

Humans
#ofCCF

Mother Knows Best



This year, Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF) commemorates 25 years of serving children with cancer and their families. #HumansofCCF is an initiative that features the stories of 25 stakeholders of CCF including beneficiaries, donors, volunteers, medical partners, sponsors and staff. The campaign aims to acknowledge the concerted efforts rendered by different stakeholders in supporting children with cancer and providing them with opportunities to grow in strength and realise their potential. There is strength in unity and together we are stronger in helping these children win their battle against cancer.

When seven-year-old Terry Goh Wei Jie was undergoing chemotherapy for Burkitt's Lymphoma at KK Women's and Children's Hospital, he struggled so hard every time a needle had to be inserted that it took up to ten people, including doctors, nurses and his mother Irene, to hold him down.

"He would scream and cry, shouting 'I hate you, this is all your fault'," recounts Irene, who was forced to play the bad cop. "I would tell him, 'You can stop crying and save your breath because we will still need to insert the needle'," says the full time home-maker.

Yet when the chemotherapy was over and after Terry had calmed down, he always had a hug and an apology for his mother. Somehow, through the tears, tantrums and chemotherapy treatments that he hated, Terry understood that his mother had his best interests at heart.

Indeed, it was Irene who first noticed a lump on the right side of Terry's neck when he was in primary one. Terry was also snoring at night – sometimes louder than an adult. The family shuttled between polyclinics and hospitals for tests and checkups, but by the time Terry was told of his diagnosis in April 2016, the lump was already too large to remove via surgery. Terry would have to undergo chemotherapy.

But between treatments, Terry was a typical boy whose favourite colour is blue and he loves superheroes from Marvel film The Avengers. A boy of few words, he describes things he dislikes which include hospital visits and chemotherapy as "boring".

Post treatment, Terry enrolled in CCF's learning centre, Place for Academic Learning and Support (PALS). "I like to attend PALS because I have friends here and I can play Wii".

There is a special place in Terry's heart for his parents. "I love them. They always encourage me," says Terry, running his tongue along freshly-sprouted adult teeth. Then, without warning, he bolted from his chair and gave his mother a big hug. There is no need for spoken words – mummy already knows.

Read more stories at <https://www.ccf.org.sg/humansofccf>



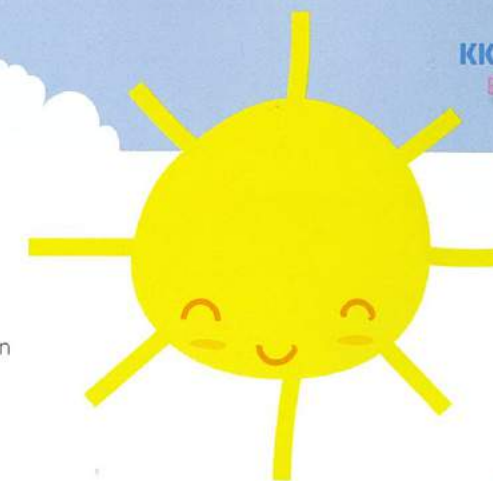
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CHILDREN'S CANCER FOUNDATION

Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF) is a non-profit organisation with a mission to improve the quality of life of children with cancer and their families and children impacted by cancer through enhancing their emotional, social and medical well-being.

Founded in 1992, CCF provides children with cancer and their families the much needed support in their battle against the life threatening illness. Over the years, CCF has helped more than 2800 children and their families at different stages of the illness and recovery.

To support our work, visit <https://www.ccf.org.sg>.



Hair for Hope is Back!



Back for the 15th consecutive year, Hair for Hope is Children's Cancer Foundation's iconic community outreach event – the only head-shaving event in Singapore that serves to raise funds and awareness of childhood cancer.

Through the symbolic gesture of shaving bald, we aim to:

- Create awareness of childhood cancer in Singapore
- Show children with cancer and their families that they are not alone in their fight against cancer
- Tell children with cancer that it is OK to be bald
- Raise funds and help children with cancer and their families
- Build a community of support for children with cancer and their families

Every shaven head in Hair for Hope represents the understanding by an individual of the ordeals that a child with cancer is subjected to. By volunteering to shave, shavers become CCF ambassadors in helping to raise awareness of childhood cancer among their family and friends. It also provides an opportunity to garner support and donations from the public.

Date	29 and 30 July 2017 (Saturday and Sunday)
Time	11am - 7pm (Saturday) 11am - 6pm (Sunday)
Registration Venue	VivoCity, Amphitheatre, Level 3
Event Venue/ Public Education Exhibition Venue	VivoCity, Central Court A & B, Level 1

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This year, we hope to encourage at least 6,500 participants to make a bald statement and raise \$3.6 million to aid children and families impacted by cancer.

For more information, visit www.hairforhope.org.sg