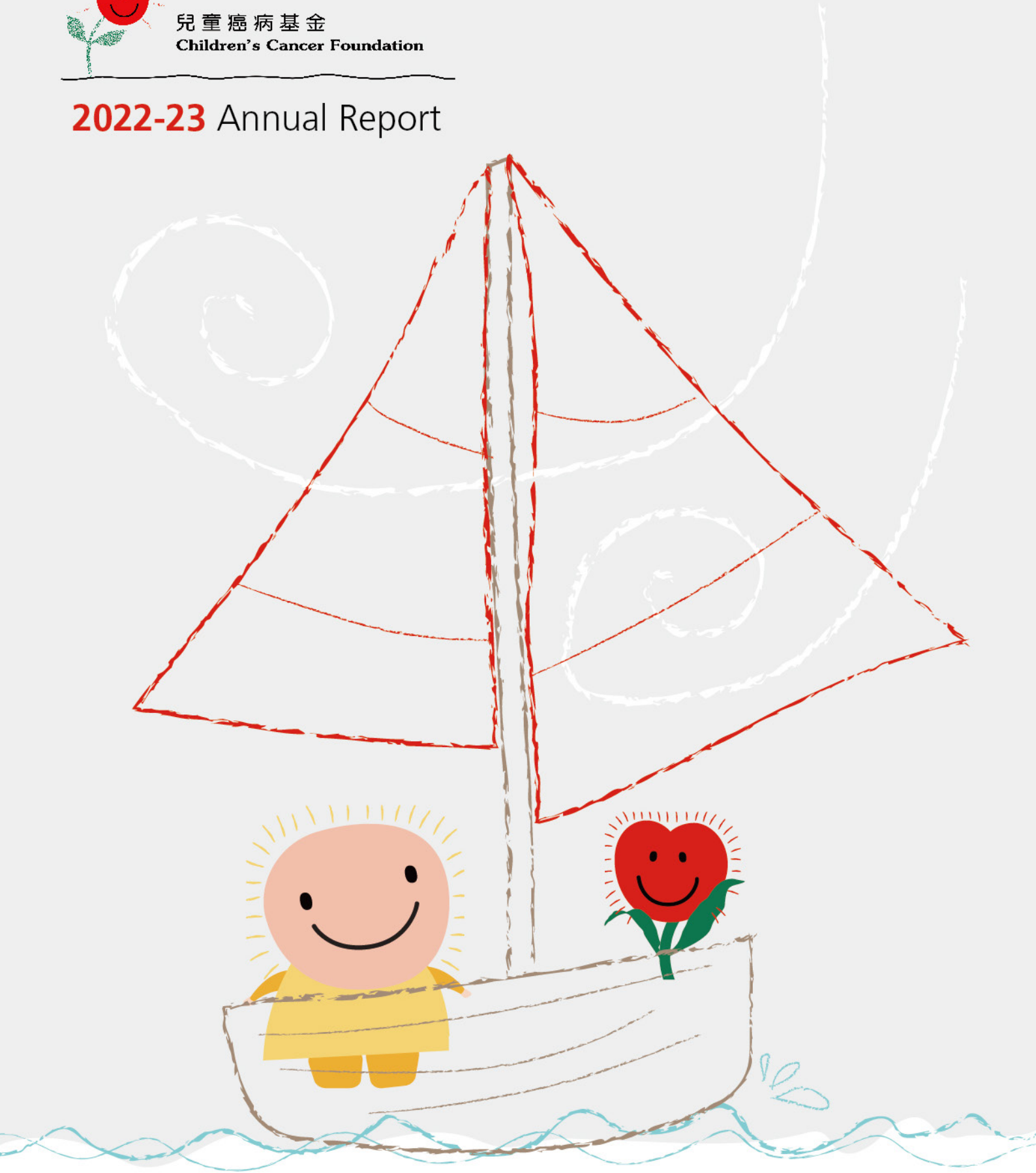




兒童癌病基金
Children's Cancer Foundation

2022-23 Annual Report



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About Us



In Hong Kong, an average of 180 children are diagnosed with childhood cancer each year – about 1 in every 10,000.

Since 1989, Children's Cancer Foundation ("CCF") accompanied the children and their families fight against cancer.

Over the years, we have been balled a role in the healing and recovery journeys of many young cancer fighters. With the trust and support of dedicated doctors, corporate partners, sponsors and volunteers, we have been able to fund impactful research, raise awareness, support families, and empower communities to help cure childhood cancer. We have also extended our services to children facing life-threatening conditions and their families through proactive and compassionate palliative care services, we aim to enhance the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of our beneficiaries.

