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## NEWSLETTER

#### **The Official Newsletter of Dream Compassioneers**



Dream Compassioneers is a joint-school international education and volunteering organisation . It aims to provide schoolchildren in poverty-stricken regions all over the world with daily necessities and opportunities for education, improving their lives in the long term. Dream Compassioneers is a registered charitable body. (IR File No. 91/17842) (Society Ref. No. 1963635)

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

30th November, 2023 Dear Friends of Dream Compassioneers,

It has been three months since the beginning of this academic year and many of our activities have started.

Earlier, the Executive Committee of Dream Compassioneers held its first regular meeting of the year, marking the official inauguration of the 4th Executive Committee. This year, we have eighteen executive members, including students from universities and secondary schools, both local and international. We hope that through communication and collaboration with partners from diverse backgrounds and experiences, the Executive Committee can promote the spirit of service together. Please show your support to the 4th Executive Committee, as we strive to serve students and carry on the DC spirit. Feel free to read the self-introductions of the Executive Committee members to get to know our new members!

In terms of service, some student members participated in our Tutorial Project cooperated with HKSOD for the first time, providing educational support to hearing-impaired children. Students from Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College's Dream Compassioneers Service Club were also invited to attend a formal dinner at St. John's College, The University of Hong Kong, to learn about global needs. Additionally, this month, we held the Future Service Leaders Development Programme (F1 Life Training Camp), at Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College, aiming to cultivate future service leaders.

In terms of advocacy, we were fortunate to have Ms. Lau, the co-founder of Grief Me Light ,as our guest to share her own experience in the 24th regular 'Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire' webinar. She shared her valuable experiences in end-of-life education-related services, which proved to be highly enlightening.

As various activities gradually unfold, we will announce the details for different events in the future. We warmly welcome your active participation in our regular activities and look forward to seeing you at different events!

Sincerely, Ms. WONG Sze-kiu, Chloe President of 4th Executive Committee of Dream Compassioneers

#### **OUR AIMS**

1 This association aims to provide daily necessities and education opportunities for schoolchildren in poverty-stricken regions all over the world, improving their life in the long term.

2 This association strives to raise public awareness of the situation and needs of the poor in povertystricken regions, encouraging more capable individuals to lend a helping hand to those in need.

3 This association hopes to enrich the organizational and overseasservice-related experience of Hong Kong students. By widening their horizons, this association hopes to foster the all-round growth of students and to nurture future servant leaders.

4 This association embraces individuals of various religious backgrounds and political viewpoints, yet does not participate in any religious or political activities.



## **REPORT ON NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

## Talk to Inspire

The 24th regular 'Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire' webinar has been successfully held on 29th November, 2023. We are elated to be able to invite Ms. Lau, the Co-Founder of Grief Me Light as our guest to share her own experience. We thank Ms. Lau's heartfelt sharing, which shares with us their work and past experience about life and death. Thank you again for your participation and support. Our next 'Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire' webinar will be held soon, stay tuned!





## High Table Dinner at St. John's College

This month, Dream Compassioneers Service Club in Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College was invited to attend the high table dinner at St. John's College, The University of Hong Kong. On that day, enthusiastic college students also took the initiative to guide the service club students in visiting the university campus and getting acquainted with the university's cultural life. After that, the students participated in the high table dinner, where they learned about dining etiquette and had the opportunity to listen to talks by residential master and Dr. Sidney Wong. It was a truly enriching experience! We hope that the students can reflect on what they have learned during the dinner and continue to grow!







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#### DREAM COMPASSIONEERS FUTURE SERVICE LEADERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: F1. Life Training Camp



This year, Dream Compassioneers collaborated with Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College to organize the Future Service Leaders Development Program (F1 Life Training Camp), a two-day camp for Form 1 students. The aims of the camp were to facilitate mutual understanding among the Form 1 students, foster interpersonal relationships, establish peer support networks, strengthen class cohesion, and cultivate future service leaders who contribute to society. Two successful camps have already been held this month, incorporating various service experiential activities such as visual impairment simulation, environmental protection sharing, wheelchair experiences, and a banquet symbolizing socio-economic disparities. This year's training will span eight weeks, with over a hundred Form 1 students participating. These activities aimed to cultivate the students' spirit of service and develop them into future servant leaders. We look forward to the next camp, where more students can experience the joy of service!



