

SIWEC INSIGHT

Sikh Welfare Council, Singapore

August - October 2012

Welcome to yet another issue of our SIWEC newsletter!

The primary goal of our newsletter is to engage and share with you SIWEC's recent & forthcoming events. We also look forward to hearing from you on how you may want to volunteer and get involved in our activities. Besides the Food on the Table program, other SIWEC activities include Prison Visits, Counselling, Bereavement and Financial Assistance. SIWEC was awarded IPC status by the Commissioner of Charities on the 5th November 2009. In keeping with our IPC status, about 10% of our needy clients are non-Sikhs.

Highlights of this Issue

Office Relocation



Lawyers' Luncheon



YUVA Certificate Presentation



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What We Do: *The Sikh Welfare Council (SIWEC) is a charity with an IPC status ("Institutions of Public Character"), which formulates overall policies in respect of welfare services in Singapore. A comprehensive detail of SIWEC's functions and activities can be found on our website at www.siwec.org.*

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Upcoming Events.....

- SIKH LAWYERS' LUNCHEON
- WELFARE DAYS

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- ❖ OFFICE RELOCATION
- ❖ YUVA CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICE RELOCATION

SIWEC shifted its office in late August 2012 from the Singapore Khalsa Association (SKA) premises office to Central Sikh Temple, Towner Road Level 6. The new office has a waiting area for visitors, a counseling room and the main office which accommodates 4 Secretariat staff. The new location is convenient as it is near the MRT, banks and post office.



WELFARE DAYS

The aim of the Welfare Day is to raise funds for the needy families that are currently being supported by the Sikh Welfare Council.

The Sikh Welfare Council provides food rations or financial assistance to needy families in Singapore. In some instances, families are provided with both food rations and financial assistance. We would like to appeal to you to help support needy families. Every dollar will go a long way towards supporting our cause and, for our beneficiaries; any support that you can offer them will give them hope for tomorrow. Do support us as we have more upcoming activities.



Lawyers' Luncheon

A networking session with Sikh lawyers will be held on 22 November 2012 at Gilmour room, Singapore Cricket Club from 11.45 am to 2.00 pm. Over 100 Sikh lawyers have been invited to attend this session.

Find out more at our website: www.siwec.org

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

YUVA CERTIFICATION PRESENTATION



In the months of March and April, nine mentors went through four Sundays of intensive training to equip them with mentoring skills. The programme included hands-on activities, experiential learning, group discussion and role playing. Following the training, they sat through and passed an assessment to qualify as Youth Mentors.

On 13 October, the Youth Mentors received their certificates from Mr Jagjit Singh Sekhon, Chairman of the Sikh Welfare Council. Several leaders of the Sikh Community were also present to support this young group of mentors.

Three of the graduating mentors, Amreet, Heershan and Simran, also shared their experience in working with their mentees. They related how they broke the communication barriers to form a relationship based on friendship and trust.

We wish the Youth Mentors all the best in their future mentoring duties.



Youth Mentoring

If you are between 16 and 25 years of age, and keen in making a difference, do get in touch with SIWEC at 62999234 or drop us a message at info@siwec.org.

Be A YOUTH MENTOR NOW!!!!

PRISON VOLUNTEERS AWARD 2012



We are happy to share that two of SIWEC volunteers, Mr Manmohan Singh and Mr Gurpreet Singh received the Prison Volunteers Award on 20 September 2012.

Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Senior Minister of State for Home Affairs and Foreign Affairs, presented the awards.



Hospital Visits

One of the services provided by SIWEC is to visit Sikh in-patients in hospitals. The purpose of the visit is to provide comfort and care, and any assistance, if required.

Between August and October 2012, SIWEC has made about 7 visits to various hospitals in Singapore.

We hope the Sikh community would continue to inform SIWEC at tel.62999234 if any loved one has been hospitalised and requires a visit by SIWEC.



Volunteer Recruitment/Engagement

It is a program that is aimed at continuously recruiting and engaging volunteers needed for the success and continuity of the above programs, we would appreciate if you could kindly disseminate the above information to your congregation so that we can reach out to all who can benefit and those who wish to participate as volunteers.

SIWEC Programmes....