In addition to providing care, warmth and support, improving the long-term outlook for survivors and helping them live normally, high-quality lives is a core part of our mission.

Together, Cancer and life-limiting illnesses are relentless – so are we. Let's keep moving forward, further and stronger. We have come a long way, but there is still so much move to achieve.

Mission

- To improve the quality of life for young cancer patients and their families in caring for their physical, psychological and social well-being
- To help doctors improve the survival rate of children with cancer through sponsorship of expensive drugs, childhood cancer research and diagnostic tests

Vision

- To continue provision of the best possible holistic care to young cancer patients and their families
- To extend our current services to families of young patients suffering from other serious illnesses

Value



Most 3 Common Types of Childhood Cancer



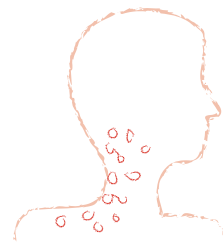
Leukaemia

33.3%



Brain Tumor

16.4%

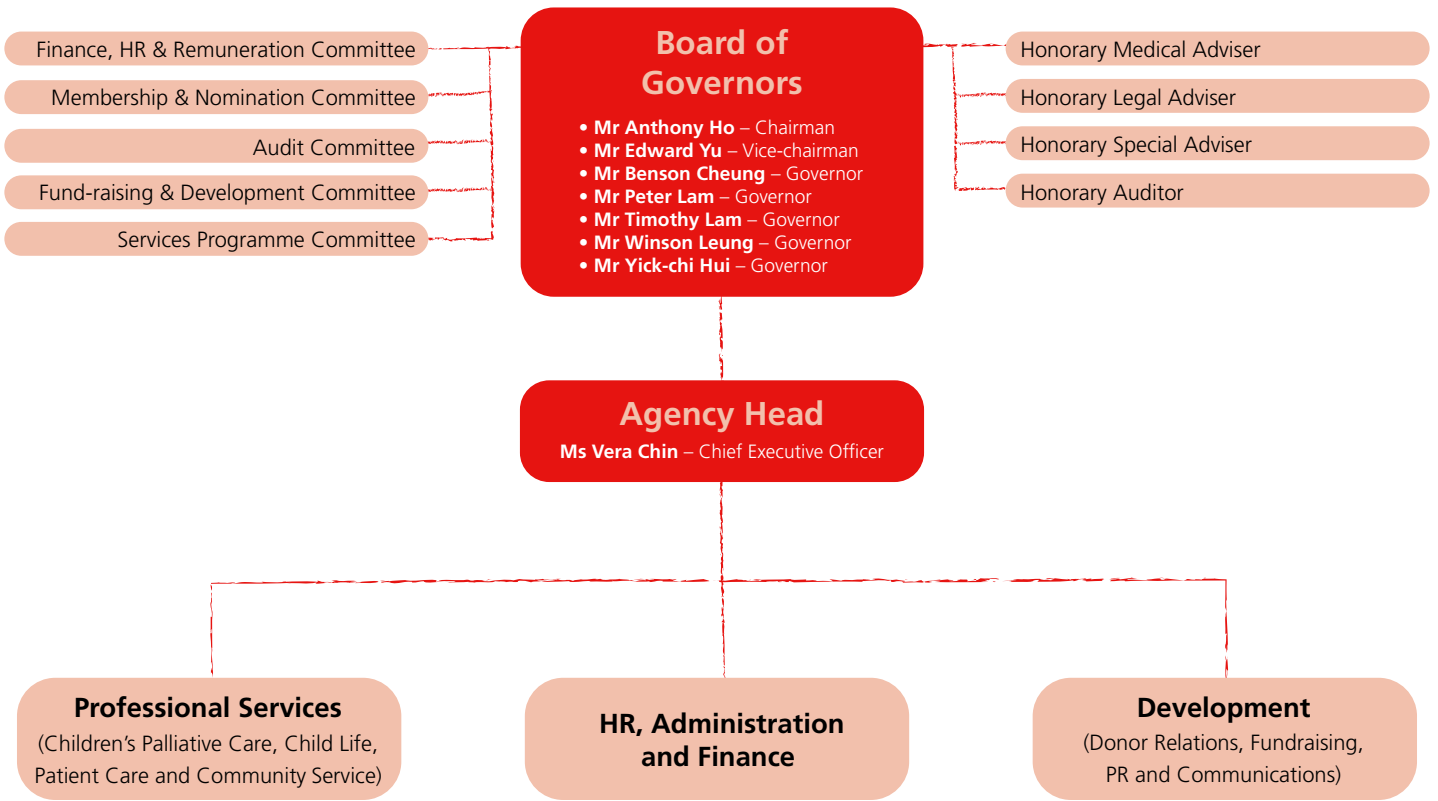


Lymphoma

13.7%

Corporate Governance

As of October 31, 2023



No. of Service Centres/Units:

