



Children-At-Risk Empowerment (CARE)

empowering youth
for a better tomorrow

CARE believes there's a success story in every child and aspire to help materialize that success story



- Every child, even those at-risk, has the potential to be successful in life
 - Success encompasses being able to live healthy and purposeful lives guided by values of honesty, integrity and respect for themselves & others
- In order to materialize the success story in every child , CARE aims to give children the tools they need to maximize their potential in becoming useful and contributing citizens as well as independent and self-confident individuals



Together with CARE, each child can and will reach out for that success with the right guidance

Currently, an increasing number of children are at-risk, and their unmet needs have resulted in dire consequences



At-risk children often suffer from the lack of ...

- Self-esteem
- General Life Skills
- Academic Foundational Skills
- Motivation

and exhibit symptoms of

- Academic failure
- Behavioral problems
- Juvenile delinquency



Consequences from unmet needs

- Increasing frequency of dropouts, suicides, or law-breaking activities due to unmet needs of at-risk children
 - Survey shown that over 8,000 or 30% of Normal-Technical students live their lives feeling stupid, hopeless, and/or of no use
 - Needs are also not met by current school curriculum.
- It takes significant resources from society to deal with at-risk children
 - For example, it costs up to S\$12K – 24K to rehabilitate an at-risk child

CARE holistic three-pronged approach effectively address the needs of at-risk children, resulting in overwhelming success



PREVENTION

- School-based systemic year long curriculum to empower classes of students for principled living
 - Excites and motivates to raise self-esteem and hope
 - Provides life management skills
 - Develops study skills and techniques

INTERVENTION

- One-to-one counseling sessions for students in trouble with school authorities, gang affiliations, suicidal tendencies etc
 - Students are identified from their classes for counseling by experienced youth workers

TRANSFORMATION

- Mentoring scheme and after-school programs to encourage students to continue their goal-directed living
 - Available to students and alumni of CARE's school-based program

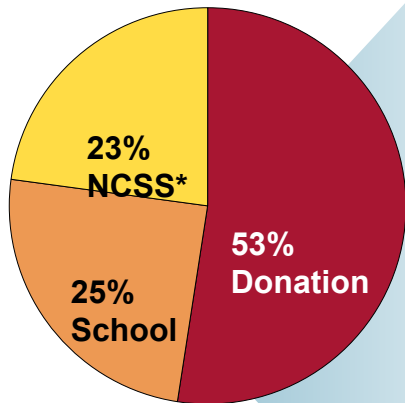
3000 students from more than **12 schools** have benefited from CARE's programs since 1997

- CARE school-based programs with the components of Prevention, Intervention and Transformation are now highly sought after
 - Post-program surveys shown that 96% feel that they are useful and smart, and have a great future ahead
 - School principals have only praises for CARE's results



However, CARE is unable to meet the increasing demand for its services due to financial constraints

CARE's Financial Support



Current Operation Budget of S\$700K

- With existing funding, CARE can only reach 700 of the 8,300 estimated at-risk youth that exist each year
 - It require ~**S\$500** of donation for CARE to reach out to one at-risk child annually
 - No regular annual inflow of donations; all donations are one-off
- Other forms of financial support are unable to meet the increasing demands for CARE services
 - Program fees from schools are decreasing due to governmental budget cuts
 - NCSS contribution unlikely to increase
- CARE has already fully maximize existing resources
 - Over 70% of staff are volunteers, and 7 full-time staff taking charge of 100 students **each**

Significantly more resources, especially from donations, are needed to meet the needs of more at-risk children



- CARE is unable to meet the increasing demands for its services
 - Turn down many principal's requests to expand their services to more Normal Technical classes
- CARE also aspires to increase capacity to 5,000 students annually and reach out to the community at large

Resulting in the need for increased funding

- **CARE hope that you will consider donating to CARE, in order help us met the needs of the at-risk children in Singapore**
 - Existing donors are Prima Ltd , Morgan Stanley, Singapore National Cooperatives and Singtel Yellow Pages
 - All donations are tax deductible as CARE is an Institute of Public Character (IPC)