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From Our *Chairman*



Bishop Anthony Loh

Building lives together!

A strong nation is built upon strong communities, and vibrant communities are, in turn, founded upon healthy and resilient families. In supporting the work of LCCS, you and I are privileged to play a part in strengthening the social fabric of our nation and contributing to the well-being of our society.

2025 has been a year of impact and thanksgiving for LCCS. We are deeply grateful for the success of our first Charity Golf event in six years, Driving Restoration for the Hurting, which raised more than $385,000. With matching funds from the Tote Board, the total proceeds are expected to reach $635,000, enabling us to continue our mission of serving vulnerable families and communities.

As we gather for this year's Charity Golf, Driving Impact, Rekindling Relationships, we are reminded that many continue to live with unseen hurts and fractured relationships. Among the pressing needs before us are men experiencing abuse within their marriages and families affected by incarceration. Through initiatives such as Kinship Circle and Project Rekindle, LCCS seeks to restore hope, rebuild trust, and reconnect individuals with the support networks that are vital for healing, restoration, and lasting transformation.

These efforts are made possible only through the generosity and partnership of valued friends and supporters such as yourself.

On behalf of the Board, I extend our sincere appreciation for your steadfast support and invite you to continue partnering with us as we build, restore, and strengthen relationships, helping to break cycles of hurt and foster resilient individuals, families, and communities.

Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of those entrusted to our care and contribute to the flourishing of our communities and nation.



From Our Executive Director

Justin Mui

Do you think time heals all wounds? I don't. I came across a quote that speaks to this, "pain that is not transformed is transmitted." We witness this firsthand at LCCS, hurt that is raw, deep, and so painfully real. I was recently asked: "Faced with so much hurt, what keeps you and your colleagues going?" Spontaneously I responded, "Faced with so much hurt, how could we stop?" The reality is, that amid hurt, we have the privilege to witness the transformative power that comes with acknowledgment, accountability, relationships and restoration.

My colleague Josiah, social worker at LCCS, shared about a Secondary 2 boy known for aggression who carried a struggle silently in his heart for years. Badly bullied in Primary 5, he hardened himself and toughened up, hurting others before he could get hurt. Until he experienced authentic community, surrounded by peers and mentors who proved it was safe to be vulnerable. As Josiah would say, "bad behaviour is actually pain that has never been given the space to be heard."

What if every child and youth could be seen for what they could become and not just what they have done?

What if every incarcerated individual and their families could hear how much they mean to each other and not just how everyone's getting by?

What if we value the restoration of hurtful situations and healing that is often unseen and not just meeting physical needs on the surface?

This is what keeps us going.



The Threads of ReKindling

Relationships shape every part of our lives. They are formed at home, nurtured in schools, strengthened within communities, and sustained by those who choose to walk alongside others.

These stories are threads of rekindling. From families learning to reconnect, to communities finding support, to donors and volunteers investing in hope and restoration, each journey reflects the power of relationships to transform lives.

Rekindling Relationships within Ourselves



Brinda Naidu

Tell us more about yourself!

Hello, I am Brinda Naidu. I am 57 this year, and I am a poet, an artist and a dreamer.

I used to be a preschool teacher in my twenties. After university, I continued my studies and became a counsellor. I worked with MOE from 2009 to 2018, first as a senior counsellor and later as a guidance officer.

After I left MOE, I became a full-time caregiver to my mother and father, who had multiple chronic health conditions. My mother was a kidney cancer survivor, while my father lived with three different types of dementia: vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

I spent six years taking care of them. They both passed away two years ago, on 18 May and 24 May. Since then, recovery has been a little tough, I have to admit, because the loss has been monumental for me.

However, what I'm doing now is running art workshops and writing poetry. I'm also very grateful for my friends, and especially my sister, who has taken me under her wing.

What led you to join LCCS' Women's Kinship Circle?

After my parents passed away, I found myself searching for a new sense of purpose. As a breast cancer survivor, having been diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer in 2012, I often wondered why I was still here. I felt there had to be something more that I was meant to do.

I wasn't working at the time, and I knew I wanted to rediscover myself and find meaning again. That's what led me to the Women's Kinship Circle. During the sessions, I was able to share goals and aspirations that I wanted to pursue, and I made a commitment to follow through with them. Whatever I said I would do during those circles, I went on to do. For example, I wanted to start a new Instagram account to share my poetry and artwork, and I did.

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Rekindling Relationships within Ourselves

How has being part of the Women's Kinship Circle impacted you?

