

NCCS 50th Anniversary Fund Raising Project: Presentation of Funds

On Wednesday 11 December 2024, the donations from the NCCS 50th Anniversary Fund Raising Project were presented separately to the 2 beneficiaries, Ethos Institute for Public Christianity & New Life Stories. As was decided, each received 50% of the total donations.

NCCS President Bishop Lu made the first presentation to Dr Roland Chia, Theological & Research Advisor at the NCCS Office.

The second presentation by Bishop Lu was made at the premises of the New Life Stories at Kallang Bahru to NLS Co-Founder & CEO Ms Saleemah Ismail. NCCS was heartened to learn that the donation to NLS would receive a matching grant from the government!

The NCCS team was given a tour of the premises and was also met with Senior Manager and Manager in Advocacy, Community & Engagement, Ms Suriati Jamil and Ms Nadia Nurifa respectively, who gave us a detailed introduction to NLS. NLS started some 10 years from the personal convictions of a few and grew into a charity recognised for their work supporting incarcerated clients and their families. For 2024, they served 500 individuals. Previously NLS had to move frequently between rented commercial properties and since April, has finally settled into their present premises set up with an office, conducive communal spaces, counselling rooms and child-minding amenities. Serving from this base with about 20 staff and more than 100 volunteers has been made possible by private donors, National Council of Social Services (NCCS) and a special lease from HDB in support of their community work.

NLS shared how they are thankful for equipping efforts in education and training extended by other organisations such as Singapore Prison Services and NCCS members, namely The Salvation Army, Prison Fellowship Singapore and the Lutheran Church in Singapore.

We learned of the positive impact of their work evidenced by the lower rate of repeat incarceration, increased participation in family life and improved emotional well-being of caregivers and children, leading to better learning attitudes and performance.

We share with you photos of the presentations. [LINK](#)