CARE Network Insider **ISSUE 1 | MAR 2023**



"Community is the Foundation to Success" - Kristen Jones

The CARE Network newsletter, CN Insider, is back with updates on exciting events coming your way in March, August, and November 2023! This year, CN Insider will be featuring aftercare professionals, volunteers and desistors who inspire others in their line of work. If you have a person in mind, click here to send in your nomination. For this month, we will be featuring three aftercare professionals nominated by their colleagues.

Read more to find out the latest happenings, initiatives, training courses on other aftercare-related announcements. Happy reading!



Aspire to Inspire

Congratulations to our three featured aftercare professionals, who were recognized by their peers for being an inspiration to others. May you continue to motivate people in the community to believe in this meaningful cause!

You've also won a \$20 Grab Voucher; we will get in touch with you, shortly.



"Maisara is an inspiring individual capable of multi-tasking and completing ordinary tasks in magical ways! Maisara manages a variety of job duties like a pro and with the sweetest smile. She is undoubtedly one of RAHWH's fairies who, in her own unique magical ways, keeps the RAHWH work going strong and efficiently."

Emily Tan Integrated Ministry Care Manager, **Prison Family Services**

"Emily has more than 10 years of service in the aftercare sector. Notorious for her tenacity and resourcefulness in challenges, she never gives up until she finds a solution for her beneficiaries! Her commitment to the female ex-offenders under her care is seen in her willingness and generosity to go the extra mile when they are in need. She serves with passion and conviction because she firmly believes that it is her calling to serve those in prison."

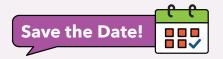


"I have been working with Joey since May 2022. As a team leader, Joey has been nothing but helpful and reliable especially during the initial period of my secondment in ISCOS. He inspires me to go the extra mile with his patience and guidance. Joey is not just a colleague, but a friend and confidante who believes in the cause. I'd like to express my gratitude to Joey for being such an inspiration to those around him, thank you Joey!"









NeuGen Charity Golf 2023



By NeuGen Fund

NeuGen Fund Charity Golf is happening on **Wed, 19 April 2023!** Expect a full day of fun and games at Tanah Merah Country Club, Tampines Course with lunch, cocktails and dinner served and a chance to meet and play against local golfer, Quincy Quek in the special segment "Beat the Pro". Golf packages start from \$5,000 onwards and all proceeds will go towards supporting children and families of reformed offenders.

Keen to sign up? Click this link.





SACA Annual Fundraiser



By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)

SACA is excited to resume its annual charity film screening **this May 2023**! The movie of choice will be none other than 'FAST X', the tenth instalment of the Fast & Furious franchise. More details to follow in the coming months!

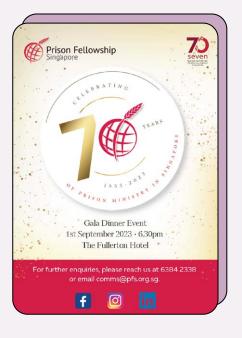
CARE Network Summit 2023



By CARE Network (CN) & Singapore Prison Service (SPS)

Annually, we bring together various stakeholders at our CARE Network Summit to learn, connect and explore collaborative opportunities to support ex-offenders' successful reintegration into society and higher desistance in the community. Keep a lookout for this year's CN Summit, happening on **27 July 2023 at Fairmont Singapore**.





Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Prison Ministry in Singapore



By Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS)

PFS is hosting a fundraising gala dinner to commemorate 70 years of prison ministry work in Singapore this **September 2023**! The event seeks to celebrate the contributions from our field partners as we journey together to support inmates and ex-offenders. Support us by booking a table or providing direct and in-kind donations.

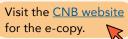
For more information, 💸 6384 2338 or 🖂 comms@pfs.org.sg

Comic Book Titled "Captain Drug Buster vs Dr. Wacko: The First Encounter"

Collaboration between Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) and the authors, Ms. Eleanora Si Hoe and Ms. Katharina Si Hoe

This book is a delightful and light-hearted read that illustrates the harmful effects of cannabis and the harms of drug abuse. It is targeted at youths aged 13 to 16 years old and is available for loan from public libraries island-wide and in all secondary school libraries.





