

AWWA

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION
SERVICE AWARDS 2025

OUR STARS OUR INSPIRATION

CELEBRATING INTEGRATION



CEO'S MESSAGE



More than three decades ago, AWWA's Community Integration Service (CIS) began with a simple but powerful belief, that students with physical disabilities and low vision can lead independent and dignified lives when given the right support. The path ahead was uncertain, but the need was clear. From the very beginning, we committed to stand alongside students, families, and schools to make inclusion a lived reality.

That pioneering vision has since grown into one of AWWA's signature programmes. Today, CIS supports more than 350 students each year across mainstream primary, secondary, and tertiary schools. That's nearly one student in every mainstream school in Singapore! From para-athletes to artists, disability advocates, and valued employees in their workplaces, we are so proud to be working closely with educators, therapists, caregivers, volunteers, and community partners to provide tailored support, so that every child can thrive in school and beyond.

This year, we celebrate another remarkable cohort of CIS stars, including students who have shown strength and resilience, and the networks of support that have walked alongside them in their integration journeys. We hope that their stories inspire you to take a step towards building an inclusive society where persons of all abilities can pursue their dreams and aspirations.

Together, let us continue to widen the circle of inclusion, by deepening partnerships, empowering families, and creating opportunities for every young person to pursue their aspirations with confidence and dignity.

With utmost appreciation,

Karthik

Chief Executive Officer, AWWA

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ABOUT AWWA CIS

Formerly known as TEACH ME, the AWWA Community Integration Service (CIS) was established in 1991 to empower children and youth with physical disabilities and low vision to achieve their fullest potential through integration in schools and the community. Our interdisciplinary team including Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Therapists and Social Workers provides comprehensive support to over 350 students across Singapore annually.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

(PRIMARY / SECONDARY /
JUNIOR COLLEGE / TERTIARY)

This award is presented to exemplary clients from AWWA CIS who have excelled academically, overcoming all challenges with tenacity and determination.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

(PRIMARY / SECONDARY / JUNIOR COLLEGE / TERTIARY)



MUHAMMAD HARIZ BIN SANUSI

Age: 11

Anchor Green Primary School

“Limits are just direction for growth.”

Hariz exemplifies quiet determination, approaching school with positivity and resilience while managing the physical limitations of Spina Bifida. For Hariz, this greatly affects his control of his lower limbs, balance, endurance and mobility for longer distances. He uses an ankle foot orthosis to support him.

Hariz’s ability to adapt and stay engaged in learning earned him the 2025 Raffles Scholarship for his academic achievements. He also participates actively during PE lessons, while continuing to cultivate friendships and personal growth.

Hariz’s outlook on life serves as a reminder that resilience is not just about overcoming obstacles, but also about embracing life with optimism.



CLEMENT CHEANG KAI WEN

Age: 10

Punggol Cove Primary School

“Transforming effort into excellence.”

Achieving high scores in multiple subjects while continuously looking for ways to improve his academic results, Clement takes pride in his learning, even with communication issues.

Clement pursues his studies diligently, inspiring peers and teachers alike with his determination.

As a student councillor, his speech challenges did not deter him from building his communication skills. He speaks with utmost confidence when leading group discussions and engages actively in class. He demonstrates optimistic attitude and a strong will to learn and adapt.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

(PRIMARY / SECONDARY / JUNIOR COLLEGE / TERTIARY)



TAN JUN YING KENDRICK

Age: 10

Woodlands Primary School

“A resilient spirit who leads by example.”

Kendrick, who faces challenges with speech clarity, embodies resilience through his dedication to learning. While navigating speech challenges, he remains motivated and consistent in his learning, participating actively and approaching each task with calm focus.

Through his meticulous preparation for lessons and mastery of new concepts, he showed improvements in his academic results. As a Peer Support Leader and PE Leader, he also extends a sense of responsibility to his peers, leading them by example.

His positive mindset inspires and encourages those around him.



LEE CHENG LONG

Age: 17

ITE College West

“A journey of dedication and generous heart that uplifts others.”

Cheng Long, who has cerebral palsy, is a thoughtful student who approaches learning with care. In his last year at Northlight School, his commitment to his studies earned him the Edusave Merit Bursary and the Certificate of Academic Achievement in 2024.