2

No. of Staff:

60



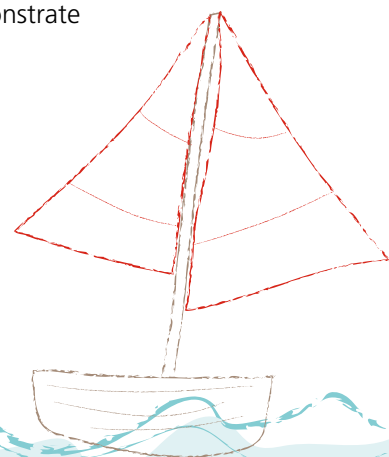
Survivors Stories - Thriving Through Challenges

CCF has supported more than 5,000 young patients and their families, many of them have become survivors, while the life-long effects of cancer may impact them for life, these survivors demonstrate remarkable resilience, striving to overcome challenges and live their life to the fullest.

Here are their inspiring stories and may their positivity brighten your day!

"Taking the steering wheel of life in my own hands"

Alyssa



While other 18 year-olds worry about university applications or career paths, Alyssa has more on her plate. Diagnosed with ovarian carcinoma six years ago, she had been battling with her illness and facing changes in both her learning and living environment. Once, she had even suspended her studies for cancer treatment.

But all the pressure and hurdles have only made Alyssa more mature and stronger. Unaffected by her past, Alyssa quickly caught up with school life and the learning progress with a positive mindset and cheerful smile following a successful treatment. Being an extrovert, she never lost faith in herself but rather used her experience to encourage and inspire others. She also tried to stay as active as she could be, such as joining different sports activities – she even got picked into the school's swimming team. This year, she even tries something new

– by joining Sunshine Crew, a sailing team organised by CCF. "When I first got my hands on the sport, I felt challenged. I have no idea how to control my boat with different wind direction and would always capsize... But after a few times, I learnt that it wasn't a big deal. All you need to do is get back up and do it again!" she said. After two months of training, Alyssa has gotten so much better that the coach praises her talents. She was invited to join a few regattas with other teammates too!

American swimmer Caeleb Dressel once said: "It's just about getting better every day." Alyssa said, "the saying inspired me a lot. I hope to live in the moment and live my best life!" Having just completed her HKDSE exam, Alyssa is going to leave Hong Kong to pursue her dream of being a physiotherapist. Brave the wind and the waves proudly, Alyssa!



"I can be my superhero"

AA

Everyone has their own superheroes. Whether it is the Marvel stars or Superman, people look up to superheroes as beacons of hope.

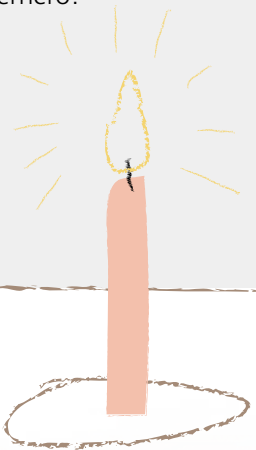
Superheroes have been a great encouragement to AA, who has been suffering from acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) since childhood. The 14 year-old has been forced to take a break from school to fight his illness. During chemotherapy, he needs to take different medication, leading to side effects such as headache and fever. One of the medications even caused a low blood platelet count, making him easy to bleed. AA's mom recalled, "at that time, he would bleed even from just a sneeze. The nurse told us the best we can do is keep our son from moving. He can only lie on the bed because any movement could mean danger." The painstaking days of being in chemotherapy was a nightmare to AA. "I felt



so lonely. Every night when I look out the tiny window and see the moon, I am thinking of leaving the ward," he said.

AA has been fascinated by superhero movies since young. His favourite is Spiderman – because he is witty, determined and never gives up! Alike his idol, AA never gives up and is eager to try everything. After three years of chemotherapy, he was eager to join all kinds of activities that he was yearning for: running, filming, drama, drawing, sailing, swimming and etc. After a few failed applications, he successfully got into his dream program: the junior space camp.

