



HOME FOR GOOD, SINGAPORE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME NOTE



Thank you for being part of our journey to build a community where every child is raised in a safe and loving family. In this issue, we share inspiring stories, updates from our programmes, and ways you can join us in making a difference.

IMPACT STORY: FROM FOSTER CHILD TO FUTURE ENGINEER – QI ERN'S JOURNEY

*"One safe and loving home
can truly transform lives."*

Placed in foster care at just four months old, Qi Ern could have faced many uncertain paths. Instead, he grew up with the steady care of one foster family who nurtured his talents, supported him through challenges like a speech delay, and encouraged his love for learning.



Now 24 and pursuing Chemical Engineering at NUS, Qi Ern credits his foster family as a key influence in shaping his journey, especially his foster brother who tutored and guided him. Although he has aged out of the foster care system, his bond with his foster family remains strong. Describing his foster mum as "a mother, grandmother, and best friend all in one," Qi Ern now volunteers with HFG-SG, sharing his story to inspire others: ***"One safe and loving home can truly transform lives."***

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

SPECIAL TALK WITH ALEX JAGELMAN – 12 JULY 2025

We were honoured to hear from Alex Jagelman, a foster and adoptive mother of children with special needs. Alex reminded us that while stress is inevitable, self-care is vital for caregivers. She also shared the importance of recognising both biological and foster families in a child's identity, helping children feel whole and secure. Participants left with practical tools for well-being and a deeper understanding of how to support foster children in embracing their unique journeys.



LAUNCH OF MENTOR FOR GOOD – AUGUST 2025

We are excited to launch our new **Mentor for Good** programme! This initiative pairs experienced foster parents with newer or current foster parents. Through mentoring and ongoing check-ins, the programme seeks to:

- Strengthen resilience in foster parents through peer encouragement.
- Provide practical guidance on navigating fostering challenges.
- Build a supportive community where no foster parent feels alone.
- Improve stability for children by helping foster families thrive.

In August 2025, we trained **12 mentors** who are now ready to journey alongside other foster parents.

👉 **Interested in being matched with a mentor?**

Register here: forms.office.com/r/Qp6fwnaNFj



ONGOING SUPPORT FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

MELROSE CARE PARTNERSHIP - ONGOING SINCE MAY 2025

Fostering is rewarding but yet challenging. Through our partnership with **Children's Aid Society (Melrose Care)**, foster families referred by HFG-SG can access **three fully subsidised counselling** or therapy sessions, with continued support available at reduced rates. This service provides parents with the tools to navigate emotional well-being, parenting challenges, and behavioural issues with their foster children. If you are a foster parent who is interested in Melrose Care's therapeutic services, please drop our Programme Manager (Sandra) a WhatsApp message at **9782 2609**.



UPDATE ON FOSTERING ALLOWANCE FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

At the Fostering Open House on 23 August 2025, The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) officially announced that the monthly fostering allowance will be increased for foster parents caring for **teenagers and teenagers with special / medical needs**. This will take effect from October 2025. Foster parents caring for teenagers in October will receive the enhanced fostering allowance the following month.

- Foster Teenagers: **\$1,300** (from \$1,100)
- Foster Teenagers with special/medical needs: **\$1,800** (from \$1,500)



Event images at the Fostering Open House courtesy of MSF

RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

BLOOMBERG D4GX GRANT & ACCELERATOR - SEPTEMBER 2025

HFG-SG is honoured to be one of six charities selected for Bloomberg's inaugural Data for Good Exchange (D4GX) programme. This includes intensive mentoring, data skills development, and a \$60,000 grant to enhance our impact.

 Read the press release [here](#).



ONLINE FOSTERING INFO-SHARING SESSION - SEPTEMBER 2025

On 12 September 2025, HFG-SG, in partnership with the fostering agency, Boys' Town, hosted an information session for those interested in learning more about fostering. Attendees had the opportunity to hear directly from foster parents and watch an inspiring video featuring a foster youth who has aged out of the system.



MSF X HFG-SG DIALOGUE SESSION – 8 NOVEMBER 2025

Building on the HFG-SG x MSF Dialogue session on 31 May 2025, where stakeholders including child protection, foster care workers and foster parents came together, this follow-up dialogue will present findings, share next steps, and continue to strengthen collaboration across the fostering ecosystem.

Save the date: 8 November 2025

Additional details will be provided soon.



GET INVOLVED WITH US!

BUDDY FOR GOOD PROGRAMME

Looking for a meaningful way to make a difference? Join our **Buddy for Good** programme and become a befriender to a child in foster care while journeying alongside their foster family. As a Buddy, you will spend time with the child through activities and outings, offering encouragement, stability, and a listening ear, while also providing support to the foster family.

You will continue the journey with the foster child when they are reunified with their biological family. Together, we can show every foster child that they are valued and never alone.



👉 **Register your interest to be a Buddy:** forms.office.com/r/8j9BqBnWY3

CLOSING NOTE



Together, we can ensure every child grows up safe, loved, and thriving in a family. Thank you for being part of this mission.

Warm regards,
The HFG-SG Team

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