

Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation (Singapore Branch) Annual Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2009

Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation (Singapore Branch) was set up and registered under the Charities Act on 20.09.1993.

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Sector Administrator :	National Council of Social Service (NCSS)																				
Banker :	DBS, FCB, UOB																				
Auditor :	T.Y. KAN & Co.																				

OBJECTIVES

The Society is founded by Buddhist Dharma Master Shih Cheng Yen, based on the Buddha's "all loving and all merciful" great compassionate spirit. Its objectives are:-

- (a) To promote the spirit of compassion and unselfish giving as well as peaceful and equitable love in helping the needy and those who are alone and suffering.
- (b) To promote organized charity activities, medical services and educational and cultural developments in accordance with actual social demands.

POLICIES

Finance & Funding

The Foundation is funded by public donations. Most members are making their monthly donation to the foundation through commissioners, and the amount contributed is on their own will. All donations collected by the foundation are used according to the purpose for which they are given, as specified by the donors, namely Local Relief Fund (IPC fund), General Fund and International Relief Fund.

REVIEW OF YEAR 2009

Staffing

Staffs are recruited locally and abroad. As at 31.12.2009, the breakdown of the staff strength is as follows:

Designation	Number of Staffs	Nationality
CEO	1	Taiwanese
HR Administrator	1	Singapore PR
Executive Secretary	1	Singapore PR
Administrative Secretary	1	Singapore PR
Accounts Executive	1	Singaporean
Accounts Assistant	2	Singaporean
Social Service Officer	1	Singaporean
General Affair Administrator	1	Singaporean
Graphic Designer	1	Singaporean
Videographer	3	2 Malaysian/1 Taiwanese
Editor	1	Singapore PR
Translator	1	Singapore PR
Documentary Administrator	1	Malaysian
Web Designer	1	Singapore PR
Community Education Administrator	1	Singapore PR
Jing Si Culture Administrator	1	Malaysian
Administrator (Free Clinic)	1	Singapore PR
Medical Officer (Free Clinic)	1	Singapore PR
General Worker	2	Singaporean
Total	23	

Calendar of Events

Routine events of the months:

Category	Time	Event Name
Charity	Every 1 st Sunday afternoon	Voluntary service to Sun Love Home
Charity	Every 3 rd Friday afternoon	Voluntary service to Hospice Care Association
Charity	Every 4 th Sunday afternoon	Voluntary service to Silra Home
Charity	Every 4 th Sunday afternoon	Voluntary service to Institute of Mental Health
Charity	Every 2 nd Tuesday morning	Voluntary service to Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
Medical	Every Monday to Friday	Free Health Screening
Medical	Every Sunday morning	Free Medical Consultation (Western & TCM)
Medical	Every 4 th Saturday quarterly	Blood Donation Drive at Pasir Ris and Jurong West
Medical	Every Last Wednesday	Blood Donation Drive at Nee Soon East CC
Medical	Every Last Friday	Blood Donation Drive at Toa Payoh Central CC
Education	Every 1 st Sunday morning	Children Class (P3-P6)
Education	Every 3 rd Sunday morning	Parent-Child Enrichment Class (P1-P2)
Education	Every 4 th Sunday morning	Teenagers Class
Culture	Every Tuesday evening	Chinese Calligraphy Class
Culture	Every Friday evening	Chinese Calligraphy Class
Culture	Every Wednesday evening	Guzheng Class (Elementary)
Culture	Every Monday evening	Guzheng Class (Advance)
Culture	Every Tuesday evening	Yoga Class (Elementary)
Culture	Every Thursday morning	Yoga Class (mix)

Culture	Every Wednesday evening	Yoga Class (advanced)
Culture	Every Thursday evening	Yoga Class (advanced)
Culture	Every Tuesday evening	Photography Class
Culture	Every Monday evening	Arts of Pressed Flower Class (Elementary)
Culture	Every Thursday afternoon	Arts of Pressed Flower Class (Mix)
Culture	Every Thursday evening	Arts of Pressed Flower Class (Advance)
Culture	Every Friday Afternoon	Plain Art Class
Culture	Every Wednesday evening	Sign Language Class
Recycle	Every Monday to Friday	Recycling Activities at Pasir Ris Recycle Station
Recycle	Every 2 nd Sunday morning	Recycling Activities at 12 community recycle points
Others	Every 1 st Saturday afternoon	Sharing Session (English)
Others	Every 1 st Wednesday evening	Sharing Session (Mandarin) for Cultural Volunteers
Others	Every 2 nd Saturday afternoon	Sharing Session (Mandarin) for Educational Volunteers
Others	Every 2 nd Saturday evening	Sharing Session (Mandarin)
Others	Every 2 nd Wednesday afternoon	Daytime Sharing Session (Mandarin)
Others	Every Quarterly	Grey Uniform/ New Volunteer Training Session
Others	Every Quarterly	Advanced Volunteer Training Session