The Women's Kinship Circle has been incredibly empowering for me. I joined the first session in January, and one of the biggest things I took away was the realisation that I don't have to be perfect. I can give myself a break. Self-care is important, and it's okay if I don't find my purpose immediately.

As a counsellor, I often used narrative therapy in my work, where the focus is on finding meaning. Through the Kinship Circle, I realised that meaning doesn't have to be forced. Sometimes, it simply needs the time and space to emerge. In the same way, I've learnt to give myself permission to unfold at my own pace.

During one of our sessions, someone mentioned butterflies. I admitted that I've always been terrified of them. To me, they were just flying worms. But as we reflected on the butterfly's journey, I began to see it differently. A caterpillar spends time hidden away in its cocoon before it slowly emerges, unfurling its wings when it is ready. It doesn't rush the process, and neither should I.

That image has stayed with me ever since. The Women's Kinship Circle reminded me that growth doesn't happen overnight. It happens gradually, with patience, grace and the courage to embrace each new season. It has given me the confidence to trust my own journey, knowing that, in time, I too can continue to unfold.



What does restoration mean to you?

To me, restoration is empowering. It is about much more than restoring relationships. It is about finding myself again—rediscovering my faith in myself, my identity, my passions, and taking stock of what I can do and what I can do better.

Restoration is many things, and it doesn't happen all at once. I see it as an ongoing process because I'm not the same person I was 20 minutes ago, yet I am still the same person. It's a paradox. Every day is an opportunity to reflect on whether I'm honouring my boundaries, living with intention, and continuing to grow.

Rekindling Relationships within Family



Mdm Tan Chui Hua and Constantin

Tell us more about yourselves and how your family got to know about LCCS!

Constantin: Hello! I am Constantin from Primary 3 and I am 9 years' old this year.

Mdm Chui Hua: I'm Mdm Chui Hua, and I am Constantin's Mom. We learnt about Builder's Project' from Constantin's school, where the teachers shared that they would like to enroll Constantin in the after school program every Wednesday.

What are some favourite memories you have of Builder's Project?

Constantin: Building the marshmallow tower! It taught me teamwork and how to work with my friends and teammates. I also enjoy the fun programs because it's something different from school.

Since joining Builder's Project 6 months ago, what are some hopes for Constantin that you have through the program?

Mdm Chui Hua: We are very appreciative of the program being accessible especially for kids like Constantin, who are neurodivergent, because of the challenges they may face.

I appreciate that through the program, they are able to learn about skills like resilience, trust in themselves, active-thinking, because these things need multiple channels for them to build, experience, and practise. I hope that through valuable programs such as these, Constantin will continue to have a safe space to explore a different kind of learning to prepare themselves for life ahead.

How did Builder's teach you about your relationship with friends and family?

Constantin: I get to spend time with my friends, and there are friends who look out for me when others don't. I also learn to appreciate my Mom more, as she always tries to help me with work, read me stories and hug me.

Mdm Chui Hua: It has helped us as parents to reassure him that we want the best for him, and to help him to open up to us about any difficulties that he faces. We find ourselves able to share and communicate with him more over time, that we will always do our best to do right by him.

Rekindling Relationships within Family



Ivy and Caleb

Introduce yourself and how you got to be involved with LCCS!

Ivy: I am Ivy, mom to Caleb, who is currently studying in Secondary 1. Caleb was referred to LCCS' Project Kaleidoscope by the school, due to his ADHD. I decided then, that I would go and find out more and inquire about it; seeing how it was a programme dedicated to understanding ADHD.

What were/are some struggles that you/ your family had faced surrounding ADHD, prior to joining Project Kaleidoscope?

Caleb: For me, I often found it hard to concentrate in school, and I found myself always easily distracted by things while trying to study. I also know and understand that I am "different" than others, but I couldn't really fully understand in what way and why as well.

Ivy: Early on as parents, we had our suspicions on Caleb having ADHD, but even after getting a formal diagnosis, there was still difficulty getting Caleb to concentrate, to know how to respond in real-life situations. Due to certain impulsivity issues, there were also times at home that I didn't understand certain things he did, and I would get upset.

What were some hopes/ expectations that you had going into Project Kaleidoscope?

Ivy: I was looking forward to being equipped with new tools, resources and also receiving training on how to manage life with ADHD better. Prior to joining, I had done my research to understand ADHD in general but I thought that going for training and learning to be further equipped would be useful.

What was memorable and helpful about the sessions you attended?

Ivy: One of the more memorable aspects of the sessions was the fact that I could be around parents that could relate and resonate with the struggles that we were facing. It meant alot to me that I could share openly about how I felt, and there were people who could understand fully and had been through similar situations.

