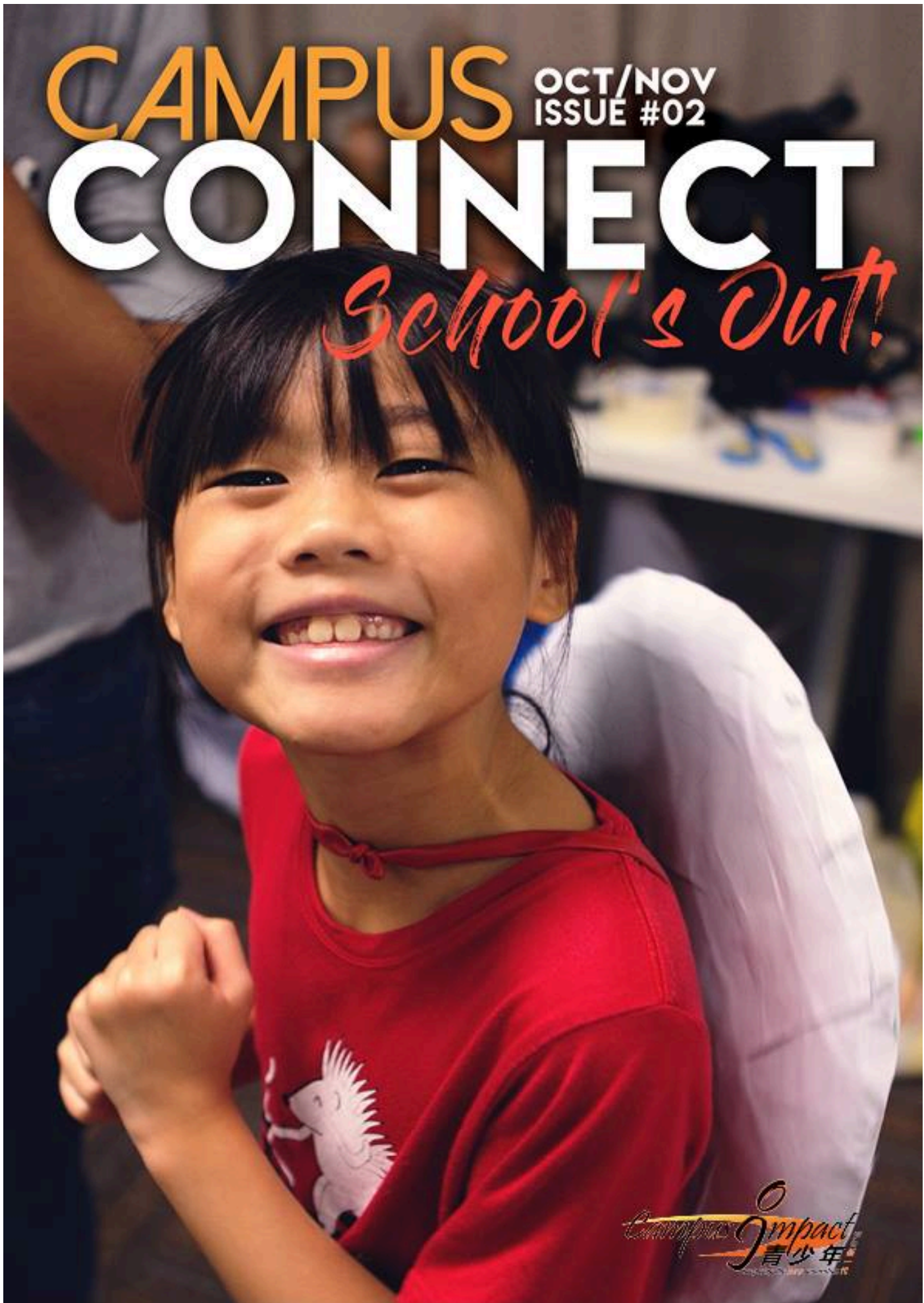


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Director's Letter



The end of the year is always an exciting time for us at CampusImpact. Amid the flurry of preparations for exams and end-of-year holiday activities for the students as well as family-bonding programmes, there were two things we were especially thankful for.

First, our volunteers, who remain passionate and committed despite facing their own personal challenges. One of our volunteers is the cheerful and chirpy Annie, who came from a less privileged background herself. Her love for the kids shines through in her bright smiles and infectious enthusiasm. It is our privilege to be able to share Annie's story with you through a new segment in our news-

letter: Just Little Stories. We hope to be able to continue these stories to warm your hearts and inspire you.

Second, our donors have continued to give faithfully and joyfully as they partner with us in the work of touching the lives of youths and their families from low-income families. It has been heartening to receive such encouragement, and your support helps us to continue our work to make a difference.

On behalf of the staff, students and parents at CampusImpact, thank you for all that you have done, and happy holidays.