Beyond the classroom, Cheng Long actively supports his juniors in his Infocomm CCA at Northlight School, readily offering guidance and encouragement. Cheng Long continues to pursue his goals with positivity and determination, willingly helping others while demonstrating his sense of responsibility and generosity.

His journey reflects a spirit of learning, leadership, and a deep desire to make a positive impact.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

(PRIMARY / SECONDARY / JUNIOR COLLEGE / TERTIARY)



TAN LEYIN

Age: 20
Nanyang Polytechnic

“Turning limitations into launchpads towards academic excellence.”

Leyin, who has cerebral palsy and hypotonia, is a driven student with a strong academic record, leading to her receiving a Polytechnic scholarship for her achievements.

She manages her motor and endurance challenges with perseverance while ensuring that her school projects meet the high standards that she sets for herself. Beyond academics, Leyin actively takes on leadership and service roles, including organising community projects. Outside of school, she contributes her time as a volunteer at her church. Leyin aspires to pursue a career to help others, reflecting her compassion and dedication to supporting others and giving back to the community.

Leyin’s journey shows that by embracing compassion, we can grow personally while making a positive impact on others.



HENG ZHE KAI NICHOLAS

Age: 21
Republic Polytechnic

“True potential is measured not by limits, but by the courage to transcend them.”

Nicholas, who has cerebral palsy, is a resilient student with outstanding academic achievements, including earning a GPA of 3.725 and the Edusave Certificate of Academic Achievement in 2024.

As someone who relishes new experiences, Nicholas represented his school in the ITE Digitalisation Challenge in 2023 and the DBS x ITE Mentoring Programme in 2024. He also participated in the AWWA Canoe Marathon and contributed to his school’s Community Service Day, demonstrating his willingness to serve others.

Nicholas’s journey demonstrates the power of persistence and the courage to go beyond limitations.

PERSEVERANCE AWARD WINNERS

This award is presented to exemplary clients from AWWA CIS, who have demonstrated perseverance, proactiveness, and utmost resilience in integrating themselves into their homes, schools, and the community.

PERSEVERANCE AWARD WINNERS



NG KAI XIN ZOE

Age: 9

Nan Chiau Primary School

“True perseverance isn’t about perfection. It’s about showing up, trying boldly, and embracing life with unshakable courage.”

Zoe approaches every day with fearless determination and an infectious can-do spirit.

Living with Harlequin Ichthyosis, a rare skin condition which had led to the amputation of both her hands, Zoe faces limitations in carrying out daily activities such as dressing, writing, and drawing. However, Zoe adapts creatively, where she uses her elbow to hold her pencil when drawing of lines with ruler and uses both her stumps to hold pencils to write and draw.

Unfazed by her physical limitations, Zoe eagerly participates in class, answers questions with enthusiasm, and takes part in CIS activities or family outings to the playground.

Zoe’s resilience in striving for independence inspires everyone around her.

PERSEVERANCE AWARD WINNERS



MUHAMMAD RIDHWAN BIN MOHAMMAD FADLI

Age: 13
Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School

“Every small step forward is a victory.”

Ridhwan's journey is one of perseverance. At just 10 years old, he faced a life-altering ordeal when seizures following a fever led to 14 days of him being on life support, and three months in the hospital. The episode left him paralysed from the waist down with reduced function in his left arm. Yet, Ridhwan refuses to let adversity define him.

Returning to school in a wheelchair, he tackled speech and cognitive challenges head-on, adapting to a motorised wheelchair with grit and grace. Despite initial academic struggles, Ridhwan persevered in his last year in primary school, and managed to enter a mainstream secondary school based on his PSLE result in 2024. He worked tirelessly in therapy to gain independence in daily tasks like dressing.

Ridhwan's positivity continues to shine as he actively participates in CIS events, inspiring his peers and teachers. His relentless optimism and determination, whether in academics or therapy, makes him a beacon of hope for anyone struggling with challenges of their own.



NUR ARISSA BINTE JOHARI

Age: 12
Valour Primary School

“Unstoppable spirit and a journey of courage and possibility.”

Arissa embodies the spirit of turning limitations into opportunities. Born with congenital amputations of her right foot and left hand, she refused to let physical challenges define her.

With quiet determination, she perseveres in her writing and academics. She has also fearlessly taken on rock climbing through her school's Outdoor Adventure Club and successfully completed the NAPFA test with the support of her mother.

As she prepares diligently for her PSLE, Arissa's perseverance, adaptability, and unyielding spirit continue to inspire everyone around her.