#### SERVICING SCHEME FOR THE

#### **HEARING-IMPAIRED STUDENTS**

In November, Dream Compassioneers continued to send committee members to participate in the Servicing Scheme for the hearing-impaired students, providing educational support to hearing-impaired students. Following last month's theme, this month's session focused on "Becoming a YouTuber," teaching students about the industry and related information. Committee members from Dream Compassioneers attended the sessions and accompanied the children during their classes. We look forward to meeting the hearing-impaired students again next month and brightening their childhood!

#### **Dream Compassioneers Free Tuition Service**

Dream Compassioneers Free Tuition Service is now recruiting volunteer teachers for a long-term commitment. Recently, the University of Hong Kong promoted our tutoring program through email to all faculty and students, encouraging more students to participate in the service. We are very grateful for the support from the University of Hong Kong. We look forward to more volunteer teachers joining us to help more students in need through voluntary tutoring.





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# The 4th Executive Committee Orientation Day and the First Regular Meeting

The 4th Executive Committee Orientation Day and the first regular meeting were successfully held this month, providing a great platform for the new committee members to get to know each other and strengthen their bonding. We were honoured to have the presence and support of the Management Board members, who provided us with encouragement and support that greatly inspired us. On that day, we got acquainted with each other, took the group photo for this year, and briefly introduced the DC activities. The atmosphere was lively and

energetic! We will strive to do our best in the coming year to serve the students. We hope that the 4th Executive Committee will work hard to promote the service work and contribute their best efforts to serve the students.







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#### **Chloe** -- **President**

Hello everyone! I am Chloe Wong, currently a first-year student majoring in Early Childhood Education at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. I am also the Chairperson of the Dream Compassioneers for this year. Inspired by my seniors, I have been involved in DC since the first year as a subsidiary member. In the second year, I served as the Human Resources Director, and in the third year, I was the Vice Chairperson. I am honoured to continue my participation in the DC this year as the President, carrying forward the spirit of service. Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with other executive committee members and organise various service activities, which has been truly rewarding. Through these experiences, I have gained a deeper understanding of global issues and learned to appreciate the things I have. In the coming year, I hope to lead the other committee members and further promote the spirit of service. I sincerely hope that I can work with other committee members, share a common goal, and continue to serve people in need!





#### Anne -- Vice President

Hello everyone, I am Anne Ng, a freshman studying Pharmacy at The University of Hong Kong, and I am honored to serve as the Vice President of 4th DC. Last year, as a Service Director, I had the opportunity to participate in a range of service and advocacy projects, allowing me to actively contribute to addressing society's needs. It was truly inspiring to witness our initial ideas transform into successful events and witness the growth of DC. These experiences instilled in me a profound sense of accomplishment, motivating me to rejoin DC for this academic year. In my role as Vice President, I aim to utilise my past experiences to lead the Executive Committee to organise diverse projects that continue to make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

#### Ashley -- Vice President

Greetings, everyone! I am Ashley Hung, the Vice Prsesident of 4th Dream Compassioneers. I am studying for a degree in Chinese Education at the Education University of Hong Kong. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to contribute to Dream Compassioneers, where we unite individuals from diverse sectors, organize a multitude of activities, and provide crucial support to children in need. Each moment of my voluntary teaching experience in Cambodia, which took place four years ago, remains etched deeply in my heart. The children in the orphanage cherished candies as if they were precious gems, clutching them tightly in their hands. The children in rural schools showed an insatiable thirst and an unwavering enthusiasm for knowledge. Meanwhile, the "garbage mountain" residents scavenged for items that could sustain their families. A tiny spark can become a guiding light along the path of children's dreams. As we step forward, we open our eyes to the needs and lend a helping hand. I wholeheartedly believe that Dream Compassioneers will ignite countless more sparks, illuminating the distant dreams of children and walking hand in hand with love.