Major Events:

Month	No	Event
January	1	Chinese New Year Charity Fair (including making of CNY cookies) to raise Local Activity Fund.
	2	Caring Day for the Lonely Elderly
February	3	Medical Talk by Tzu Chi Hospital
March	4	Recycle and Environment Educational Tour by Tender Kids Childcare and Development Centre to Tzu Chi Recycle Station
	5	Caring Day for the Lonely Elderly
	6	Overseas Medical Mission at Ratnapura, Sri Lanka
	7	Participation in 3-days Entrepreneurs Retreat at Taiwan
	8	Recycle and Environment Educational Tour by Dabei Buddhist Centre to Tzu Chi Recycle Station
	9	Recycle and Environment Educational Tour by St Hilda Secondary School to Tzu Chi Recycle Station
April	10	Talk by Sis Lin-Ye and ex-leprosy patient and Tzu Chi Volunteer
	11	Gathering and Sharing Session for Island-wide Recycling Volunteers
	12	Gathering and Sharing Session for Local Entrepreneur Volunteers
	13	Volunteer Training Session (Home Visit)
	14	Musical Concert "The Siziwan Bay" performed by Taiwanese Soprano Elaine Chang and Kaohsiung Chinese Symphony Orchestra
May	15	Tzu Chi Global 43 Anniversary Exhibition at Jurong Medical Centre
	16	Vesak Day Celebration and Buddha Bathing Ceremony
	17	Eco-Awareness Talk at PLK CC
	18	Eco-Awareness Talk at Nee Soon East CC
	19	Eco-Awareness Talk at Cashew CC
	20	Eco-Awareness Talk at Yuhua CC
	21	Recycle and Environment Educational Tour by Regent Secondary School to Tzu Chi Recycle Station
June	22	Recycle and Environment Educational Tour by Payar Lebar CC to Tzu Chi Recycle Station

	23	Participation in Global Tzu Chi Officers Retreat at Taiwan
	24	Official Distribution Day for Seeds of Hope Bursary Program
July	25	Free Health Screening at Taman Jurong CC
	26	Recycle and Environment Educational Tour by St Anthony Primary School to Tzu Chi Recycle Station
August	27	Heart-to-Heart Gathering Session of Long term aid AIDS Beneficiaries
	28	Lunar Seven- Auspicious Month Prayer Session
	29	Talk by Mr Yang Qi-lin, Taiwan Deputy Director of Aviation Police and Tzu Chi Volunteer
	30	Street Fund Collection for Taiwan Morakot Disaster Relief Fund
	31	Caring Day for the Lonely Elderly
	32	Free Health Screening at Yuhua CC
	33	Overseas Medical Mission at Ratnapura, Sri Lanka
September	34	Gathering and Sharing Session for Local Entrepreneur Volunteers
	35	Eco-Awareness Talk at Redhill Gardens RC
	36	Eco-Awareness Talk at Siglap Luckey Valley RC
	37	Tzu Chi Collegiate Youth Retreat Camp
	38	Tzu Chi 16 Anniversary cum Mid-Autumn Festival Charity Fair (including Mooncake Baking and Charity Sale) to raise Local Relief Fund.
	39	Participation in Global Tzu Chi International Medical Association Annual Convention at Taiwan
October	40	Environment Educational Tour by St Anthony Primary School and Nanyang Primary School to Tzu Chi Recycle Station
	41	Launch of Project Growth- a environmental awareness program, in collaboration with MCYS for probationers under Community Service Order (six week project)
	42	Educational tour to Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation for Local Volunteers.
	43	Environment Educational Tour by Mee Toh School to Tzu Chi Recycle Station
	44	Gathering and Sharing Session for Local Medical Volunteers (TIMA)
	45	Educational Tour by UCARA company staffs to Tzu Chi Foundation.
November	46	Volunteer Training Session (Home Visit)
	47	Talk by Taiwan Tzu Chi Volunteers (Wei Liangxu and Huang Jingyi) whose stories were filmed into drama series by Daai TV in Taiwan.
	48	Educational Tour for Local Entrepreneurs to Taiwan.
	49	Free Health Screening at Cashew CC
	50	Educational Camp for Tzu Chi Teenager Class and Secondary Students
	51	Eco-Awareness Talk at Admiralty Zone 5 RC
	52	Participation in Global Volunteers Retreat and Certification of Comissioners at Taiwan.
	53	Caring Day for the Lonely Elderly
December	54	Chinese New Year Cookies Baking and Charity Sale.
	55	An Evening of Great Love- Cultural Performance by artists from Daai TV, Taiwan.
	56	Participation of Training Camp for Tzu Chi Teenagers at Taiwan.
	57	Participation of Training Camp for Tzu Chi Collegiate Youth at Taiwan.

