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DONOR STORIES

"I have been wanting to learn how to crochet. When my friends and I learnt about Mercy Relief's humanitarian aid missions for disaster-stricken communities to pass crochet beanies to needed area, we gathered together during lunch time to learn crocheting.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our contributions. We look forward to joining more volunteer events with Mercy Relief!"



"It warms my heart to know that time spent on making these beanies brings warmth and puts a smile on someone.

Mercy Relief's program is ongoing and offers flexibility for volunteers like myself to find time to volunteer. Thank you to Mercy Relief for bringing the beanies to natural disaster victims".

"We embarked on the crocheting journey with Mercy Relief back in 2019. Forty five volunteers joined hands with BENEVITY team and crochet blankets for victims of Japan earthquake disaster.

It has been our pleasure working together with Mercy Relief for the crocheting projects and we are looking forward to more exciting activities. Most importantly, the vulnerable communities will receive our contribution with big smiles".

Benevity Volunteer Group

"It all began one day in late 2015 when I was browsing through my friend's social media account and noticed that she was crocheting numerous scarves and beanies.

DONOR STORIES (Continued)

I became curious since our Singapore weather doesn't permit much use for such items, and she couldn't give them all away. That's when she mentioned she was contributing them to a non-profit organization that sends them overseas to those in need. Intrigued, I asked her if she could teach me.

With just one skein of yarn, one crochet hook, and a month of practice, I was hooked. I began researching where and to whom I could contribute my creations. Soon, I formed a new group of crafting friends who shared a similar interest and passion for crocheting for a good cause!

As our group grew, I realized it would be beneficial to start a Facebook group to help source projects and find value yarns. By stretching our dollar further, we could contribute more, providing warmth to an increasing number of people. Thus, Yarns Spree was born in December 2015, and we haven't looked back since.

Now, almost eight years later, our group has grown to over 2000 members, all based in Singapore. In our first collaboration with Mercy Relief, we have crocheted beanies, scarves and neck wraps for Türkiye earthquake victims".



We have successfully completed numerous projects, both locally and overseas. During the Covid period, we created mask extenders for hawkers and estate cleaners, crafted soap scrub bags for migrant workers in Singapore, and even brought to life crocheted toys based on drawings by underprivileged children in Singapore, to name just a few.

This journey has been incredibly meaningful, and we eagerly anticipate continuing to make significant contributions in the years to come."

Yarn Spree Volunteer Group

SCHOOLS OUTREACH



MGS Sec 1T students spent an afternoon at Mercy Relief, engaging in a fun-filled disaster management activity aimed at encouraging the student community to develop values of compassion and care for the disadvantaged.



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Millenia Institute students hosted a social bazaar and donated proceeds to various humanitarian causes including Mercy Relief's fund for sustainable communities.

DONOR SERVICE

Opening communication lines is our top priority as we strive to build better relationships and engage with our donor community, providing timely updates on our emergency relief operations and post-disaster sustainability projects, fundraising activities and volunteering opportunities.

Building on our new community newsletter initiative launched in May, we are introducing our **new telegram channel**, where Mercy Relief will be sharing regular updates with our activities and programmes.

Subscribe to our telegram channel @MercyReliefSG or scan the QR code below!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mercy Relief will be participating in **CHARIS Humanitarian Forum & Fair** on Saturday 24 June 2023, 8.30am to 4.45 pm. Visit us at Stand No. 4 at Piazza, Catholic Junior College to find out more about our role in emergency relief and sustainability programs for vulnerable communities across Asia Pacific.

HEROES PROGRAM

We are excited to announce the launch of our new and improved volunteers program, HEROES.

HEROES embodies the core values and objectives of Mercy Relief's volunteer program.

Humanitarian Relief
Empowering Communities
Resilience building
Outreach and
Engagement
Sustainability

Volunteers who join our HEROES program will be contacted on an ad-hoc basis via email whenever opportunities arise. Sign up via our online form by scanning this QR code below!