**YOUNG TALENT
AWARD WINNER**
(SKILLS CATEGORY)

This award is presented to clients from AWWA CIS who have excelled in the field of arts and continually inspire others with their dedication and performance in their chosen skills, as well as their good character.

YOUNG TALENT AWARD WINNER

(SKILLS CATEGORY)



LEE CHENG LONG

Age: 17

ITE College West

“True creativity is made to inspire.”

Cheng Long, an artist with cerebral palsy, expresses his creativity through craftsmanship.

During his free time, he transforms recyclable materials into imaginative creations, from figurines to detailed swords, demonstrating both skill and environmental consciousness.

Despite his artistic talent, he remains humble, sharing his works out of joy rather than fame. Cheng Long has received recognition for his works, including the Northlight School Designer Award 2024.

The dedication, authenticity, and passion he puts in his art are an inspiration to others.



**YOUNG TALENT
AWARD WINNERS**
(SPORTS CATEGORY)

This award is presented to clients from AWWA CIS who have excelled in the field of sports and continually inspire others with their dedication, sportsmanship, and performance in their chosen sport.

YOUNG TALENT AWARD WINNERS

(SPORTS CATEGORY)



JONG HAN RONG ISAIAH

Age: 12

Oasis Primary School

“True champions are forged through resilience.”

Isaiah, who lives with brainstem glioma, has shown resilience as a Boccia athlete. While his muscles are impacted by his condition, Isaiah participates actively and remarkably in the different areas of his life, including sports.

Since taking up the Boccia sport in 2023, he has earned bronze medals at major national competitions including Pesta Sukan, the Tiger Balm National Boccia Championship, and the 2024 National Youth Boccia Championship.

Balancing training with school, he continues to push through fatigue and physical constraints with courage and drive.

Isaiah’s journey exemplifies perseverance, discipline, and strength, making him a role model for young athletes.



LEE HONG LE BRYAN

Age: 10

Yumin Primary School

“Limitations live only in the mind, the spirit of the champion knows none.”

At just 10 years old, Bryan has already made waves in Singapore’s para swimming scene. Living with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, which weakens the muscles over time, did not stop Bryan from making his competitive debut in 2024, winning 1st place at the National Youth Para Swimming Championships. He continued to impress, finishing 2nd Runner-Up in the 50m Freestyle Para Boys (7-12 years old) at Pesta Sukan GetActive Singapore.

Beyond these early achievements, Bryan approaches every training session with discipline and energy, finding swimming to be a source of confidence, identity, and personal strength.

Bryan’s resilience and drive inspire others to pursue their goals with the same dedication.

ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

This award is presented to AWWA CIS clients or alumni, who consistently go above and beyond the call of duty to advocate the value of diversity and inclusivity within the community.

ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS



ISABEL ONG XIN YU

Age: 24

Singapore Management University

“Advocacy speaks in actions, proving that persistence and compassion can create tangible change.”

Isabel, who lives with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, is a strong advocate for accessibility during her time at Singapore Management University (SMU). Her condition leads to muscle weakening over time, impacting her overall physical mobility. Undeterred by her condition, Isabel remained resilient, using her motorised wheelchair to navigate around the campus.

From her first year in SMU, she persistently lobbied for automated doors in one of the university’s newer buildings. Her efforts paid off when the doors were installed in her final year, leaving a lasting impact for students with mobility challenges.

Beyond campus, Isabel dedicates herself to volunteering in school and in church, supporting children and youths with additional needs. Her resilience was further highlighted when she successfully completed an overseas internship in Melbourne through careful planning with her CIS therapists.

Isabel's story reflects her determination to push boundaries and her heart to serve others despite her physical challenges.

ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS



DURKESWARAN KRISHNAN

Age: 19

Jurongville Secondary School

“True advocacy begins when we transform personal obstacles into opportunities for change.”

Durkeswaran transforms personal challenges into opportunities for growth. Living with cerebral palsy, he actively participates in various sports and community activities, demonstrating that his condition does not define him.

Noticing the lack of Boccia competitions and opportunities in the West of Singapore, where he resides, he took the initiative to advocate for greater access, encouraging others in the community to follow his lead.

His resilience is also evident in his personal journey. When a spinal infection disrupted his N-Level preparations, he redirected his focus into Boccia, earning three silver medals, while continuing to prioritise rehabilitation.

