

Hong Kong Freemasons' Annual Charity Appeal 2013/14



Introduction

Annually the District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong & Far East English Constitution, The District Grand Lodge of The Far East Scottish Constitution and the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Far East Irish Constitution conjointly invites applications to registered local charitable organizations to seek financial assistance for their community projects. In 2013 it was the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Far East turn to steer the fund raising efforts.

In 2013 five local Hong Kong charities requested financial assistance toward their community work.

'Helping Hand' charity was established in 1978 to construct and operate three elderly homes for residents who are more mobile and three elderly homes for residents who need daily care.

After considering other charity bids Helping Hand's bid was selected for the Annual Freemasons Charity Appeal 2013.

Helping Hand requested financial assistance to undertake renovation works to three of the self care elderly homes.

In June 2013 members of the Freemasons Selection Committee first viewed the three Helping Hand Elderly Homes Siu Sai Wan, Po Lam and Chuk Yuen (total 336 residents). It was noted in particular that all the iron window frames at Po Lam Home were rusty and in poor condition and needed replacement. At the two storey Siu Sai Wan Home the walls and ceilings required a total repaint. The Chuk Yuen Home all the hot water heating appliances system also needed replacement and the industrial washing machine.

On conclusion of the Freemasons' Charity Annual Appeal 2013 fund raising a ceremony was held on March 2014 when Dr. Brendan Bong! Provincial Grand Master of the Far East presented a cheque amounting to HKD\$1,041,540 to a representative and Executive Board member of Helping Hand to carry out the renovations needed.

Charity Appeal 2013/14 Update Report

On 22 November 2014 some of the Selection Committee were invited to view the renovation works at Siu Sai Wan & Po Lam Elderly Homes.

Siu Sai Wan Helping Hand Homes

Photos of First temporary Housing Area foreground and Second permanent HH Elderly Home

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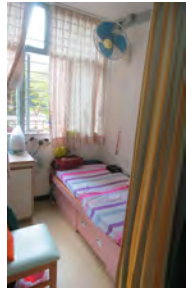
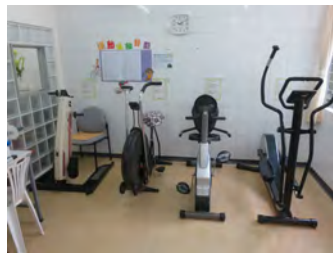
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Before Renovation Photos of Siu Sai Wan 2013



After Renovation Photos of Siu Sai Wan 2014



Presentation to PGLFE PGM by 93 year old and Members with 90 year old resident



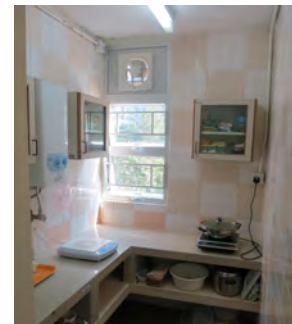
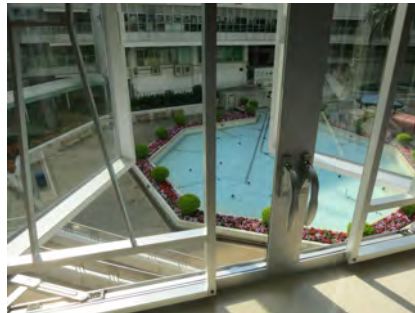
Po Lam Helping Hand Elderly Home 1990



Before Renovation Windows Photos Po Lam 2013



After Renovation Windows Photos Po Lam 2014



FEMAC Selection Committee Members Visit Po Lam



Chuk Yuen Home

The purchase and installation of 7 sets of water heaters and one set of an industrial washer is now in use and all renovations completed within budget.

A history of Helping Hand can be seen on the website (kernowkid.com) entitled "Faith, Hope & Charity Helping Hand Journey."

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