



# CENTRE FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

*Critical Intervention, Paralegal, Education, and Shelter Services*

## STAFF ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### *Corporate Team-building, Awareness, and Volunteer Opportunities*

#### 1) **Build a Refuge**

Each year, we provide 180 migrant women with basic but safe accommodation and food at our temporary safe houses (shelters) to help them escape abusive and unfair employment environments, and to prevent them from having to sleep rough on the streets. Our shelters are in a desperate need of a paint job and minor renovations. Get a team together to help!

#### 2) **Share a Feast**

Give migrant women staying at our shelter some variety in their daily diet by cooking your favorite meals and sharing with them.

#### 3) **Share Your Skills!**

We are always on the look-out for pro-bono lawyers specializing in immigration and employment issues, medical practitioners, Bahasa Indonesia and Sinhalese counselors and clinical psychologists, and teachers to provide direct services to our migrant women. We also need dedicated volunteers to provide administrative, clerical, fundraising, writing, and other support, as well as strategic level help to develop our services and fundraising capacity. Have a skill to share? Tell us!

#### 4) **Your Time for a Cause**

Staying cooped up in a shelter day in and day out with no permission to work or volunteer until their cases are settled is psychologically very stressful for our migrant women. Each week, we seek to host a range of activities to keep them engaged, and their minds stimulated, all the while building their capacities. Host a recreational activity (e.g. a trip to Ocean Park or the beach, a badminton game) or a capacity-building class (e.g. baking, childcare, etc.) to help us make their stay a little easier.

#### 5) **Stay Informed**

Call us in for an interactive workshop to stay up to date on the plight of migrant workers in Hong Kong. Our outreach package is tailored to meet the needs of our audience, from simple workshops to first-hand sharing and handicrafts training from our shelter clients, and many more.

### *Sponsorship Opportunities*

#### **HK\$200**

per month provides 1 migrant worker with access to justice and critical intervention during times of crisis.

#### **HK\$1,000**

per month provides 2 weeks of accommodation for a migrant worker who is involved in a labour dispute.





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## MIGRANT WORKERS, OUR SERVICE CENTRES AND SHELTERS

Hong Kong is home to over 330,000 domestic migrant workers from South and South-East Asia who contribute nearly HK\$14 Billion to Hong Kong's annual GDP while filling necessary demand for child and elderly care services in the city. Despite their prevalence in Hong Kong, these workers may be economically exploited by their employers or by scamming employment agencies that tie them into debt bondage contracts. Many who come to seek our support are also survivors of physical or sexual abuse, and most have faced discrimination.

Established in 1993, Christian Action's Centre for Migrant Workers has provided comprehensive assistance to nearly 200,000 women and men who have faced such predicaments by offering them critical intervention and paralegal assistance, shelter, food, psychological support, and empowerment through education opportunities to build their capacities and move beyond the domestic work sector.

By the end of 2015, we had provided over 12,200 casework and paralegal actions to over 800 individual migrant workers. Nearly 900 students enrolled in our classes in the same year while around 150 were able to seek refuge and safety in our shelters as they awaited the outcome of their claims.



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