Today, he continues to pursue the sport with aspirations of joining the national team. As a “big brother” figure at CIS events, he uplifts younger participants with optimism and encouragement, exemplifying the power of perseverance.

OUTSTANDING BUDDY AWARD WINNERS

This award is presented to exemplary schoolmates of clients from AWWA CIS, who have shown support and compassion by demonstrating acceptance and understanding.

OUTSTANDING BUDDY AWARD WINNERS



Left to Right: Salman, Jaedon

MUHAMMAD SALMAN BIN MOHAMED OSMAN

Age: 15

Bendemeeer Secondary School

Buddy of Goh Junjie Jaedon
(Client of AWWA CIS)

“True friendship isn’t about grand gestures, but the quiet, consistent acts of kindness that say, 'I’m here for you'.”

Salman has been a caring buddy to Jaedon since Secondary 1, supporting him with sincerity. He took the initiative to understand Jaedon’s needs by researching his condition of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and accompanying him during learning journeys and in the classroom.

Recognising Jaedon’s difficulties in expressing himself, Salman learnt how to communicate with him. When Jaedon feels upset, teachers often rely on Salman to offer support, reflecting the trust built between them. Their friendship extends beyond school, as they continue to stay in touch through messages.

Salman’s commitment goes beyond duty, as he has expressed an interest in learning more about disabilities so he can help others. His role as a buddy has shaped his character to develop kindness and empathy from a young age.

OUTSTANDING BUDDY AWARD WINNERS



Left to Right: Jonathon, Eston, Ruiyang

CHEN RUIYANG LIM HONG KAI, JONATHON

Ages: 8
Yio Chu Kang Primary School

Buddies of Eston Teo
(Client of AWWA CIS)

“Age does not define the impact you can have.”

Rui Yang and Jonathon exemplify dedication as buddies to Eston. Eston’s condition of dysmorphism affect his physical endurance, mobility, and managing writing tasks in school. As such, Eston navigates around on a motorised wheelchair, with support from his buddies. Despite being only in Primary 1 at the time, they helped him with his school supplies, manouvering his wheelchair when needed, and making sure he receives his meals during recess.

Today, they continue to maintain that close bond. What sets Rui Yang and Jonathon apart is their empathy and reliability at such a young age, demonstrating maturity beyond their years.

Their story is a reminder that inclusivity creates an environment where everyone can thrive together.

OUTSTANDING BUDDY AWARD WINNERS



Left to Right: Nawfal, Safwan

OUMRAIT NAWFAL

Age: 10

Chongzheng Primary School

Buddy of Safwan Aryan Bin Siraj Munir

(Client of AWWA CIS)

“True peer support comes not from assignment but from the heart.”

Nawfal illustrates the importance of peer support and its impact on our AWWA CIS client, Safwan.

Safwan often experience fatigue and is susceptible to falls in school due to his condition of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, which causes progressive weakening of his muscles .

As Safwan's buddy back in Primary 1, Nawfal provides both practical help and emotional encouragement, including offering kind words during difficult moments, celebrating achievements, and creating a space where Safwan feels supported. His care towards Safwan showcases empathy in every interaction.

Safwan’s parents share that Nawfal has been a pillar of support for their son, especially on challenging days. His actions show how simple sustained acts of kindness can make a profound difference in someone else’s life.

OUTSTANDING CAREGIVER AWARD WINNERS

This award is presented to caregivers of clients from AWWA CIS, who demonstrate courage, dedication, and unwavering love in providing quality care.

OUTSTANDING CAREGIVER AWARD WINNERS



Left to Right: : Zoe, Samuel

SAMUEL NG XI WEI

Caregiver of Ng Kai Xin Zoe
(Client of AWWA CIS)

“A true caregiver sees beyond limitations and nurtures possibilities.”

Samuel is a devoted caregiver and single parent who exemplifies the spirit of selflessness through his unwavering commitment to his daughter living with Harlequin Ichthyosis, a rare skin condition which led to the amputation of both hands.

Balancing the needs of three children with different personalities, Samuel remains attuned to each of them, especially Zoe's unique strengths and challenges. He is a strong advocate for her independence, exploring assistive technologies to support her daily activities.

Samuel also actively nurtures Zoe's confidence by including her in CIS events and community activities. Through patience and thoughtful communication, he empowers Zoe while respecting her autonomy.

