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Caring to Call – Calling to Care

Hong Kong was severely hit by the fifth wave of the pandemic, prompting the Federation to swiftly launch the "Caring to Call - Calling to Care" campaign to ensure that no one vulnerable would be left alone.

"Caring to Call - Calling to Care" provided services that covered emotional support, telemedicine services, short stay accommodation, donations of anti-epidemic materials and career support to people in need, including the elderly, disadvantaged families, and unemployed youth.



Responding to the needs of the community, staff, members and volunteers were actively engaged to help packing, transporting and dispatching anti-epidemic materials, including rapid antigen test kits, face masks, hygiene supplies and packed food to the needy. These efforts reached 9,000 beneficiaries.

Through the above actions and beyond, the Federation provided job opportunities and related support to youth who were underemployed or unemployed. There was also a short-term rent waiver for start-up tenants at the HKFYG Jockey Club Social Innovation Centre and a loan repayment deferral for participants of Youth Business Hong Kong.

Over 17,000 volunteers, members and staff of all the service units were mobilised to give care and emotional support by making calls, not only to their friends, but also the disadvantaged. For people who were ill, but not able to leave home, we provided free telemedicine services, covering Chinese and Western medical consultations, as well as delivering medicines to 300 people. The Federation's Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp and the lodge of The HKFYG Leadership Institute were also opened for families and HKDSE students in urgent need for short stays in safe accommodation.



NEIGHBOURHOOD First

NEIGHBOURHOOD First is a community building project which incorporates leadership training, volunteer services, online connectivity and district collaboration. Young people formed over 100 NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams and carried out various kinds of activities over the year.



NEIGHBOURHOOD First · uKitchen

Over 200 youth volunteers were engaged in the project and learnt about healthy diets as they enhanced their cooking skills in training programmes provided by chefs and nutritionists. They prepared healthy dishes to serve more than 550 people in need.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First Round Table

NEIGHBOURHOOD First Round Table was composed of senior NEIGHBOURHOOD Team members. They organised Mid-Autumn Festival campaigns at Infinitus Plaza, promoting love and care messages towards neighbours. The inauguration of the second term of the Round Table was held in July 2022.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch

The annual NEIGHBOURHOOD First Reunion Lunch was held on 22 January 2022 to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Instead of a 'Poon Choi' gathering, the NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams members prepared over 1,300 'Love Packages' that included a box of 'Poon Choi' for underprivileged families and the elderly who had difficulty going out.

NEIGHBOURHOOD First Rice Giving Scheme

Since 2010, The Au Bak Ling Charity Trust has supported the NEIGHBOURHOOD Teams to hand out rice packages to underprivileged families and singletons. More than 5,400 households benefit every month.



Hub for the Future ↘

Hub for the Future is a three-year joint project with HSBC. This one-stop platform enables participants to continue to develop skills and knowledge that help them become future-ready. The Hub connects talents with each other across professional, generational and geographic boundaries and supports participants to collaborate with each other while creating new ideas that result in positive social change in the wider community.

The programme launched the first social innovation programme, "Hub for the Future in Action" where ten teams were selected to receive funding of HK\$100,000 each.



China Week ↘

Focusing on the growth, development and importance of agriculture, from the past to the present, was the theme of China Week 2021. Conducted in a hybrid mode, there were lectures, sharings, workshops, an exhibition, a farm fest and a concluding capstone project. Through these different modules, the participants learnt about agriculture, as well as scientific research and the culture of the twenty-four solar terms. In devising their capstone projects, the young participants were encouraged to explore creative means for sustainable agricultural development. Mr. Ma Wai-chung, Assistant Director (Agriculture) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, was invited as the Guest of Honour to kick off the Week.



HKFYG Youth Hostel PH2

The HKFYG Youth Hostel PH2 was the first of its kind in the city, built under the Government supported Youth Hostel Scheme. Formerly a Youth S.P.O.T., it was re-provisioned into a 20-storey building with 76 single units and two double/disabled accessible units.

PH2 has created an enabling residential community for young people. During their residence, residents are engaged to learn, share and co-create together, so that by the time they leave the Hostel, they would have acquired several life skills, including social networking and financial planning.

In spite of the challenges under the pandemic, more than 70 programme sessions were offered to facilitate life exposure, with over 90% of residents participating. As part of an initiative to turn their care into action, PH2's residents prepared over 1,200 anti-epidemic kits and homemade lunch boxes, and distributed them to the people in need within the community.



WL Residence ↘

Since its establishment in August 2012, the WL Residence (WLR) supports 18 to 24 year-old young people who struggle with problems or need a temporary transitional place to stay for six months. The residence also provides care, life planning guidance, career skills training and other assistance to them, particularly focusing on how to be independent and solve problems.

In the last year, WLR was able to serve 54 young people. With an enhanced sense of self confidence and with personal growth, some of the young residents repaired family relationships and returned home to live with their parents. Others were able to move on to on-campus housing or public housing.



The Dragon Foundation

Since 2000, The Dragon Foundation has brought together ethnic Chinese young people from around the world, nurturing their sense of identity, building networks and offering opportunities to develop their potential to be leaders. Thus far, the Foundation has connected young people from across 41 countries or regions through various leadership training programmes. Managed by a Board of Directors, support for the Foundation's Secretariat is provided by the Federation. The following events were conducted in the year of 2021-22:

Dragon 100

This annual flagship programme was, for the first time, held in hybrid mode as a result of the pandemic. Under the theme of "Dragons@GBA – New Developments and Opportunities", participants learnt more about the GBA, through a series of plenary sessions, an ideas marketplace and sharing from alumni in the three-day programme.



The Commissioning Ceremony was held on 17 December 2021, with Prof. Anthony Wu Ting-yuk, GBS, JP, National Standing Committee Member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Prof. Witman Hung, JP, Deputy to 13th National People Congress, PRC Principal Liaison Officer for Hong Kong, The Shenzhen Qianhai Authority as the Guests of Honour.



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"Zero to Hero" Online Charity Run and Charity Gala Premiere

In collaboration with One Cool Pictures Ltd., the Foundation organised a Charity Gala Premiere of "Zero to Hero", the story of Paralympic champion Mr. So Wa-wai, to raise funds for leadership training for Chinese youth overseas. The film was shown on 4 August 2021, with Mr. Patrick Nip Tak-kuen, JP, Secretary for the Civil Service, as the Officiating Guest.

The Commissioning Ceremony also signified the beginning of an online charity run – a first for the Foundation. Mr. So Wa-wai and his mother, as well as the film cast and other young actors and actresses, were present at this event.

Chinese Culture and Heritage Events

The Dragon Foundation continues to develop a series of learning activities to promote Chinese culture and heritage. This year, it looked at the traditions behind bridal chaperones; and conducted a seal-carving workshop and Cantonese language class; a *wing chun* martial arts parent-child experiential course; as well as a series of herbal tea culture workshops. There was also an online guided tour of Chinese culture supported by the Chinese Temples Committee.

DragoNation

DragoNation is the alumni association of The Dragon Foundation and was established in 2008. This year, the DragoNation Day, with the theme "Sustainable Development: Invest for Our Future", engaged more than 100 Dragons and guests from over 10 countries and cities in a hybrid way. The Committee also organised online sports challenge connecting alumni and youth from around the world.

