

Corporate Volunteers

Wash for a Cause: Caltex Amazing Charity Car Wash 2008 (ExtraPage April 2008)

Over two weekends from 16 Feb, Caltex organised its second charity car wash, this time in conjunction with The Amazing Race Asia 2.

Volunteers from SPD, the participants and host from The Amazing Race Asia 2, including winners Team Singapore's Collin Low and Adrian Yap, took an active part in the charity car wash on 16 Feb at Caltex Lorong Chuan Service Station. The celebrities had a field day doing their bid for charity by being involved in the various processes of car washing and getting car owners to purchase donation coupons for the wash.

The proceeds of the event as well as that of 13 of Caltex's car wash sites selected for the event, were donated to the SPD. A total of \$31,500 was raised. Prior to the event, contestants from the Race and staff from Caltex visited the SPD Ability Centre to spend time bonding with clients from the Day Activity Centre.

Having collaborated with SPD since 2002, Caltex is SPD's longest running corporate partner. The organisation has raised close to \$300,000 for the SPD Education Programme and initiated the Groceries for Charity Project. Their support has helped provide a level playing field for disabled students in mainstream schools, and alleviate the financial difficulties faced by our clients from low-income families.



New Year Buffet Lunch with DBS (ExtraPage April 2008)

Clients from SPD's Ability Enterprise were given an early Chinese New Year buffet lunch treat. The event which took place on 25 January was sponsored by DBS Wealth Asset Management staff who also donated \$2,000 worth of Takashimaya shopping vouchers for a lucky draw, and presented each client with a hong bao.



Chinese New Year Shopping Spree with Microsoft (ExtraPage April 2008)

For the second year running, Microsoft Singapore Pte Ltd spread the Chinese New Year festive cheer to clients of SPD by sponsoring a shopping trip for them. 90 staff from the IT giant brought some 50 SPD beneficiaries from the Day Activity Centre (DAC) and Sheltered Workshop (SW) to Carrefour, Suntec City, on 17 January. Knowing that the beneficiaries may not have the means or opportunity to shop for the New Year, the volunteers gave each a \$50 hong bao, amounting to \$25,000 in total. We take this opportunity to thank Microsoft Singapore once again for making the Chinese New Year a special one for the beneficiaries of SPD.



Helping with their hearts (ExtraPage July 2007)

More than 30 staff from Cisco Systems whole-heartedly gave of their time and effort to clean the houses of six low-income families of clients of SPD on 11 May 2007, as part of their Sharity team-building event.

Prior to the clean-up, the teams ran a donation drive, raising funds to help purchase groceries, home appliances, gift vouchers and even settle the bills of the families. To prepare for this, they visited the families to find out what they needed and how they could help.

“I want to thank Cisco for cleaning our house. My house now looks so clean. Frankly speaking, even my mom and I couldn't have cleaned it up like that! Besides that, they got us groceries, and even gave us money. I'm very touched,” said Sabur, one of the recipients.

“Interacting with Mrs Goh (one of the beneficiaries) has been very soul-lifting. Her strength in her character and her generosity is a good example to many. For some of my team members, this experience has given them a different perspective on life. Through this, we’re able to see that at times, giving can be far more rewarding than receiving,” said Francis Goh, one of the Cisco staff co-ordinating the event.