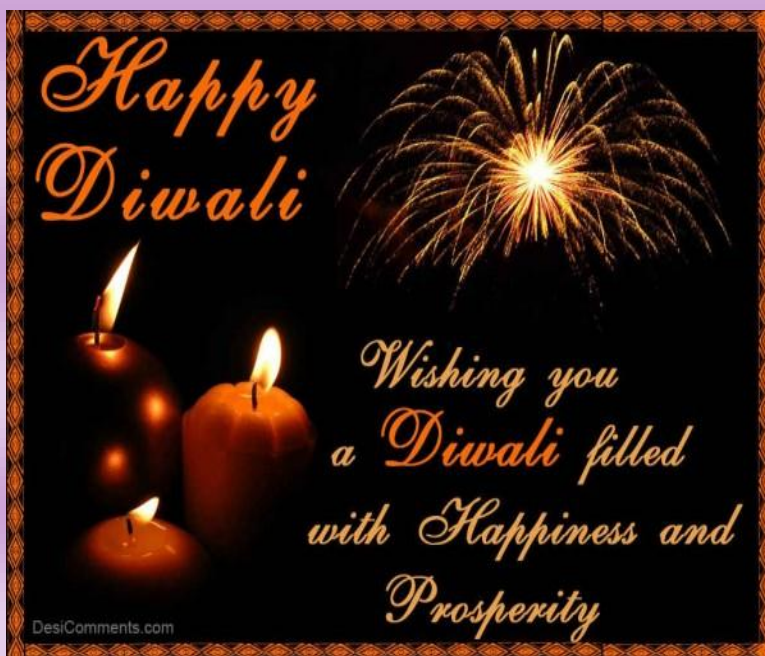
Thanks to your support and guidance, SIWEC is now evolving from being a provider of food and finance to the needy to becoming an enabler, supporter and a motivator through holistic care. New programs are being introduced to supplement the traditional ones, which we are continuing to administer more effectively and productively (support for the needy, handling bereavements, counselling, etc).

The programs are as follows:

- House Visit
- Education Support
- Youth Mentoring
- Health Care Ambassadors
- Program for the physically challenged
- Prisons Through Care
- Volunteer Recruitment/Engagement
- Bereavement

Newbies @ SIWEC

We are pleased to announce that Ms Karam Mohanjit Kaur has joined us on 15 Oct 12 as a welfare officer. She will be assisting in the area of bereavement (ladies) and all other programs and events.





Jan Ki Sewa Utam Kaama
(Service to Humanity is the highest Deed)



**Have a Heart
Do your part!**

For the programs below

- Project Serve** (House Visit Program)
- Project Heart** (Hospital Visit Program)
- Project Guide** (Mentorship Program)
- Project Lead** (Educational Support Program)
- Project Care** (Assistance for Physically Disabled)

Call 6299 9234 or email to admin@siwec.org to
volunteer your precious services

PAYPAL



Online Fundraising / Donations:

Providing convenience to donors

Those who have visited the Sikh Welfare Council's website this year would have noticed a substantial change. In early 2012, the website was completely revamped and is now more informative. Besides information about the organisation and its wide range of services, the site also offers several new features. One of the feature is the ability to accept online donations and run donation campaigns.

Here's a list of some of the features of the system:

1. Allow users to make one-time and recurring donations.
2. Make payments online via Paypal, a well-known and secure payment gateway. Those who do not have Paypal accounts can still donate using their credit cards.
3. The system satisfies regulatory requirements by helping to collect basic donor information.
4. Donors and the site's admin receive confirmation emails when online donations are received.
5. Ability of donors to pay for payment gateway charges as well so that the organisation receives the full donation amount (without fee deductions)
6. Site admin can manage donors list from the site's administrative console.
7. The system also includes a Campaigns feature, which allows the organisation to solicit for donations for a specific purpose (e.g. for earthquake victims, etc). An unlimited number of campaigns can be created and the donation progress for each campaign can be tracked. Donors can therefore have the option to choose a campaign to which they want to donate.

Do your part to help the Sikh Welfare Council!

Head on over to siwec.org and make an online donation today!



Donor Information

First Name *

Last Name *

Organization

Address *

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Country *
Singapore

Postcode *

Phone *

Email *

I will pay payment gateway charges
☐ No ☒ Yes

Donation Information

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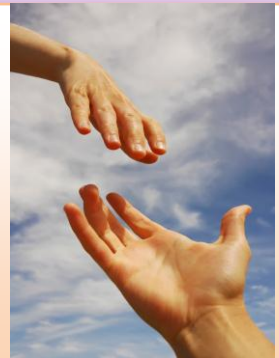
How You Can Help

The Sikh Welfare Council is a Volunteer Welfare Organization (VWO) that depends on the community for volunteers as well as the funds necessary to carry out its various assistance programmes. We are presently assisting more than 20 deserving families on a regular basis so that they can tide over difficult times. Obviously, this requires a great deal of resources on the part of SIWEC. We would therefore like to appeal to the community at large to help us by support the less fortunate. You can do this in various ways, including:

- Giving a one-off donation (e.g. on-line via PayPal, cheques, bank drafts, etc).
- Making a GIRO application to provide a monthly (recurring) donation. Please contact us for the GIRO Form.
- Making a Bequest (Will).
- Giving a Memorial Donation - a thoughtful way to remember a loved one while giving support to others.
- Volunteering your time and participating in other activities, such as ferrying elderly/disabled Sikhs to and from Gurdwaras.

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS NEWSLETTER?
PLEASE HELP TO FORWARD THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**If you are in crisis and need help urgently,
call our 24 hour Hotline Number for
assistance, 6299 9234.**



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