COMPLIANCE OF IPC GOVERNANCE EVALUATION CHECKLIST

The Charity has complied with 21 out of 21 applicable guidelines of the Code of Governance Evaluation Checklist for Institution of Public Character (IPC) or large charities. Full checklist is available at www.charities.gov.sg.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATE AND EXPLANATION OF MAJOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

The Charity recorded a surplus of \$3,217,000 with S\$2,467,000 in charitable related activities & S\$750,000 from non charitable.

We had spent \$107,000 on construction of a temporary carpark to resolve the issue on lacking of parking space provided to the car owners of our volunteers and general public.

Fund raising appeals during the year had generated a total amount of S\$2,261,252, of which S\$548,055 was for General fund, S\$502,405 was raised for Local Relief purposes and S\$1,210,792 was meant for International Relief fund (in aids of the Typhoon Marakot survivors).

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

- **CHARITY:** The “Seeds of Hope” Bursary Program launched in June 2009 to provide bursaries to the needy secondary students in 2009 has been rewarded with overwhelming response. This bursary program will be continued in 2010 and looking forward to be extended to primary students in 2011.
- **CHARITY:** We will continue to work closely with the government or non-government parties involved in providing the relief to the poor and needy, be it financial or mental assistance. We will also provide regular training sessions for home visit volunteers in the community to enhance their case assessment ability in the home visit works.
- **MEDICINE:** The Reopening of free clinic at Redhill area has started providing free medical consultation and health screening to the residents and Tzu Chi beneficiaries since November 2008. Realizing the importance of “Prevention is better than Cure”, we have worked with the Grass Root Organizations at Yuhua CCC, in setting up a Free Health Screening Centre at Blk 328, Jurong East Street 31, to provide daily free health screening services to all residents. The centre is expected to be opened in the mid of 2010.
- **MEDICINE:** We would continue to work closely with Red Cross to organize community blood donation drives to meet the requirement of blood usage of blood bank in Singapore. Free ad-hoc community health screening is another project to be worked together with grass-root organizations to benefit more local communities.
- **OVERSEAS MEDICINE:** We have worked with the local health agencies in Sri Lanka to organize overseas free medical missions in Sri Lanka twice a year in 2009. The free medical missions will be continued in 2010, to provide relief to more poor and needy in rural areas of Sri Lanka. The missions have also inspired many local medical personnel to give and deliver their love to the overseas needy.

- **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:** The Global Warming threat has become an important global issue. We have worked with various grass-root organizations in 2009 to organize Community Eco-Awareness talks to create awareness on the importance of environment protection and the response was overwhelming. We are determined to work with the GROs to set up more recycle points island-wide, to advocate the awareness on green environment, as well as to promote the spirit of volunteerism in the community, for better community cohesion.
- **HUMANITY & EDUCATION:** We would also continue to provide continuing education lessons such as Flower Arrangement, Tea Appreciation, Calligraphy, Guzheng, Photography, Sign Language, Yoga and Qigong lessons to the local community. With the above-mentioned lessons, we hope to provide a platform of post-school learning for the public, and to enhance the public's health and humanistic accomplishment.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Statement of accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2009 is attached.