

Christian Counselling Services



Annual Report 2022

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2022 was a fruitful year for Christian Counselling Services as more activities resumed to pre-Covid days where physical meetings may be safely accommodated in larger numbers.

The relationships we've built with Singapore Prison officers; CCS volunteers; fellow organizations serving ex-offenders; have all allowed CCS to achieve many new milestones. This includes a further increase in volunteers, access to help more ex-offenders in new prison clusters, initiation of new programs such as Cross Bible Institute (CBI) and holding motivational talks within prison, and the opportunity to contribute to pilot programs such as Volunteer Casework Officer (VCO) and Desistor Network, both initiated by Singapore Prison Service.

For our fundraising effort in 2022, we have reached out to more philanthropic organizations to diversify our donors and sponsors. I am grateful for the new supporters who have contributed generously. We have however yet to reach our target and we hope to engage more prospective supporters in the days ahead.

Together with the other CCS Executive Committee members, we will continue to improve our services to the desistor community, as well as to provide a better experience for our volunteers working alongside us. Focus areas will be on aftercare for women ex-offenders, bridging training gaps for volunteers to serve effectively, and preparing more volunteers for aftercare work. We also hope to collaborate with more social service agencies and fellow organizations serving ex-offenders to accomplish these goals.

My heartfelt thanks go to the many who have partnered with CCS throughout this journey. I thank the management team and officers of Singapore Prison Service for giving CCS the opportunity to serve more in prison and for placing their trust in CCS, the tireless volunteers for their dedication in serving, our donors and supporters for funding CCS's operations, and the various fellow organizations and agencies that have come to CCS's assistance.

Most of all, I thank our God for the grace He has bestowed upon us to make all this possible. May our God continue to guide CCS and help transform more of our beneficiaries' lives for His glory!!

Philip Lim
President

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 2021-2023

President	Mr Philip Lim Poh Soon
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ACTIVITIES REPORT

Volunteers

As of December 2022, CCS has 120 volunteers actively serving out of a total of 240 volunteers on record. There were 28 new volunteers altogether who joined CCS in 2022.

In-care

CCS in-care programs continued to resume and grow in 2022 with further lifting of Covid restrictions.

More volunteers were deployed for the 17 housing units allocated to CCS by Singapore Prison. New in-care sessions were also assigned to CCS in Cluster B2 for Sunday afternoons.

In 2022, CCS volunteers who were former desistors themselves, conducted motivational talks to inmates in clusters A1, A2, A3 and A5.

In December, CCS completed delivering NTUC vouchers as Christmas gifts to 136 families of inmates. The objective of this project is to provide inmates with a means to reconcile with their families during Christmas time of festivity.

After-care

Faith fellowship resumed on-site at its new premise in Rejoice Community Baptist Church, Upper Serangoon Road. Grace Fellowship also resumed in February and held one other session in June. Grace Fellowship will be further refined in 2023 to help equip volunteers in their understanding and engagement with ex-offenders.

CCS volunteers continued to reach out to ex-offenders pending release through e-letters and the help of prison coordinators. As many as 36 ex-offenders were received and connected with CCS volunteers upon their release and subsequently followed up by CCS volunteers.

CCS continued to work closely with GEM New Start Center (women's halfway house) and New Creation Church to further the women's aftercare programs.

Training

For 2023, CCS volunteers were directed to DORP training by Blended Concept in collaboration with Singapore Prison Service (DORP stands for Development Framework for Offender Rehabilitation Personnel).

Publication/Publicity

CCS continued to invest in IT infrastructure with the goal of further digitalization of its operations, which will include more media communication to all interested parties. CCS was able to upgrade a large part of its IT requirements with the help of NCSS subsidies.

Other Notable Events in 2022

CCS Volunteer Appreciation dinner and Christmas celebrations were suspended due to Covid19 precautions.

SPS Long Service Awards were granted to several volunteers for their dedication as prison

volunteers. Richard Tan received his long service award for 30 years while Tammy Gan was awarded 25 years long service award. Eleanor Wong, Lemuel Ho and Chua Chin Seng also received their 20 years long service award which was held at Singapore Expo Hall. CCS congratulates them and appreciates their dedication in helping ex-offenders.

CCS volunteers were also engaged and recruited for upcoming initiatives by Singapore Prison, namely the Volunteer Case Officer program and Desistor Network project.