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#### Nicole -- Vice President

Hello everyone! I am Nicole Chan, the Vice-President of the 4th Dream Compassioneers. I am currently studying Chinese Language and Literature at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and I also served as the Vice Chairperson of the committee last year. Dream Compassioneers has been established for four years, a period that is neither short nor long, but it has been enough to witness the growth of Dream Compassioneers into an recognized inter-school student charity organization that is acknowledged by society. As a member of the 1st committee and the Vice Chairperson of the 3rd and 4th committees, Dream Compassioneers has accompanied me in my journey from Form 5 to being a Year 2 university student. It has been a part of my personal growth. During my three years in Dream Compassioneers, I am grateful for the support from the organization, which has given me the opportunity to initiate and organize various service activities, allowing me to learn and grow. I have not only learned how to coordinate events but also the importance of gratitude and the significance of giving back to society and serving the community. "Roses Given, Fragrance in Hand", service is not just about giving, but also

about receiving. It brings happiness, reflection, and a sense of fulfillment. With the knowledge and passion for service that I have gained from DC, I have also taken on the role of President of the Hong Kong Red Cross University Club this year, hoping to contribute more to society and bring more meaning to others. I hope that the 4th Dream Compassioneers can continue to unite various sectors, move forward together, and protect the dreams of students as we accompany them on their journey.

#### **Charlene -- Financial Director**

Hello everyone! I am Charlene Fong from Bishop Hall Jubilee School. I am honored to serve as the Financial Director of the 4th Dream Compassioneers Executive Committee. In the past year, I had the opportunity to participate in the "Grant A Wish" Material Donation Project and the 3rd DC Debate Competition. These experiences have taught me the significance of helping others, especially those in need. It has ignited a sense of urgency within me to make a difference. I am thrilled to be a part of the 4th Dream Compassioneers Executive Committee. My main goal is to try my best to help children who are in need. I aspire to practise as the meaning of the DC logo, holding the hands of children, and help them pursue their dreams alongside them. In the coming years, I aim to collaborate with the 4th DC executive committee to serve individuals from diverse countries and contribute back to society.





#### Moon -- General Secretary

Hello, I am Moon Lin from Bishop Hall Jubilee School. I am also delighted to serve as the General Secretary for the 4th Dream Compassioneers. In recent years, I have been interacting with individuals from diverse backgrounds and have accumulated communication skills with people with special needs. As the saying goes, "Lucky individuals' lifetime is healed by their childhood, while unlucky individuals spend their lifetime healing their childhood." I believe that childhood always has a deep impact on all of us in society. Therefore, over the past year, I have been actively focusing on the development of teenagers' mental health in Hong Kong, dedicating myself to volunteer services for the younger age group. For instance, during my participation in the free tuition service for the hearing-impaired students, I gained a profound understanding of how to interact with hearing-impaired students and comprehend the challenges they may face in their academic careers. Furthermore, I visited one of the special education schools in Hong Kong last year and interacted with the students with special educational needs. Through my communication with the students, I have come to realize the difficulties they may face in their daily lives and studies, and gained more insights on their unique personalities and characteristics. In the future, I hope to collaborate with different committee members and social institutions in 'Dream Compassioneers', providing more volunteer services to various groups of people in the society and raising public awareness for people in need. "A spark can start a prairie fire."



#### Kristy -- General Secretary

Hello everyone! I'm Kristy Law, currently studying at Heep Yunn School. It is my honour to serve as the General Secretary of the Dream Compassioneers this year. In the last academic year, I participated in the Big Sister Scheme at school, where I not only helped the younger schoolmates adapt to campus life but also guided and led them in completing a volunteer service. The service focused on children with special educational needs, and it was an unforgettable experience for me to interact with these children for the first time. It cultivated a strong interest in providing assistance to children in need. Throughout the year, I gained a deeper understanding of the qualities that a good leader should possess, particularly the importance of selflessness in serving others. Moreover, this experience really means a lot to me, as it has sparked a desire to continue serving individuals in our society who require assistance, especially in the field of children's education. Therefore, I have chosen to challenge myself and step out of my comfort zone by becoming an executive committee member of the 4th DC. I hope to actively participate in our society by serving others selflessly, making new friends who share the same aspirations, engaging in more meaningful service activities, and broadening my horizons to a global level.





#### **Gloria -- Human Resources Director**

Hello everyone, I am Hung Yuk Ting Gloria from Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College. This year, I served as the Human Resources Director in Dream Compassioneers. I also serve as the House Captain at the school and the leader of the Dream Compassioneers Service Club. In addition to my passion in service, I also like children very much. So, I participated in the Learning Companion Leadership Program organized by the We R Family Foundation for two years. In this programme, I could consolidate my basic knowledge and help children. Why not? After all, helping others is the foundation of happiness. I hope that this year we can help more children in Dream Compassioneers, benefiting more children in need, and grow together with everyone.

