

Fathers Reading to Strengthen Community (FRSC)

Concept

Volunteer-Families (VF), led by father/husband, will visit Recipient-Families (RF) and read to the children assigned. RF are families who are unable to read to their children due to various circumstances, e.g. families with illiterate parents.

VF will visit RF as a family (i.e. father will go with his children or wife or both) or as a couple (i.e. husband and wife).

What it involves

Commitment from Volunteer family

1. Attend 2 sessions of Training.
2. Attend Launch session where you will meet RF families – dinner provided
3. Attend at least one Sharing session
4. Attend Closing Celebration – dinner provided
5. Conduct 8 to 10 sessions of reading at the RF home.

(Note: Fathers/Husbands can attend these sessions alone. Wives are welcome to attend together with their spouses.)

Programme Schedule

VF – Volunteer Family; RF – Recipient Family

| Event | Date & Time | Objectives |
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| Pre Launch Training Session 1 | 12 Jan Sat 3pm - 6pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To enable volunteer-fathers/families to catch a lasting vision of the program▪ To equip volunteer-fathers/families with the helping skills to be effective in interacting with RF▪ To equip volunteer fathers / families with skills in reading, book selection & child development |
| Pre Launch Training Session 2 | 19 Jan Sat 3pm - 6pm | Same as above |
| Launch Event - meet your Recipient Family follow by dinner | 19 Jan Sat 6.30pm - 7.30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To introduce VF to RF▪ To provide an opportunity for VF and RF to build rapport |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To facilitate better understanding of the purposes and means of the program ▪ To facilitate clearer expectations among the key people involved in the program |
| 1 st Sharing Session | Friday night 8.00pm - 9.30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To facilitate volunteer-fathers/families to share their stories and learning arising from the program thus far ▪ To provide opportunities for volunteer-fathers/families to learn from one another and build a shared spirit of helping in the community ▪ To obtain feedback from VF to improve on the program. |
| 2 nd Sharing Session | Friday night 8.00pm - 9.30pm | Same as above |
| Program Evaluation | 29 March 5 pm to 6 pm | Sharing from VF & RF families |
| Closing Celebration Dinner All VF & RF families to come together for a celebration to round off the event. | 29 March 6 pm to 7.30 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To appreciate the new ties in the community formed by VF & RF. ▪ To celebrate successes experienced in the program ▪ To mark the closure of the program through presentation of certificates of completion and appreciation by the GOH |
| Reading session at RF's home | Between 20 Jan & 29 Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VF to arrange at least 8 reading sessions with the RF |