

Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel - The Warm Sunshine

Time is like water that flows down the mountains, never stopping. Almost too quickly, it has been ten years since the establishment of the Love the Elderly and Children Foundation. Over the years, due to outstanding management and leadership of the Board of Committee and Manager Hon, along with the unity and collaboration of staff and volunteers, the Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel has been progressively improving. Achievements have been attained in various aspects of the organization. The Trustees are prudent in the management of the finances and are visionary in charting the future direction of the foundation. In order to benefit more elderly people, profits from the operation of the Hostel and money received from fundraising activities were used to acquire an adjacent land for the Hostel's extension.

The residents of the Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel are blessed and thankful that their health, their individual specific needs as well as their indoor and outdoor activities are taken care of by Manager Hon, staff and volunteers. The elderly feel invigorated and we often see their health improve as they move into our hostel. Due to the loving and caring staff, residents often develop a sense of attachment, a sense of security and belonging. Some even think that staying at the Hostel is even better than being alone in their own home. According to Manager Hon, there are five residents who are almost 100 years old and many are in their nineties. This has proven that providing quality services, good facilities, comfortable environment and attentive care, enables the elderly to enjoy their twilight years which promotes longevity.

I would like to give my highest regards and heartfelt thanks to Manager Hon, all staff and volunteers at the Indo-Chinese Hostel. You have devoted yourselves to years of hard work and sacrifices. Your constant efforts and spirit of dedication to the elderly deserve our respect.

The Hostel's extension has benefited significantly from the aged care policy of the Australian Federal Government, a low interest loan of six million dollars was approved for the project. We have also received great support from the Chinese Community, various community leaders and benefactors. The extension project has been progressing smoothly since its conception. It is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2013. I am glad and relieved that in the near future we will have something to show to society, to the community, and to all donors who are looking forward to it.

I would like to express my profound gratitude to each and every one who has helped us. Through the Chinese traditional virtue "to love other's children as your own and to love other's elderly as your own." I believe we shall be able to make a great leap in achieving the goal of providing quality services to the elderly and children.

Thank you very much.

Mrs. Anna Nguy