I felt that within this little community built on similar situations and circumstances, I could find more support and lean on each other.

Rekindling Relationships within Family

“This journey has made me realise and appreciate the importance of togetherness as a family. Whatever issues we may face, we figure it out together, one step at a time.”

How has relationships within your family changed? What do you most appreciate now?

Ivy: Since attending Project Kaleidoscope, I felt that communication between us has improved. Personally for me, I learnt to express how I feel better by using the “I” statements. In doing so, it allowed my family to understand abit better on how each other feels. I also felt that I could rely on my family for more support and help whenever needed. With the help of the family circles, vulnerable topics and much-needed conversations were also able to occur, with the help of the LCCS staff. We were able to share and talk about things that we wouldn’t normally talk about as a family, prior.

This journey has made me realise and appreciate the importance of togetherness as a family. Whatever issues we may face, we figure it out together, one step at a time.



Rekindling Relationships within Community



Fang How Lim

Tell us more about yourself and how you got involved with LCCS!

I first got to know Justin many years ago through the restorative work he was doing. Much of it happened quietly behind the scenes, but I saw the difference it made in the lives of people around me. Through him, I came to learn more about LCCS and the work the organisation was doing.

Although LCCS is a relatively small charity, I felt it was doing meaningful work that deserved greater awareness. I wanted to contribute in whatever way I could, even if it was just through my own small efforts and by sharing about LCCS with my business network.

We stayed in touch over the years, and after the COVID-19 pandemic, Justin reached out to me when LCCS was planning to revive its charity golf event.

Knowing that I had been involved in fundraising for several charities, he asked if I would be willing to help. That was how my journey with LCCS really began. Since then, it has been incredibly rewarding to leverage my network to support LCCS's fundraising efforts.

Being able to connect people with a cause I believe in is my way of giving back to the community.

What did you start to notice as you got more involved with LCCS?

As I shared more about LCCS with my network, many people would ask if it was a church organisation because of its name. I would explain that while LCCS has its roots in the Lutheran community, its work is really about restoring relationships and supporting people from all walks of life.

What stood out to me was its restorative approach. Many organisations focus on meeting immediate needs, but LCCS also looks at the relationships behind the challenges. Especially after COVID-19, I've noticed more people becoming interested in this holistic approach. They want to understand more about restorative practices and how rebuilding relationships can create lasting change.

Rekindling Relationships within Community



What kind of impact do you hope to create through your contributions?

I hope my contribution helps more people become aware of LCCS and its work. Like a mustard seed, it may seem small, but it has the potential to grow and create lasting impact. My hope is that more people, especially within the business community, will come alongside LCCS, support its mission, and help bring greater awareness to its calling of restoring relationships.

What does restoration mean to you personally?

To me, restoration is like putting together the pieces of a broken vase. You can carefully piece it back together, but it doesn't end there. It needs continual care, renewal and reinforcement to stay whole. That's why I believe restoration is a journey, not a one-off effort. It isn't simply about helping someone through a difficult season and then moving on.

It's about walking alongside people throughout the life cycle of a relationship, supporting them as they continue to heal, grow and rebuild over time.

What would you say to encourage those who are considering giving/volunteering?

I would nudge them to take the first step. Many people wonder if what they can offer will really make a difference, and that uncertainty often holds them back. But every journey begins with a small step, and even the smallest contribution can grow into something meaningful. Don't underestimate the impact you can make. Once you get involved, you'll begin to see the difference you're making, and that's what keeps the journey going. You just have to overcome that initial hesitation and take the first step.

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Rekindling Relationships within Community



Kyle

Tell us more about yourself and how you got involved with LCCS!

I first encountered LCCS through Project Rekindle while I was a theology student. I volunteered with the programme because I had always wanted to explore prison ministry.

The idea of journeying alongside inmates who had been estranged from their families and supporting them in reconnecting with their loved ones felt daunting, but it was also deeply aligned with my desire to serve in places of loneliness and hidden pain.

What was memorable about your experience as a Project Rekindle volunteer?

Project Rekindle was, for me, like stepping into a world I could never have fully prepared for on paper. My first sessions with "Paul" (a pseudonym), a grievous sexual offender against his own daughter, exposed how much fear and moral discomfort I carried, and how easily I retreated into a clinical, guarded posture instead of my usual, and even natural, warm one.