Singapore Prison Long Service Award Ceremony for Volunteers



Richard Tan receiving his 30 years Long Service Award

Tammy Gan receiving her 25 years Long Service Award

NOTE FROM TREASURER

The results of CCS for the financial year ended 31st December 2022 with a net deficit of \$26,043. against the previous year's net deficit of \$76,939. Some funds were raised from new donors in 2022.

As of 31st December 2022, the accumulated fund totaled \$176,954.

Donations

For the year 2022, total cash contributions from direct donors including collections received from CCS fellowship activities amounted to \$71,510.

Other Income

CCS received other income from Jobs Support Scheme and Wage Credit scheme, totaling \$1,830.

Expenditures

Total expenses amounted to \$100,193 for 2022.

As the core services of CCS are focused on counselling activities through the effort and time of CCS volunteers, expenses were mainly incurred in administrative operations.

Such administration work involves co-ordination of various programs between prison, volunteers and ex-offenders undergoing rehabilitation.

For 2022, expenditures were higher than previous year as program activities resumed with more Covid19 restrictions being lifted along the way.

Please refer to the '**Summary of 2022 Expenditure**' for more details.

Reserve Policy

CCS reserves target is at least 1 year of total operating expenditures.

As of 31st December 2022, the reserve ratio was 1.77.

Summary of 2022 Expenditure

General Administration \$86,639

Rental, staff costs and telecom services make up the bulk of general administrative expenses. CCS employed one full-time staff for the entire year whose responsibilities include co-ordination of various programs between prison, volunteers and ex-offenders undergoing rehabilitation, as well as all other administrative work required in the running of CCS operations.

In-care \$6,880

In-care expenses include instructional materials for prison inmates, Christmas gifts for families of inmates, and refreshments for special events held inside prison.

After-care \$6,487

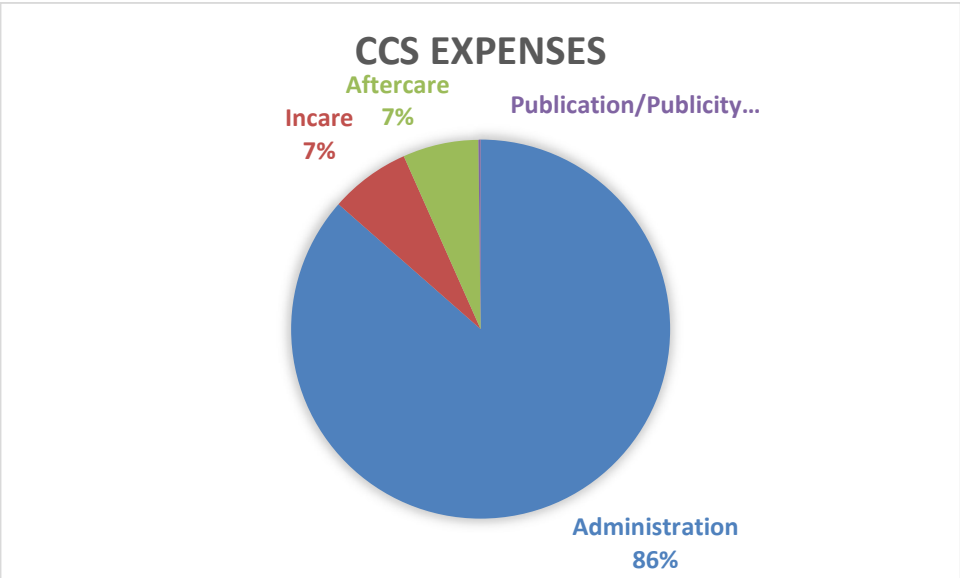
Expenses to conduct bonding and counselling activities between ex-offenders and volunteers, including rental of premises for such activities, and sponsoring ex-offenders in mission trips to prisons within ASEAN.

Publication and Publicity \$187

Expenses were incurred to upgrade IT infrastructure for media communication. Most of the expenses were covered by NCSS subsidies.

Training

There were no expenses incurred in 2023 as DORP training (Development Framework for Offender Rehabilitation Personnel) was provided pro-bono to CCS volunteers and courtesy of Singapore Prison.



David Daniel Siow
Honorary Treasurer