Samuel's journey reflects resilience, purpose, and unconditional love, an inspiring example of caregiving that uplifts lives.

OUTSTANDING CAREGIVER AWARD WINNERS



Left to Right: Ariel, Yen Lin

SONG YEN LIN (SONG YANLIN)

Caregiver of Low Xuan Yu Ariel
(Client of AWWA CIS)

“True caregiving is a dance of holding on and letting go, where love becomes both anchor and wings.”

Yen Lin’s unwavering dedication to her daughter with cerebral palsy reflects remarkable love and resilience.

As Ariel’s primary caregiver, Yen Lin balances support and empowerment, aiding her when needed, such as during lunchtime in school, while encouraging Ariel’s independence.

Determined to ensure equal opportunities are available for Ariel, she enrolled her in yoga and coding classes and personally ferried her to and from school camp so she could fully participate. Her ability to advocate for Ariel’s inclusion, whether in school or in the community, stems from a deep understanding of her strengths and challenges.

When Ariel faces emotional hurdles, Yen Lin responds with calmness, guiding her with reason. Her journey is a shining example of unconditional caregiving.

OUTSTANDING CAREGIVER AWARD WINNERS



Left to Right: Kelvin, Jarren

NG HUNG SIANG KELVIN (HUANG HANXIANG)

Caregiver of Ng En Le Jarren
(Client of AWWA CIS)

“No mountain is too high in the father’s eyes.”

Kelvin’s selfless care for his son, who lives with Congenital Hypomyelinating Neuropathy, is reflected in the efforts he makes to help Jarren enjoy life alongside his peers. Due to his condition, Jarren has low muscle tone and muscle weakness, which results in him requiring a wheelchair to move around as he is unable to stand or walk. He may also experience fatigue more easily when participating in more more intense activities.

When a school trip to Malacca posed physical challenges, Kelvin accompanied Jarren by carrying him up a hill and driving him to various locations so he could fully participate with his classmates. Beyond school activities, Kelvin remains proactive in supporting Jarren’s development. He regularly consults therapists to monitor progress and diligently reinforces therapy exercises at home, guiding and encouraging his son every step of the way.

Through perseverance and adaptability, Kelvin ensures that no obstacle stands in the way of his son.

OUTSTANDING FAMILY AWARD WINNERS

This award is presented to families of clients from AWWA CIS, who champion their family members' active participation in the community.

OUTSTANDING FAMILY AWARD WINNERS



*Left to Right: : Father, Brother,
Zoe, Sister*

NG KAI XIN ZOE'S FAMILY

NG KAI XIN ZOE

Nan Chiau Primary School

“Their love knows no limits. Transforming challenges into strength, victories into joy.”

Zoe, who is living with Harlequin Ichthyosis, a rare skin condition which led to the amputation of both hands, receives love from her family, whom actively advocate for her independence, empowering her to navigate life with confidence.

By supporting Zoe in school and in the community, they ensure that she enjoys her childhood to the fullest. From exploring playgrounds to teaching her roller skating, the family creates countless opportunities for Zoe to learn and play. They also participate in CIS programmes, fostering her social connections with peers of diverse abilities.

Through it all, they radiate positivity and openly shares Zoe's journey to raise awareness and inspire others.

OUTSTANDING FAMILY AWARD WINNERS



*Back: Elder sister, Father
Front: Younger sister, Helda,
Mother*

HELDA AIZYAH ALIMAH'S FAMILY

HELDA AIZYAH ALIMAH

Kheng Cheng School

“The most powerful therapy a child can receive is a family’s unwavering belief in what they can achieve.”

Helda’s family demonstrates exceptional dedication in nurturing her, who lives with cerebral palsy. Their commitment is evident in their active participation in her therapy sessions and community events.

Helda’s mother goes the extra mile to seek out inclusive opportunities tailored to her daughter’s abilities, ranging from therapeutic horseback riding to para-swimming lessons. While they encourage Helda to explore new experiences, they also ensure that she feels supported every step of the way.

Through their efforts, they have created a nurturing environment where Helda can thrive, build confidence, and discover her potential.

OUTSTANDING FAMILY AWARD WINNERS



*Back: Father, Mother, Hashim
Front: Younger brother, Sister*

SYED HASHIM BIN SYED MOHAMMAD HAFIZ ALSREE'S FAMILY

SYED HASHIM BIN SYED MOHAMMAD HAFIZ ALSREE

Bedok South Secondary School

“A family’s strength is measured not by the challenges they face, but by the love and resilience with which they rise together.”

