

Making a Difference with AsiaWorks Training Institute

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Hair for Hope has touched the lives of many people through the years, among them is AsiaWorks' trainer Ms Sheena Ling. As a returning shavee, Sheena stepped up her efforts in helping Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF) raise awareness on childhood cancer by bringing a satellite shaving event right to the doorsteps of Asiaworks.



Held on 9th June 2010 at the AsiaWorks Training Institute, 24 individuals shaved bald to support children with cancer. They rallied their friends and family members to witness the shave and some supporters ended up parting with their locks too!

It was a moving moment when Diana and her brother, Conway Spykerman, came on stage to shave bald in memory of their mother who succumbed to cancer. Diana's daughter, Rosemarie, was inspired by her mother's act and decided to follow suit.



Another trio, the Chow family, showed solidarity with CCF's cause to improve the quality of life of children and families affected by childhood cancer. Both parents and 12-year old Cindy shaved their hair as a family. Cindy parted with her pony tail and would be wearing a "new look" when school re-opens. When asked what she would tell her classmates if they were to enquire about her new look, Cindy remarked, "I'll tell them I shaved to support children with cancer."

The event was also attended by CCF caregiver, Ms Susan Yeo who shared her journey taking care of her daughter Michelle who was diagnosed with cancer in 2006.

Most of the shavees were graduates of AsiaWorks' leadership class. Ms Alice Chia of AsiaWorks, referring to the turnout of fathers, siblings, grandma, friends, colleagues and alumni of AsiaWorks among the guests, coined the event as a 'Family Affair'. Of the 24 who shaved, 8 were females - by far, the highest proportion of female shavees in all satellite events organised by CCF and its partners. Kudos to all the shavees! We are sincerely heartened by your support.