Best Regards,

Elysa Chen
Acting Executive Director of CampusImpact

JUST LITTLE STORIES



In this new segment, we seek to share the simple stories which unfold in CampusImpact every day. Here is the story of one of our volunteers who has been serving as a volunteer tutor teaching P4 – P6 students. Annie, who came from a difficult background herself, sees her work as an important part of helping students brave the storms of life.



Safe Shelter



Why did you volunteer with CampusImpact?

I grew up in a slightly disadvantaged background. My father was a bus driver who worked long hours, and my mom was a factory worker who often worked overtime because she wanted to earn more money for the family. So, I was a latch-key kid who grew up in a family with not a lot of warmth. My parents quarrelled a lot, and it was very dysfunctional.

The students in CampusImpact come from a similar background as me. Kids who come from our background often feel like victims. Growing up, I used to wonder: "Why me? Is it my fault that my family is like that?" One of my students told me that she feels like she is bad luck, and she blamed herself for her parents' divorce. She doesn't get much time with her mom, because her mother's idea of loving her child is to pay money for her tuition, but she didn't even want to hold her daughter's hand.

What were some of your most challenging students like?

Students are often trying to test our limits, because they want to see how much we love them. They always try to push us till we cannot take it, so that they can say: "See, you are just like the other adults in my life." Some of my students sit under the table, others act like Ah Bengs, and don't want to put their legs down. There were even times when I saw notes that the kids wrote about me, and they used vulgarities to describe me when I was firm and established boundaries for them.





JUST LITTLE STORIES

It's normal for them to think this way. They don't understand that we are trying to help them, because they cannot see the big picture yet. All we can hope is that, maybe one day, the students will understand why we had to challenge them. Even if they don't understand, I just want to continue to do my job well. I see myself as a passing cloud in the lives of the students. Maybe it was only for a while, but at least, I sheltered them from the harsh sun rays when we were together.

What keeps you going as a volunteer?

I treasure every moment with my students. I like it when they are proud of their academic achievements and show me their test papers or report cards. The main issue is not how much they scored on their paper, but rather the sense of pride and confidence on their faces. I am proud that they are proud of themselves.

Some of the young people may be fighting a battle we know nothing of. It can be an unpleasant circumstance at home, or being ostracized in school, or grieving over the loss of a friendship or relationship.

CampusImpact will be a safe place where the students feel accepted. I hope to help students come to a nurturing environment, especially since the "blame culture" is so prevalent these days. Instead of competing and comparing, so much more can be achieved if we connect and collaborate. It's my dream to see my students grow to have qualities like integrity, kindness and humility.

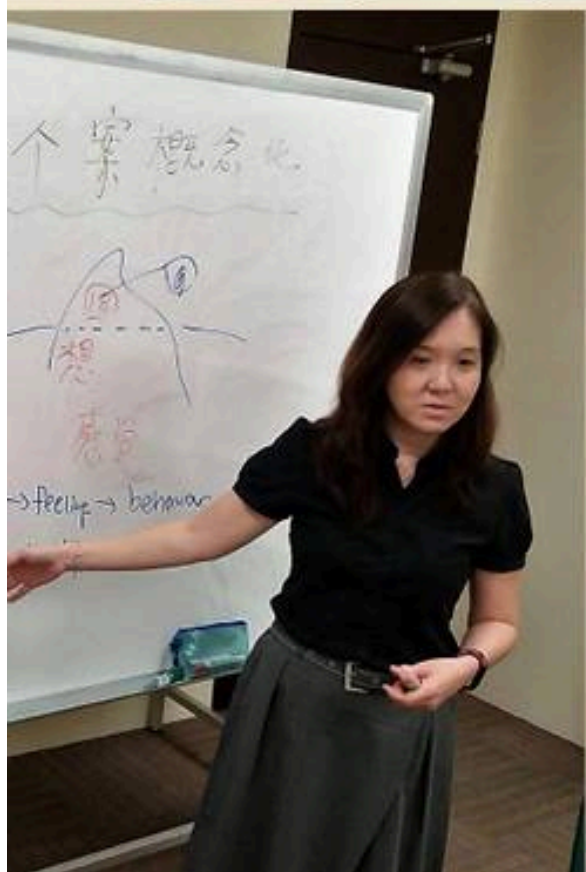


PAST EVENTS

CHILDREN'S DAY PINATA PARTY 7 OCT



HOTLINE COUNSELLING CASE SUPERVISION 21 OCT



KIDZANIA 11 NOV



GEAR UP FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL 24 NOV



DUMPLING MASTERCHEF 25 NOV



COMING UP

EARLY DEC: START OF EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2018

9 DEC: APPRECIATION DAY AND TRAINING
FOR VOLUNTEER TUTORS

9-10 DEC: NIGHT CYCLING

*Night
Cycling*

EARLY JAN: START OF STUDY BUDDY PROGRAMME

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