Despite all the sickness and misery, what is important is how to rise from the ashes. An occasional fall will only make you a stronger person. AA's passion for life and perseverance made him his own superhero!



"Candle illuminates not only itself but also others"

Vincent

At the peak of the pandemic, 21-year-old Vincent took part as a front-line worker at AsiaWorld-Expo Treatment Centre. His medical knowledge helped him attend to patients' needs, while his treacherous upbringing enabled him to take care of patients with empathy. Behind his professional role lies Vincent's bitter recovery from his cancer...

Vincent was diagnosed with eye cancer at the age of one, which impaired his right eye's function. The cancer was an inseparable part of his growth, when he experienced chemotherapy, electrotherapy, laser, cataract and pink eye surgeries, and eventually removal of his eyeball. At the age of five, running out of local medical solutions, Vincent had to leave Hong Kong for the US, where he could receive the latest electrotherapy.



It was 17 when Vincent could finally farewell the seemingly endless surgeries. Yet, he was faced with other challenges upon recovery. From his studies to social life, he felt helpless. "My upbringing was nothing but visiting hospitals. Other than few chances to truly communicate with my peers at school, I was discriminated because of my eye condition. I could not catch up academically, and barely had someone to talk to." Despite the pressure, not only did he not give up, but he persevered to seek for betterment, which successfully helped him through the HKDSE.

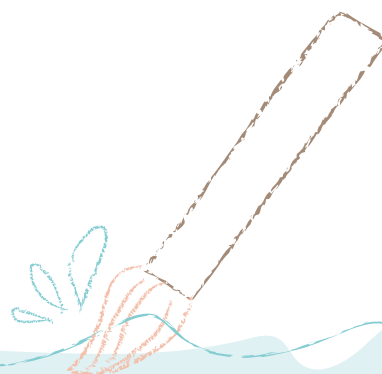
Graduating from secondary school, Vincent volunteered at hospital, where he developed interest in embarking on a medical career. "My childhood condition enabled me to experience love and care by many caretakers at hospital,

without which it was impossible for me to weather my stays there without fear." As such, he pursued tertiary education to become a personal care worker for the elderly, so that he can become a nurse eventually. He hopes to make use of his experience to serve those in need. His latest assistance as a nurse assistant at Treatment Centre is a valuable practical experience. "The days during internship was intensive, sometimes even without meal or bathroom break; but with a heart to serve patients, and in preparation for my future, I overcame every difficulty!" he said.

In the coming year, Vincent will apply to tertiary institutes and nursing schools. We wish him success in his application and may his dreams come true!

"I can draw gorgeously with my hands"

Tina



12-year-old Tina was diagnosed with leukaemia nine years ago. The treatment period was smooth with no relapse, yet it took them three years of time to fully recover. Time is critical for children in early childhood as they could learn fast. Therefore, Tina's mother was concerned about her development. "When she recovered, Tina was almost six years old, but her mind and abilities were still around three years old, and everything had to be learned from scratch. Children of the same age have already learned a lot of things, and I am so worried that it will be difficult for her to catch up.

Fortunately, the effort of Tina and her mom paid off. Tina gradually caught up with her studies, and now excelled in her academic studies. Besides, she also tried to get in hands with different art and craft, such as painting, indigo dyeing, paper art and etc.

While she creates her artwork, she can freely express her emotions and improve her thinking skills. Among them, she likes to create marbling art the most. Every time, the artwork is with different ink and oil ratio, allowing different forms of work. Each of these works is unique and full of surprises!

In addition to focusing on her primary six studies, Tina is also a member of her school's swimming team. We believe she will be able to advance to her favorite subject and reach her goal!

Every Sunshine Kids is unique. Just like different marbling art, they are with distinct personalities and strengths. What CCF has to do is to help them explore their potentials and making each of their dreams happen!