Hashim’s family has been a pillar of support for the 14-year-old who lives with cerebral palsy. Hashim remains independent in his mobility despite his condition affecting his walking speed, endurance, and speech clarity. From his early years, Hashim’s mother has devoted herself to his well-being, growth, and inclusion in the community.

The family actively participates in CIS community activities alongside Hashim, fostering his social and cognitive development. Recognising the importance of education, they went above and beyond by personally reaching out to schools after his PSLE to secure the best possible secondary school placement.

Hashim’s mother has also shared about their caregiving journey as a guest speaker at a CIS parents’ event, offering advice and solidarity to other families facing similar challenges. Through their commitment, the family exemplifies care for their own.



OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD WINNER

This award recognises individuals and groups who have demonstrated compassion and commitment to support and advocate for our clients' integration in the community.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD WINNER



MUHAMMAD SAIFULLAH BIN KAMALUDIN

Deputy Manager, Recreational Nodes Unit
Sentosa Development Corporation

Mr Saifullah exemplifies the spirit of community through his dedication, creativity, and heart for inclusion. As an employee of the Sentosa Development Corporation, he collaborates closely with CIS to ensure that clients could fully participate in outdoor activities within Sentosa.

Aside from arranging for specialised equipment and accessible transport, he also helped with coordinating the guided tours of Fort Siloso and St. John's Island and facilitated a cable car ride for CIS clients. His thoughtful attention to safety, including rechecking routes for obstacles, and his warm rapport with CIS clients created a positive outdoor experience for all.

Through his hands-on approach and passionate storytelling, Mr Saifullah transformed outings into unforgettable adventures, making him a true advocate for accessibility and inclusion.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

This award recognises educational institutions that have gone above and beyond to support clients from AWWA CIS, fostering inclusion through compassion and a strengths-based, empowering approach.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



CHIJ OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY

CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity's approach in promoting awareness, accessibility, and inclusion for students with physical disabilities has been key in maximising our clients' potential and participation in their school.

Their efforts include having inclusion booths, training school staff to be care ambassadors to better support our clients and partnering with CIS to plan and conduct meaningful activities for our clients. In addition, the school participated in our clients' therapy sessions and exchanged insights with caregivers to strengthen their support for our clients.

The school also organised inclusive recess activities to build friendships and modified classroom settings to meet diverse physical needs. School leaders further shared stories during recess, inspiring the school to embrace inclusive values.

CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity stands out for its collaborative and school-wide efforts to create a welcoming environment where every student belongs.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



OASIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Oasis Primary School has cultivated a culture of care that is deeply committed to the integration of students with physical disabilities. The school takes a proactive approach to ensuring that students' needs are promptly raised and meaningfully discussed among Special Educational Needs Officers (SENs), teachers, and CIS.

Over the years, the school has built a close partnership with CIS, remaining receptive to feedback during school visits and collaborative discussions. This collaboration enables timely support for our clients, ensuring their meaningful inclusion in all aspects of school life, including physical education.

Educators at Oasis Primary School embrace inclusive practices by engaging in collaborative planning, actively identifying and addressing student needs, and seeking additional guidance when challenges arise. Their dedication reflects a genuine commitment to look after the well-being of their students.

Through the steadfast support of its leadership and teaching staff, Oasis Primary School serves as a role model in championing inclusion within the wider community.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD WINNERS

This award is presented to educators who have been supportive and compassionate advocates for the well-being of Persons with Disabilities in the school, adopting a strengths-based, empowering and collaborative approach in working with AWWA CIS clients, their families and with the AWWA CIS team.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD WINNERS



LIM KIM GEOK, JESSIE

Senior Special Educational Needs Officer
Bukit View Primary School

“Compassion in action.”

Ms Lim exemplifies compassion by meaningfully impacting the lives of CIS clients and their families. Beyond the classroom, she takes the initiative to identify, understand, and address the needs of her students, empowering them with support and guidance.

When a client's family faced financial difficulties, Ms Lim personally engaged both mother and child to understand their situation before linking them to the appropriate support services.

