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In this edition of our newsletter, let's take a look at some of the recent highlights across AWWA, and celebrate the generosity of our partners!

Community Integration Service (CIS) 30th Anniversary and Awards Ceremony

AWWA CIS celebrated its 30th anniversary on 20 November 2021. The event was graced by Minister of State for Social and Family Development and Education, Sun Xueling. The CIS Awards commenced in the year 2000 to recognise the extraordinary strength of CIS clients in their endeavour to integrate and excel in mainstream education. The CIS Awards also allows us to acknowledge the remarkable and valuable contributions of others in the ecosystem, such as supportive friends, teachers, schools and community partners. This year, we celebrate our everyday champions, who are our clients, caregivers, friends, and partners like you, through a virtual event, together with CIS's 30th Anniversary!



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AWWA Inclusion Experts Series - 4 December 2021

The AWWA Inclusion Experts Series (AIES) team capped off 2021 with our fourth and final session for the year, titled "Inclusion without Borders". For the first time, the AIES webinar featured a local keynote speaker, AWWA's very own Miss Beverley Tan, Preschool Teacher from Kindle Garden Preschool. Joining her for the webinar was keynote speaker, Ms Hannah Watts, Director of Plumtree Preschool, Australia. The two speakers shared how the support for inclusion is fostered through layers of the ecosystem involving the children, school, families and the community. The session was facilitated by Ms Sandy Koh, Principal, Kindle Garden Preschool. You may find the presentation slides from the session by clicking [here](#).

Inclusion without Borders



Beverley Tan
Kindle Garden Preschool, Singapore



Hannah Watts
Plumtree Preschool, Australia



AIES: INCLUSION WITHOUT BORDERS



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Shaping Hearts 2021

Shaping Hearts, organised by North East Community Development Council, is a movement to celebrate the diverse artistic talents of our community. The hybrid event consisting of art exhibitions, live performances, and virtual charity art sales, brings together inspiring stories of hope told through the arts.

AWWA School participated in Shaping Hearts 2021, and we are proud to share that six artworks designed by five of our talented students were displayed at the exhibition and is currently on its website for sale. The proceed of the sale will go to AWWA School Pupil Welfare Fund. You may view and purchase the art pieces via this [link](#).



Walk2Remember 2021



In commemoration of World Alzheimer's Month in September 2021, AWWA was a proud partner in co-organising the Walk2Remember 2021 together with Dementia Singapore, AMKFSC Community Services Ltd, Tan Tock Seng Hospital and TOUCH Community Services.

Walk2Remember started in Ang Mo Kio in 2019 as a campaign to promote intergenerational walking habits to combat dementia and raise awareness of and about the condition to build a dementia-inclusive Singapore. Some key highlights of Walk2Remember 2021 include the nationwide virtual step challenge, installations and photo contest in Ang Mo Kio Town, and a Facebook Live fireside chat.

Adviser for Yio Chu Kang Grassroots Organisations, Mr Yip Hon Weng, visited one of the installation sites to show his support for the cause!



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Feature Story: The Reason We Smile Fundraising Online Concert



"The Reason We Smile: Bringing #Smiles to Over 12,000 Clients" campaign seeks to make a difference in supporting over 12,000 AWWA clients within our 30 services organisation-wide. Contributions to this campaign went towards AWWA's Welfare Fund.

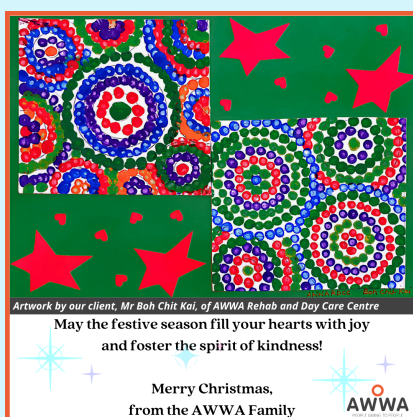
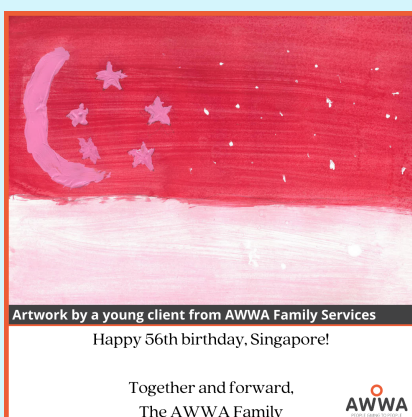
AWWA collaborated with veteran musician Clement Chow and his talented crew: Alemay Fernandez, Wayne Sandz, Mathilda D'Silva, Jordin Tan, Linda & Liam, and Soundkatz Studios and put together a Christmas performance on 21 December 2021 to bring the festive spirit to the homes of many and to raise funds for the campaign.

Clement and his friends filled the air with familiar tunes such as "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". At the end of the engaging and heartwarming concert, we are happy to share that we exceeded the set target of S\$10,000! Thank you, donors, for believing in our mission of empowering the disadvantaged to maximise their potential to lead independent and dignified lives.



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Greeting Cards Designed by our Clients



Have you come across these lovely designs during each festival? We are proud to share that these one-of-a-kind greeting e-cards were meticulously handcrafted and drawn by our very own clients! What better way to bring in the festive cheer than to involve our talented children, families, and seniors in designing a personalised greeting card for AWWA!

With Chinese New Year around the corner, do look out for the next design!