Service Overview

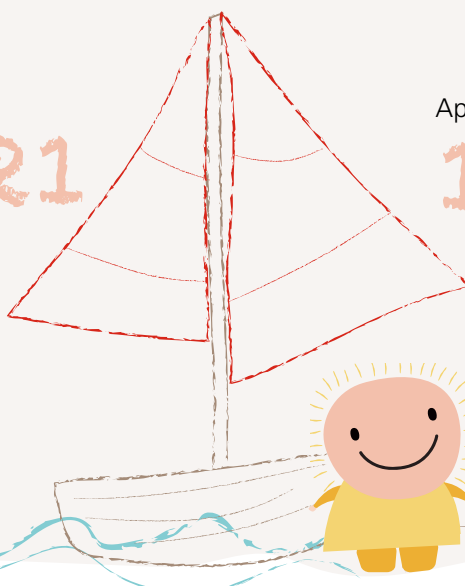
55,121

Interventions

Approx.

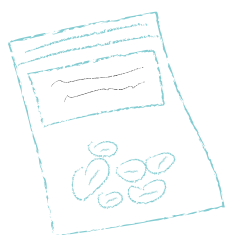
11,000

Beneficiaries



HK\$434,140

Financial Assistance (including travel, removal, funeral and other emergency support)



HK\$3,211,429

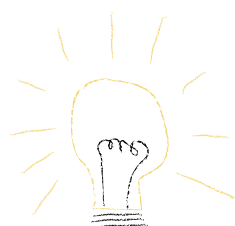
Committed Medically-related Sponsorship



321 Days of Occupancy of Half-way Homes

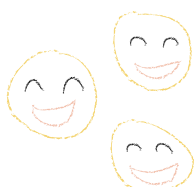


1,141 Users of Rehab Bus



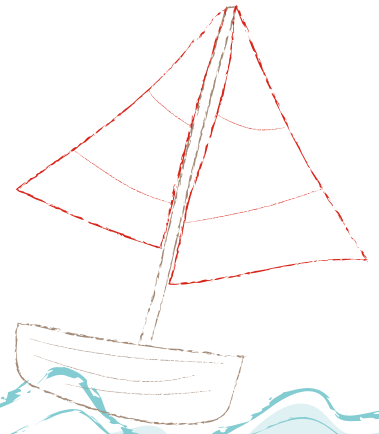
Research project commitment:

More than HK\$24,000,000 grants to new or ongoing research



6,748 Participation of Community Services and Public Education Programme

Looking Ahead



Hospital & Community Support

We are integrating new elements into our services, including the Child Life Services within the Community Children's Palliative Care Services. Through close collaboration with families, hospitals, and schools, Child Life Specialists utilise their expertise to provide comprehensive psychosocial care tailored to children's development needs, helping children and their parents navigate the challenges during treatment with greater confidence and resilience.



Focusing on Survivor Rehabilitation

With the support of the community and corporate partners, the Survivor Potential Development programme empowers our Sunshine Kids to explore and develop their talents in sports and arts.

We plan to establish an endowment fund to sponsor medications and treatment for young patients. To ensure a secure and sustainable source of income for supporting young patients with financial difficulties.



