



PPKI MOBILIZERS

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Dear PPKI Partners and Friends,

As a PPKI partner/donor you are working with us to help children overcome obstacles such as poverty, discrimination and the effects of the pandemic. As the year comes to a close, we are pleased to present our second PPKI MOBILIZERS newsletter. This is an overview of successful programs we have completed thus far despite our infancy. Furthermore, this newsletter intends to communicate PPKI's projected plans for 2022 and we would love to invite you to partner with PPKI to ensure the success of the programs.

1. COMPLETED PROGRAMS

a. Meetings with Pengerusi of Apartment Blocks & Kawasan Rukun Tetangga (KRT)



PPKI organised four meetings with the apartment blocks Pengerusi and KRT Committee members between October and November 2021 to introduce PPKI and identify the learning needs of students. We were honored to have representatives from Suriana Welfare Society, PPKI, PTSI, and the various Pengerusi of Apartment Blocks.

Mr. Mohd Zaimi Bin Salleh, Chairman of Desa Mentari Petaling Jaya Community

and Puan Noraisah, Head of Community, Suriana Welfare Society shared with us how they work hand in hand with their community in meeting the needs of the Desa Mentari Community. The mission of Desa Mentari and Suriana is to advocate and empower the rights of children, youths and the poor by organizing activities and programs such as food basket distribution, providing medical care, personal development programs, imparting of essential knowledge and acquiring of living skills.

b. Talk Series for Parents

PPKI initiated several talks for parents on overcoming students' gadget addiction. Close to 40 parents from the community attended these talks. The guest speaker Ms. Neelavathi Marimuthu, a registered psychologist and counselor with Lembaga Kaunseling Malaysia, also works with Taylor's Education Group, is a trainer registered under HRDF.

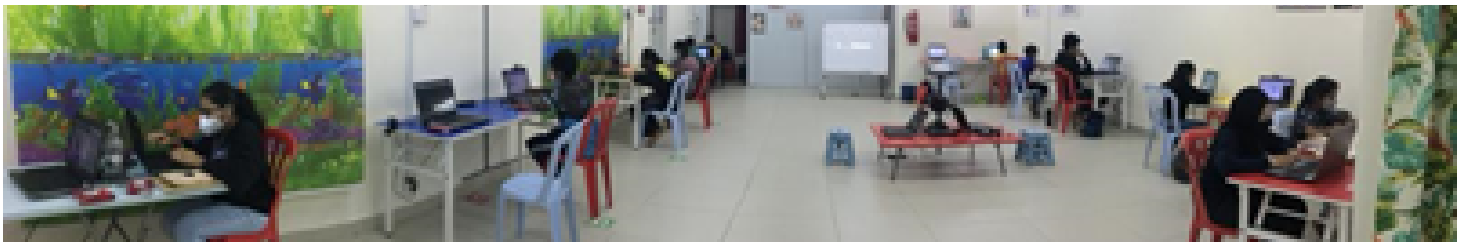


She specialises in mental health and emotional well-being and has conducted many counseling sessions for children, teenagers, families as well as senior citizens.

The sessions provided a platform where parents were able to share their concerns about pornography, excessive gaming and the ability of students to bypass parental controls on internet use.

2. ONGOING PROGRAMS

a. STEM Program



One of the projects identified by PPKI to help B40 students rediscover the fun in learning and to learn how to study efficiently is the STEM program. We believe that programs like this are essential to ensure that students from all spectrums can overcome the challenges faced not only limited to the Covid-19 pandemic but the lack of classroom and social activities. A 3 month STEM program running from Oct 2021 until January 2022 was offered and the signup rate certainly proves a success. So, what is S.T.E.M.? S stands for Science, T for Technology, E for Engineering, and M for Mathematics. As the acronym suggests, the course is very hands-on and covers a wide range of topics, hence, every student finds something to get excited about.

