 sessions of **Mandarin Class** with an average attendance of 37
- 26 **Chinese Painting Class** sessions and 2 workshops
- 20 sessions of **Chinese Calligraphy Class**
- 2 Family Outings
- 6 Museum visits
- a **Reading Room** where magazines and newspapers are available



Move to Music

❖ For providing support to those in need, our:

- 11 volunteer befrienders of the **Befriending Project** paid 64 visits to the housebound Chinese



Luncheon Club-Birthday Celebration

- staff & volunteers on duty provided help for Members who dropped in for the **Information and Interpreting Service** every day
- **Counseling and Listening Service** dealt with 11 clients by appointment
- **Neighbourhood Multi-Service Project** (which works in partnership with Oasis in China Town, sponsored by William Shelton Education Charity) aims to help the Chinese families which recently arrived in London and facilitate integration into local life. The project consists of:
 - ❖ The **Homework Club** – It aims to enhance the English language skills of the children to break the language barrier, thus improving learning and reducing isolation at school.
 - ❖ The **Parenting Service** supports parents who do not speak English and who are not familiar with the British culture & systems.

VOLUNTEERS

The Community Centre was able to achieve its quality services due to the contribution and consistent hard work of a number of committed long-term volunteers. During the past year, there were 60 registered volunteers who provided a total of no less than 5840 working hours to help run our services.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Association will continue to strengthen our existing services and build on what we have achieved. We will also seek opportunities to expand and widen our services.

WE ARE DIFFERENT

Christian values and ethos are the driving forces behind the work of the Association and contribute to a growing membership. We observe an open-door policy, engaging with all irrespective of faith, ethnicity or cultural background. We provide a holistic approach, caring for the whole person: body, mind and spirit. We seek to build harmonious relationships and give compassionate and relevant care to those in need.

Members who come to the free activities and services are encouraged to give a donation, and they do so willingly & generously according to their means.

YOU CAN HELP US

- by joining us as our member
- by telling your friends about us and encouraging them to become our members and use our services
- by becoming a volunteer
- by supporting us financially either with a one-off or a regular donation

Do visit our website, www.bhmwa.com to find out more about what we are and what we do!

You can contact us by email at enquiry@bhmwa.com

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Homework Club



Befriending Project