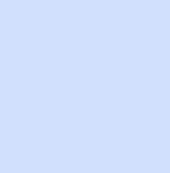


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# Annual Report



# Mission of SIWEC

To improve the welfare and well being of the community. In this context, programs and scope of support and assistance have been expanded in the past few years.

**BUT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE**

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## Financial Ration & Financial Assistance

- Food Rations (Monthly NTUC Vouchers) and Financial assistance are provided to needy families. Cases are periodically reviewed by secretariat staff and MC members.

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## Financial Ration & Financial Assistance

Quarter	FA Only (Cases)	F/R Only (Cases)	F/A & F/R (Cases)	F/A Cost	F/R Cost	Total Cost
Q3 2012	1	17	3	\$1,575	\$8,175	\$9,750
Q4 2012	1	19	3	\$1,575	\$8,525	\$10,100
<b>Q1 2013</b>	1	20	3	\$1,575	\$8,850	\$10,425
<b>Q2 2013</b>	1	20	3	\$1,575	\$8,550	*\$10,125

\*Slight reduction after Bi-Annual Review

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## Other Welfare Supports

**Some of the areas SIWEC assisted included:**

- **Mediation to help reconcile families**
- **Counselling**
- **Job placement**
- **Linking clients with other organisations**

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## New Clients Support Summary

Description	Jan - Dec 2012			Jan - Jun 2013		
	Local	Foreign	Total	Local	Foreign	Total
Counselling & Advise	38	7	45	19	4	23
Mediation with Employers / Families	15	6	21	9	3	12
Referral to Govt Agencies for Help	39	3	42	20	1	21
Total Number of Cases	92	16	108	48	8	56

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## Prisons Counselling and Aftercare Program

This program focuses on the following activities:

### While in Prison

- Provide rehabilitative counselling to inmates.
- Address the needs of the inmates.

### Post Release

- Assist in finding meaningful employment/accommodation etc.
- Follow up counselling.
- Collaboration with aftercare associations like THE ASHRAM.

Counsellors meet inmates on a weekly / fortnightly basis.

- About 77% attend Counseling; 23% do not attend



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## Prisons / Counselling and Aftercare Program

Visits are also arranged during Vesakhi annually.

### Events

5 April 13 - Vesakhi Celebrations (2 Groups: Cluster A2 to A5 & A1)

8 April 13 – Vesakhi Celebrations (2 Groups: Cluster B1 to B3 & B4 to B5)

Inmates were thankful

### Focus for 2013

- Recruitment of New Counselors
- Refresher training for Counselors
- Curriculum Guide for Counselors
- Befriending





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## Health Care Ambassador Program

### Our Objectives:

- Providing patients & their families with guidance in obtaining assistance from various health agencies
- Providing moral & emotional support

### Creating Awareness

- SIWEC has written to all hospitals
- All Institutions are encouraged to make periodic announcement during their programs to alert the public of our services

### Source for Volunteers

- SIWEC currently has **21** active Health Care Ambassadors



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## Health Care Ambassador Program

Month/Year	Number of Hospital Visits
Jun 2012	3
Jul 2012	2
Aug 2012	2
Sept 2012	2
Oct 2012	7
Nov 2012	12
Dec 2012	7
Jan 2013	14
Feb 2013	5
Mar 2013	12
Apr 2013	7
May 2013	15
Jun 2013	7



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## Client Home Visits & Support Program

### New Cases

#### Objectives:

- To gather information
- To determine needs of recipients
- Due diligence



### Periodic Review of Cases

#### Objectives:

- Active participation of MC and enhancement of programs
- Gathering Information for periodic reviews
- Educating clients on where to seek assistance

### Seasonal Visits

- To provide any other support recipients may need
- To make them feel special



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## Birthday Visits to Clients' Home

- Program started in Nov'12
- Volunteers from Katong Gurdwara visit 2 to 3 families per month on weekends (depending on number of birthdays)
- Goodies and Birthday cake are given during the visit
- Each visit last about 15 to 30 minutes and a feedback report is submitted to SIWEC
- 14 families have been visited as at June 2013 and they were very appreciative.

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## Institutional Home Visits & Support Program

### Children:

#### Chen Su Lan Home

- 4 children currently in the home being assisted by SIWEC
- SIWEC has arranged for a Punjabi tutor to assist them in their Punjabi Language
- SIWEC Secretariat staff keep in constant contact with the children/social workers to tend to the socio-emotional needs of the children.

#### Ramakrishna Mission Home

- There are currently 5 boys in the home
- The Sikh Sewaks includes these children in the Bahadur Bachey programme and also bring them to Gurdwaras on a regular basis
- SIWEC also facilitated the contribution of foodstuff from KDS for the missions food fair (a fund raising event).
- The staff and children of the home were very appreciative of this gesture

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## Institutional Home Visits & Support Program

### Elderly

- SIWEC arranges visits to the elderly staying in Homes throughout Singapore. At the moment there are three homes that are known to us.
- We are in constant contact with the Social Workers at the homes to ensure that the socio-emotional needs of the residents there are taken of.
- The Challenges that the residents face are primarily
  - ✓ They have problems in communicating with the staff
  - ✓ Loneliness





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## Education Support Program

### Aim:

- Focus on educational needs of clients' children
- To ensure that every child receives equal opportunity to excel and complete school and get into Poly or beyond