In this first course offering, we saw a total of 40 students sign up of which 30 are from the Balakong B40 community. Students are only required to have either a PC or laptop to follow the course from home.

Students who don't have access to devices can attend the course at the PTSL tuition centre. Certificates will be issued upon completion of the course to all students. There is still a great need for devices for children in the community. Any help with refurbished devices or any kind of sponsorship towards the cost of the trainers and tools will be greatly appreciated.

Given the success of this initial course offered as well as the positive feedback received from the students, we will schedule other STEM courses as part of the long-term plan in the future. The next STEM program is scheduled to be conducted in March 2022 whereby students will come for physical classes to learn to code. They will be provided with the necessary tools and Arduino boards to complete projects which they learned to do virtually during the online classes in 2021. PPKI needs RM15,000 to sponsor 80 students over 9 months.

b. Back-to-School Program

PPKI has managed to raise funds for school bags including appropriate stationery items for 100 B40 children in the community. The bags will be distributed to the students during the last week of December 2021.

We would like to thank all donors especially Y.B. Wong Siew Ki and MR D.I.Y. Group Berhad for their very generous donation of school bags and stationery.



c. Library Books Donation Drive

PPKI would like to acknowledge Pelangi Publication for their contribution of library books. These books were donated to Pusat Tuisyen Sinaran Impian (PTSI) children's library

3. FUTURE PROGRAMS

a. PPKI Learning Club

One project which we believe is particularly effective in helping students who in general are considered the 'last, the least and the lost' in schools and society is the PPKI Learning Club.

This is how the Learning Club functions: PTSI, a tuition centre collaborating with PPKI, identifies B40 children in the Balakong community who cannot read or write or cannot cope with their current school grade. The activities in the Learning Club revolve around Learning Stations.

These Learning Stations stimulate the practice of basic life skills: observe, remember, speak and listen, think, handle emotions, act through sheer willpower, be silent and reflect on one's experiences and overcome conflicts while aligning oneself to the environment.

The identified students attend the Learning Club which is equipped with PCs, laptops or tablets which are used as tools of instruction, under the guidance of facilitators. The PPKI Learning Club can accommodate 40 students (2 sessions of 20 students each) from Monday to Friday.

The urgency to kick off this project quickly is of top priority. Due to the pandemic, parents are seeking help for their children who haven't had access to a kindergarten and therefore lack greatly in their reading and writing competency skills. Unfortunately, the lack of funding means PPKI cannot embark on this project.

The Learning Club caters for primary school students between the ages of 7 to 12 years who have learning disabilities. PPKI needs RM9,000 per month to sponsor a total of forty (40) B40 students which includes teaching resources and materials, allowance for facilitators, rental and refreshments.

b. Bumblebee



Bumblebee a program run by Malaysian CARE, is a mobile community centre stacked with books, toys and game sets that bring resources and programs into low-cost communities to spark the interest of learning amongst children between the ages of 7 to 12.

It will also provide “space” for relation-building, life-enriching lessons and encouraging collaborations among peers and fellow community members. A survey was done and a community hall has been identified for this purpose in Taman Impian Ehsan, Balakong.

This project is set to kick-off as soon as the SOPs have been finalized. Malaysian CARE will solely undertake the project but requires the assistance of volunteers from the community.

PPKI seeks volunteers as well as sponsors to provide refreshments for the children who participate in this project. The training for the volunteers will be held in PTSI on 20th December 2021 at 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. Please contact PPKI for further information.

c. Financial Literacy Program in collaboration with AKPK

Talks on overcoming financial difficulties in cooperation with AKPK will be organised throughout 2022. These talks will provide a basic foundation for parents to break the poverty cycle.

d. Series of Talks with Students

PPKI will once again partner with Taylor's Education Group. Ms. Nelavathi will moderate talks for students. The goal of these talks is to help motivate students pertaining to topics such as personal responsibilities, discipline and setting of goals.

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