When another client relocated and could no longer walk to school, she accompanied him on his journeys home and to school, patiently teaching him how to commute independently by bus. Ms Lim also collaborates actively with community partners to ensure our clients have what they need, whether it is materials for camps or access to therapy.

Working in a school with multiple CIS clients, she has been a dependable advocate, ensuring every client receives the right support to thrive.



KWA QIAN HUI

Senior Special Educational Needs Officer
St Anthony's Canossian Secondary School

“Where others see barriers, she sees possibilities.”

Ms Kwa ensures that CIS clients are fully included in her school, by actively advocating for their participation, from encouraging them to attend school camps to exploring the feasibility of overseas trips.

She also takes the initiative to address our clients' examination needs and trials assistive technology for classroom use. Her collaborative approach involves working closely with CIS clients, therapists, school staff, parents, and external agencies to create the most supportive learning environment for them. Beyond the classroom, Ms Kwa dedicates time during the school holidays to observe how a client adapts to a new motorised wheelchair, ensuring a smooth transition upon her return to school.

These efforts reflect her commitment to creating positive and meaningful learning experiences for our clients.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD WINNERS



ONG CHONG TIANG

Special Educational Needs Officer
First Toa Payoh Primary School

“An educator who opens doors and builds bridges.”

Mr Ong is a tireless advocate for inclusion, supporting our CIS clients beyond the classroom. This includes walking a student home, accompanying them for a haircut, or checking in on them outside of school hours, assuring CIS clients with his presence when it matters most.

Mr Ong also works closely with CIS therapists, caregivers, and school staff to ensure every client is meaningfully included in school. He adapts lessons, encourages peer relationships, and creates safe spaces for emotional expression. His efforts have not only helped CIS clients thrive but also shaped a culture of empathy and inclusion in the school.

Through his sincerity, collaborative spirit, and deep understanding of each child's potential, Mr Ong continues to open doors for clients who might otherwise be left behind.

SPECIAL MENTION OF NOMINEES

Building an inclusive tomorrow is a whole-of-society effort. At AWWA CIS, we celebrate the tireless work of our clients and their network of support in enabling greater participation at school and in the community.

We are pleased to recognise the following clients, individuals, and groups for their dedication and commitment in exemplifying and supporting inclusion in their everyday lives.

SPECIAL MENTION OF NOMINEES

Educational Achievement Award

Primary School Category

Mohamad Ikhwan Bin Mohd Sahril
Fritz Ong Kap Soon
Christopher Ong
Chloe Tan Yi En

Secondary School Category

Emmanuel Tan Yun En
Izzat Hakim Bin Sharif

Perseverance Award

Muhammad Marzuqi Bin Mazlan
Chua Ze En Nathan
Liu Yin Rui
Durkeswaran Krishnan

Young Talent Award

Sports Category

Durkeswaran Krishnan
Janell Lim Yan Yi

Advocate of the Year Award

Chua Ze En Nathan
Tay Yao En Zachary
Janell Lim Yan Yi

Outstanding Buddy Award

Ahmad Addy Mikhail
Bin Muhammad Khairul Azhar
Choo Hao Zhi, Ralston
Muhammad Hazim Bin Zulkifli
Muhammad Faris Mirzan
Bin Mohammad Fadzly
Muhammad Al'Rezeqi Bin Muhammad Arif
Mohamed Amsyar Bin Mohamed Mazni
Muhammad Rasul Bin Zakaria
Koh Jun Long, Isaac
(Buddies of Muhammad Ridhwan
Bin Mohammad Fadli)
North View Primary School

Outstanding Caregiver Award

Tan Rui Qi Susan
Fitri Angela
Tan Leya
Mohammad Fadli Ramlan
Siti Rizana bte Mohamed Sudar

Outstanding Family Award

Anagha Priyadarsan's Family
William Michael Yeo-Hubbard's Family
Lin Zhengkai Jake's Family

Outstanding Community Partner Award

Perry Shen, Accessibility Manager,
National Library Board

Outstanding School Award

CHIJ St. Joseph's Convent
Elias Park Primary School
North View Primary School
Yishun Primary School
Anderson Secondary School

Outstanding Educator Award

How Fang Qi
SENO, CHIJ St. Joseph's Convent

Seah Wei Liang
SENO, Sengkang Secondary School

Lee Su Yin
SENO, Bendemeer Secondary School

Goh Yoke En Alissa
SENO, Yishun Primary School

Weng Min Hao
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