### Objectives:

- **Identify Needs (Academic/Social)**
- **Creating Awareness of available resources**
- **Monitoring their progress**

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## Education Support Program

Year 2012 End Results

Level	Pri 1	Pri 2	Pri 3	Pri 4	Pri 5	Pri 6
Number of students	0	0	2	1	1	3



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## Education Support Program

Year 2012 End Results

Level	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	'N' Levels	'O' Levels
Number of students	3	4	2	3	2

Level	ITE	Poly	Special Needs
Number of students	3	1	3

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## Education Support Program (Tuition)

TUITION	Number of Students
SINDA STEP	8
PRIVATE	4
MENDA KI	3
Sikh Center	1
NO TUTION	*5
SPECIAL NEED	3
ITE & Poly (no tuition)	3(ITE) &1 (Poly)

Total  
number of  
Students:28

\*Receiving help from relatives/no need for tuition (doing well)

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**NEW PROGRAMS  
INTRODUCED  
IN  
2012 / 2013**

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## YUVA Youth Mentoring Program

### Program Context

This cross-age mentoring program is brought together with a common belief that some children in the community lacked meaningful academic and social guidance.

### Mission Statement

The mission of YUVA Youth Mentoring Program is to empower children/youth in our community to make positive life choices that enable them to maximize their personal potential

### Primary goal

- Empathy, friendship and attention
- To establish a caring relationship with him or her in a clearly and consistently structured context

**9 youths have successfully completed the 4 full day training course and passed the competency-based assessment in 2012**

**Mentoring process started in July 2012.**

**7 mentees and 11 mentors as at June 2013.**



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## Ashram – A Halfway House

Since 1999, the Ashram has been assisting substance abusers and penal offenders undergo rehabilitation and facilitate their reintegration into society.

SIWEC sends a **volunteer counselor** to Ashram once a week. An **IT trainer** has also been sent to teach clients basic computer skills.

Yishun Gurdwara is **providing langgar** once a week. Residence were appreciative of this service.



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## Fostering Scheme

The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) administers the Fostering Scheme for children below the age of 18 years.

The foster families provide shelter, stability and love to children who are in need as their parents are unable to look after them (e.g. abandoned, neglected or ill-treated).

SIWEC works with MSF by facilitating arrangement for foster parents from the community.

MSF Staff joined us during the Nam Ras Event to promote fostering scheme to our community.

SIWEC has linked 3 foster children with families.

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## Fund Raising Events

Objectives of fund raising activities are 2 fold:

- To build a solid financial foundation so that SIWEC is able to maintain its welfare programs and cater for more recipients or programs.
- To build a sustainable **GIRO** based income so that monthly welfare and operational expenses are met.



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## Donations

- SIWEC is actively encouraging donors to make monthly GIRO contributions to meet its monthly expenditures
- Sikh institutions contribution through monthly GIRO : \$2,501
- Monthly individual GIRO Contribution shown below :

2012 Q3	2012 Q4	2013 Q1	2013 Q2
\$7,898	\$8,299	\$7,875	\$8,845

Average monthly contributions from the Sangat of all Gurdwaras: \$5,168



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## GIRO Donations

Month/Year	Amount \$
July 2012	7,948
Aug 2012	7,771
Sep 2012	7,938
Oct 2012	8,186
Nov 2012	8,372
Dec 2012	8,340
Jan 2013	7,600
Feb 2013	7,940
Mar 2013	8,085
Apr 2013	8,137
May 2013	9,065
Jun 2013	9,335

**From July 2012 to June 2013,  
Number of donors have  
increased from 184 to 200.**

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## Events 2012/2013

Event	Date	Amount	Remarks
Flag Day	14 Jul 12	\$45,131	This was a combined effort of all institutions and many volunteers were engaged.
Lawyers' luncheon	22 Nov 12	N.A	To create awareness for our activities to working professionals.
Vesakhi Mela	22 Apr 13	N.A	We collaborated with the Diabetic Society of Singapore to provide free Diabetes/Health screening.

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## Volunteer Recruitment

**Objective:** Engage more members of society to make our Programs more sustainable.

**SIWEC has engaged the following activities:**

- **Website:** SIWEC website has a function for volunteers to enrol themselves online. Our quarterly newsletter also invites volunteers to join us.
- **Collaborations with other VWO's**
- **Word of Mouth:** SIWEC has also spread the word through our existing volunteers and use our fund raising activities to recruit new members.
- **Publicity:** E-blast of newsletters; brochures & newsletters are distributed at Gurdwaras & posted by mail to donors; Tapping on other VWOs volunteer pool.

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## Number of SIWEC Volunteers

Programs	Number of Volunteers
Prison	11
Ashram	2
Healthcare	21
YUVA Mentoring	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

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## Communication with the Community

- Bi annual meeting with Council
- Annual General Meeting
- Newsletter
- Roadshows
- Public Forums

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## Coordination & Communication with other Welfare Institutions

- SIWEC Periodically visits VWOS such as SINDA, AWWA, etc & Institutions such as Ramakrishna Mission, Cheng Su Lan Home to inform them of our programs and also to build a good rapport.
- Through such visits, we acquire added information from the ground that may have gone unnoticed. For example, in a recent meeting with SINDA, we learnt that there were a few children who had not enrolled for their Primary one registration. We have since rectified the situation with SINDA and MOE (the children have migrated).

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