Source: Central Narcotics Bureau of Singapore | Home (cnb.gov.sg)

The Uplifting Employment Credit

Budget 2023 Announcement

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Mr Lawrence Wong, announced that as part of the Budget 2023, a new Uplifting Employment Credit (UEC) scheme will be introduced to encourage employers to employ exoffenders. The UEC will provide time-limited wage



Click <u>here</u> to download the MOM Infographic on UEC.

offsets to employers for ex-offenders hired from April 2023 to December 2025. It is expected to benefit about 3,000 exoffenders annually. Ex-offenders who are hired through YRSG or its partners will automatically qualify for the scheme.

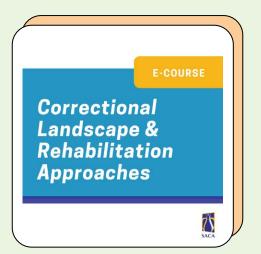


New Programme: Family Befriending

By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)

SACA will be piloting a Family Befriending programme in the second quarter of 2023, as part of the National Committee on Prevention, Rehabilitation and Recidivism (NCPR). Training for volunteers commences in Feb 2023. This new programme connects first-time offenders and their families with the necessary support and resources to navigate the new and uncertain journey of incarceration. It also seeks to improve dynamics within the family and strengthen familial ties. This will complement the befriending and family-support programmes already available within the sector that focus on repeat offenders.





New E-Learning Course by SACA: Correctional Landscape and Rehabilitation Approaches

(Registration is open throughout the year!)

A collaborative effort by Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), SACA and SPS

In partnership with SUSS UniLEARN, a series of e-learning courses covering topics on rehabilitation and reintegration are now available! The latest launch titled 'Correctional Landscape and Rehabilitation Approaches' provides an overview of the criminal justice system as well as the relevant government and community agencies that work with offenders and ex-offenders. It also gives insight to the correctional approaches applied in Singapore and the evidence-based practices applied in rehabilitation work.

This course is suitable for anyone who is looking to work with inmates and ex-offenders. To register, click <u>here</u>. For more information on other available e-learning courses, go to <u>SACA's e-learning courses</u>.



Call for Pre-owned Road Bikes for Ex-Offenders

By Break the Cycle Sg (BTC)

The common question asked is: "How do ex-offenders join BTC if road bikes are expensive?" To address this question, BTC recently created a way to lower the barrier for ex-offenders who might need a leg up to start cycling with the community. BTC receives pre-owned road bikes and match them with suitable ex-offenders that might benefit. So, if you have a road bike that you would like to donate to support BTC's social mission, where the breakthecycle.sg@gmail.com. Follow BTC on their G and FB page.



In this picture, BTC's co-founder Andrew is seen handing over a donated preowned road bike to its new owner, Chung who recently completed his rehabilitation programme with The Helping Hand Singapore.



Yellow Ribbon Fund Charity Gala

By Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF)

The biennial YRF Charity Gala took place on 3 February 2023 and raised over \$1.4 million in donations. The event was graced by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Polices. The generous support from over 106 corporate and individual donors will enable the YRF team to continue its programmes that support inmates, ex-offenders, and their families.







National Committee on Prevention, Rehabilitation and Recidivism (NCPR) members visited SACA in Jan 2023

By Singapore After-Care Association (SACA)

SACA hosted the NCPR, which included co-chairs Assoc Prof Faishal Ibrahim (Minister of State for MOH & MND) and Mr Eric Chua (Senior Parliamentary Secretary for MSF & MCCY), as part of a sharing on intergenerational offending. Three desistors, who were former SACA clients, shared their personal experiences of incarceration and the impact it had on their families. Desistors' feedback gathered from the engagement shed insights on areas of emerging needs to better support ex-offenders and their families.

CMS Graduation Ceremony

By Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA)

SANA's inaugural Case Management Service (CMS) Graduation Ceremony was held on 25 March 2023 and graced by MOS Faishal. The ceremony, which included family members, was held to mark the completion of the 12 months of mandatory CMS for SANA's beneficiaries. SANA Kakis and Peer Leaders, who will be their befrienders and mentors in the recovery journey, also attended the event to cheer them on as the beneficiaries' transit to SANA Step-Up Centres for aftercare services.



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