

CHILDREN'S CHARITIES ASSOCIATION

Milestones

- 1960 The Association began as an unstructured group of charities benefiting children. The charities got together to organize joint fundraising projects.
- 1965 The success of the first Christmas Fair organized at the Victoria Memorial Hall drove home the need for a formal organization.
- 1966 The Association was inaugurated through the untiring efforts of the late Mr Francis Thomas who became the founding Chairman.
- 1972 It was subsequently registered by the Registrar of Societies and granted the status of an Institution of Public Character.
- 1979 The International Year of the Child Charity Show was organized by Emporium Holdings, Oxley Travel Service, Nanyang Siang Pau and Rediffusion. The Show raised \$56,724.
- The Francis Thomas Award was inaugurated and presented for the first time.
- 1980 Chinese Variety Show was organized by Nanyang Siang Pau, Rediffusion and Polygram Records and sponsored by Golden Million Organisation, Nanyang Siang Pau and Rediffusion. The Show netted \$88,515 and was equally shared with SAGE.
- Lanvin Gala Charity Dinner organized by Mrs Diana Eu raised \$70,186.
- 1981 The three-night Stage Production of "Oliver Twist" by the Anglo-Chinese School raised \$33,378
- The Association of Private Practitioners held its annual dinner and raised \$56,909.
- 1982 The Celebrity Tennis was jointly organized with MacDonal'd's, Hyatt Regency and Philippine Airlines. The Gala Dinner netted \$204,028.

- 1984 The Stage Club's production of The Wizard of Oz raised \$62,139.
- 1990 Gala Dinner and Fashion Show was organized by Mrs Diana Eu. The Fashion Show was sponsored by F J Benjamin & Sons. The event netted \$135,971.
- 1992 Class 95FM organized the 95-hour Radiothon Charity Drive, Time for Our Children with Mr Peter Joe Chia as project chairman. The nett proceeds amounted to \$678,933.
- The Official Opening of the new Holland Drive office. The renovation cost was borne by the family of the late Mr Chia Yew Kay MBE in his memory.
- Mr Peter Joe Chia was conferred the Public Service Star by the President of Singapore for services to the Association and the Singapore Children's Society.
- 1993 The CCA Award was created for organizations or individuals who raised \$500,000 or more. Class 95FM and Mr Peter Joe Chia were the first recipients.
- 1994 Civil Aviation Authority allowed a donation box to be placed at the Changi Airport. It has since been an on-going project.
- 1995 Tanah Merah Country Club and Cannon Marketing Services organized the Charity Golf Tournament that raised \$100,000.
- 1996 Mr Sebastian Tan was conferred the Public Service Medal by the President of Singapore for services to the Association.
- 1998 Mr Peter Joe Chia was instrumental in getting the OUB to enter into a partnership with the Association to introduce the *Big Hearts Little Ones Mastercard* to raise \$1 million over a period of 10 years. When the OUB merged with UOB in 2002 to become the UOB, the partnership ended. The sum raised when the partnership ended was \$966,785.
- The Singapore Scout Association organized a Charity Musical Chairs and raised \$231,710.
- 1999 Creative Technology raised \$388,913 to commemorate the official opening of its Resource Centre at the International Business Park.

Children's Charities Association was one of six beneficiaries named in the Will of the Late Mrs Dulcie Cynthia Wilson. The beneficiaries were to receive proceeds from the sale of the property at 26 Chancery Lane, proceeds from fixed deposits and the sale of shares.

2000 The estate of the late Mr Eric Freeth Roper started donating to the Association in 1995. The estate continued to donate throughout the period up to and including 2000, a total sum of \$622,200.

2001 Sasha's & Company jointly organized the Teddy Bear Picnic with Caltex Singapore Pte Ltd and Singapore Telecom Mobile Pte Ltd and raised \$39,746. The Picnic was held at the Botanic Gardens

Cambert (FE) Pte Ltd donated \$29,897 through a 2-month long promotion of their Kordel's product.

2002 Trans Eurokars Pte Ltd organized a Charity Golf Tournament and auction of children's painting which raised \$39,381

Children's Charities Association received \$100,000 from the Estate of the Late Mrs Dulcie Cynthia Wilson being proceeds from fixed deposits and sale of shares.

The Christmas Fair under the chairmanship of Mr Peter Joe Chia raised a gross amount of \$337,390 making it the highest amount raised in the history of CCA. Mr Chia continued to be Chairman of the Fair until 2004.

2003 BP Singapore and its Associate Social Club members organized the BP Charity Car Boot Flea Market at Bedok Central Carpark. Used items were sold and through the BP Matching Fund Scheme raised a total of \$16,264.

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) in conjunction with its Centenary Celebration organized a Charity Golf Tournament and raised \$27,194.

2004 The Annual Christmas Fair, under the chairmanship of Mr Goh Poh Heng was organized with the theme “Colours of the World” He served until 2006. In conjunction with the Fair, an Art competition was organized for children from primary, secondary and the special schools.

Watson’s Personal Care Store Pte Ltd donated \$16,686 from the sale of Snoopy during their Christmas Promotion.

2005 After “Colours of the World”, the annual Christmas Fair became the “ Walk the Extra Mile with Me Carnival” and for the first time, a 1.5km Walk marathon was organized. Children from the six charities walked with their sponsors along Orchard Road.

Mediacorp TV organized the Little Entrepreneurs project together with 5 Community Development Councils and amongst 16 primary schools donated \$40,534.

2006 The Christmas Fair with the theme “Walk The Extra Mile With Me Carnival” was organized for the second time with the 1.5km Walkathon along Orchard Road. Ten Mediacorp artistes and finalists from the 2nd Singapore Idols joined the children and sponsors in the Walk.

\$1,300,000 donated by the Estate of the Late Mrs Cynthia Dulcie Wilson. The Association was among six charities which received proceeds from the sale of a property at 26 Chancery Lane. The total amount received to date was \$1,400,000.