Over four sessions, I learned to sit in awkward silences, ask braver questions, and be present not just as a caregiver, but as a fellow Christian and fellow human being. I listened to a man who was honest about his sin, yet profoundly changed by grace. The work was emotionally heavy, but there was also surprising hope in watching him wrestle with shame, articulate his regrets, and cling to a faith that had become his lifeline in prison.

What did you take away from this?

Participating in Project Rekindle forced me to confront my own "theo-logic" about who deserves grace. As I sat with Paul's story, I realised how quickly I drew lines around whose repentance felt acceptable, and how much pride and hidden self-righteousness surfaced when I was faced with a crime I deeply struggled to accept.

I also discovered how transformative simple presence can be. Just showing up, week after week, to listen without judgement became part of his healing and, unexpectedly, mine too.

Rekindling Relationships within Community

How has your perspectives about relationships changed since then?

Project Rekindle has profoundly changed how I view and approach relationships. I now see that when we truly know someone's story, their wounds, history and fears, compassion almost inevitably grows, even when we cannot condone what they have done.

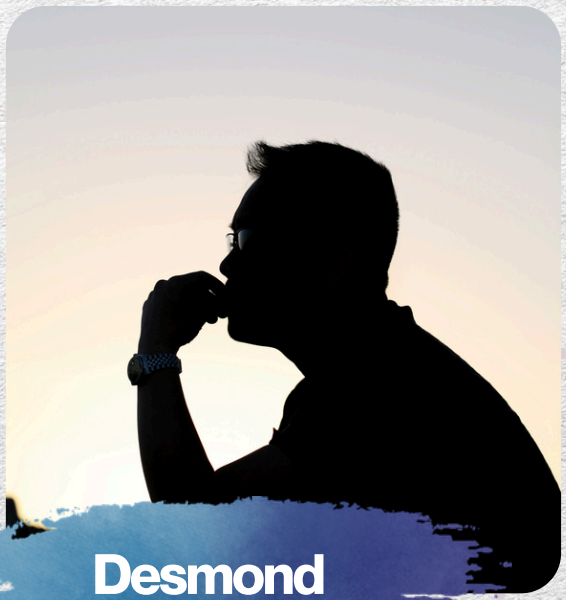
With friends, family and future care receivers, I find myself slower to judge and quicker to be curious, giving people the space to speak their shame out loud and learning to separate the deed from the doer.

For me, ministry, as it was made tangible through Project Rekindle, is fundamentally about relationships. And relationships require patience, presence and a willingness to meet others on the shared ground of our humanity, rather than from a height of moral superiority.



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Rekindling Relationships within Community



Desmond

Introduce yourself and how you got involved with LCCS' Project Rekindle!

Being semi-retired led me to search for meaningful volunteer work and something that would bring fulfilment and a sense of purpose. That was how I became involved with Project Rekindle about a year and a half ago.

Frankly, I didn't expect it to require so much time and effort. Beyond the physical journey to Changi Prison, there was the emotional work of understanding each inmate's background, preparing reflection questions and documenting our conversations. Yet through it all, the experience became a profound eye-opener to spiritual truths.

What was the most memorable experience you had while volunteering?

I regularly visited Pui Kia (a pseudonym), and because of his repeated struggles with drugs over the past 30 years, his family had been deeply hurt and had built emotional walls to protect themselves. As a result, I wasn't able to facilitate a family circle.

When the official project ended, I chose to continue visiting him as a friend. That was when my eyes were truly opened. On my first visit, he nearly broke down because no one had visited him in four years. Since then, I've tried to visit him twice a month. This friendship has become a blessing to both of us, reminding me just how deeply relationships matter.

Through our conversations, I began to understand that his repeated relapses weren't simply about addiction. More often, they were rooted in loneliness, disappointment and the feeling that he no longer belonged. He shared how difficult it was to reconnect with family, how ashamed he felt during gatherings, and how unnoticed he felt when he quietly left without anyone realising.

It made me realise that even long-time offenders deeply crave connection. More than anything, they need hope, support and people who are willing to walk alongside them.

Rekindling Relationships within Community

“For me, Project Rekindle is a reminder that restoration begins with relationships. ”



What did you learn about relationships through this experience?

Life inside prison is protected; life outside won't be. There are no shortcuts or easy solutions; only determination, faith and good support.

My role is simple: to assure Pui Kia that I will stand by him throughout his journey. We cannot guarantee success, but together we will keep trying, trusting God and celebrating every small victory along the way.

For me, Project Rekindle is a reminder that restoration begins with relationships. Sometimes, the greatest difference we can make is simply choosing to remain present, especially when everyone else has walked away.


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