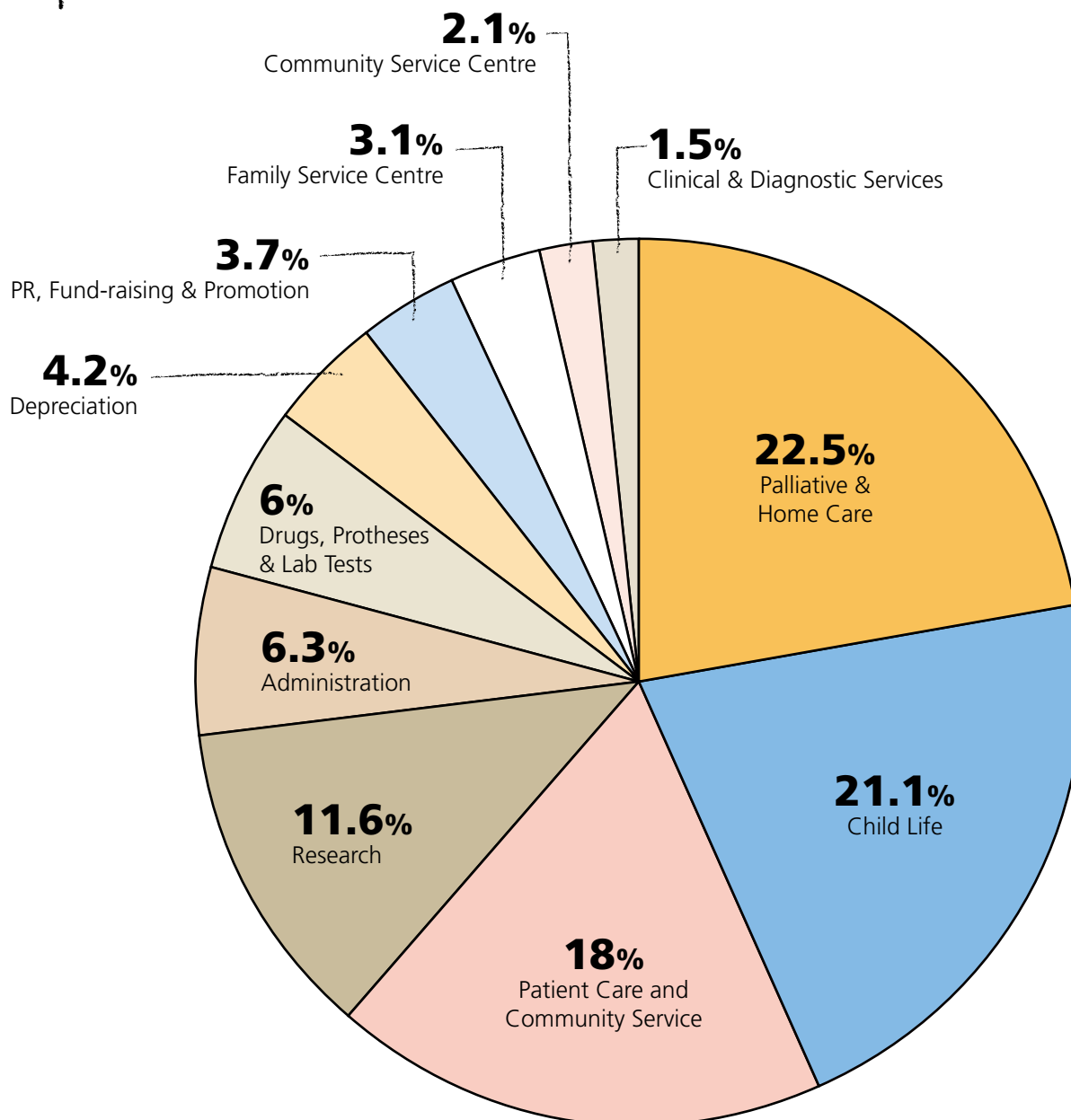
Promoting Children's Childhood Cancer Awareness

CCF remains committed to advocating for the rights of children with cancer and other serious illnesses. Through advertising campaigns and media stories. We strive to raise public awareness, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for young patients and their families.

Financial Figures

Income: HK\$49,972,389

Expenses:



Donation Form

I/We wish to make a donation to the Children's Cancer Foundation.

HK\$100 HK\$300 HK\$500 HK\$1,000 HK\$_____.

Donor's Information

Name: _____ (Mr / Ms / Miss) In block letters

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Year of Birth: _____

Donation Method

- A **crossed cheque** made payable to "Children's Cancer Foundation"
- Direct deposit** into the CCF's HSBC Bank Account (A/C No. 144-276565-001)
- PPS** (the Foundation's merchant code is 9991)
- Through any **Circle K store** to make a cash donation

**Please forward this form and the donation (crossed cheque, original bank pay-in-slip, PPS or Circle K receipt) to the Children's Cancer Foundation for the issue of official receipt.*

Credit Card

One-off donation Monthly Donation

AMEX MasterCard VISA

Credit Card No.: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

- Autopay** (for monthly donation only, Autopay Authorization Form will be forwarded to you)

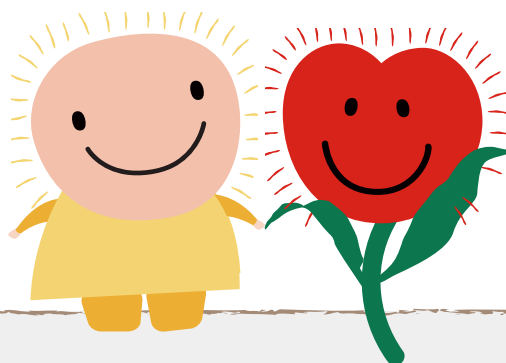
Donation Receipt

- Please send me a receipt. Donation of HK\$100 or more are tax deductible in Hong Kong.
- No donation receipt is required.

I / We wish to use the donation for:

- Cancer patients' related services
- Non-cancer patients' related services


- Personal data will be held in strictest confidence and used only to send you newsletters and other mailings. Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive future mailings. You may also require us, at any time, to stop using your personal data.






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