#### Sophia -- Human Resources Director

Hello everyone! I am Sophia Yau, the Human Resources Director of the 4th Dream Compassioneers. I am currently studying at Bishop Hall Jubilee School. In the previous year, I had the privilege of being a subsidiary committee member of Dream Compassioneers, participating in various service and advocacy activities. These included the free tuition service for hearing-impaired students program, Talk to Inspire and working as a helper for the 3rd DC Debate Competition. I gained a lot from these experiences! Through my involvement in these service activities, I realized that even in our developed society, there are still many people whose needs are not well taken care of and sometimes overlooked. Although we are only students, I believe that if everyone is willing to contribute their own efforts, we can bring about positive changes in society. In the coming year, I will not forget the my passion of serving others and continue to practice my passion for service within the Dream Compassioneers. I hope that we can work hand in hand and strive together to contribute to society. Thank you!







#### Arvin -- Service Director

Hello everyone, I am Arvin, and I am honored to be one of the Service Directors for Dream Compassioneers this year. I have always imagined a world where everyone has the opportunity to learn, a world full of boundless imagination, and a world that celebrates a childlike innocence. With immense joy, creativity, and a collection of fun games and stories, I wholeheartedly immerse myself in this world, sharing and laughing with the young saplings within it. As a Service Director, my goal is to assist Dream Compassioneers in carrying out various services and doing good for society. I firmly believe that we, as students from different schools, can take on the role of leaders and encourage society to pay attention to children in need and their rights. To achieve this, I am committed to collaborating with various sectors to create meaningful service projects and initiatives for children in need all around the world. Let us work together to ignite the dreams and hopes of children, and create a brighter future. Thank you!

#### **Carmen -- Service Director**

My name is Carmen Ngai, and I am currently studying at Maryknoll Convent School. I am the Service Director of Dream Compassioneers this year. Throughout my academic journey, I have actively participated in various leadership programs and extracurricular activities. Assisting others brings me a sense of joy and fulfillment, which is why I am my school's Mentorship Program Ambassador. I believe in helping and inspiring others in their personal and professional growth. One of my greatest passions is acting and collaborating with others to express emotions through drama. As a subcommittee of the drama club, I find it to be a creative outlet that boosts my confidence and allows me to explore my artistic side. In addition to my involvement in the arts, I am also a member of the school's Executive Committee of Catholic society, as I am a devoted Catholic. Providing service and support to those in need brings me immense fulfillment. Through these experiences, I have grown significantly and recognized the importance of effective communication and teamwork. I understand that strong communication



skills are essential for conveying ideas and instructions. Furthermore, I possess the ability to work well under pressure, effectively managing my time, prioritizing tasks, and delivering results within deadlines. I am reliable, dependable, and committed to producing high-quality work. Additionally, I believe in taking responsibility for my actions, including acknowledging mistakes and being honest and transparent. This promotes a culture of trust and opens communication, fostering strong relationships with others. I am genuinely grateful for the opportunities and privileges I have been fortunate to receive in my life. However, I am acutely aware that many individuals, particularly underprivileged children, lack access to basic necessities such as education and food. I strongly believe in the importance of providing everyone with an equal chance to learn, grow, and thrive. As an Exco of DC, I hope to have the opportunity to actively contribute to the mission of assisting those in need, particularly by helping underprivileged children gain access to education and sufficient nourishment. Make a tangible difference in the lives of these children and empower them to have a brighter future. Moreover, I possess a genuine love for serving others and a deep-rooted passion for helping those in need. As DC's motto, "Passion to dream, dream to inspire," resonates with me. The act of selflessly assisting those who are less fortunate brings me immense joy and fulfillment. I hope DC will provide a structured platform to channel my passion and actively engage in meaningful service projects. Allowing me to contribute my time, skills, and resources to create positive change in the community. By working alongside dedicated individuals who share the same passion, I believe we can amplify our collective impact and make a significant difference in the lives of those who need it the most!





#### Kristy -- Service Director

Hello everyone, I am Leung Hong Tai Kristy from TWGHs Wong Fut Nam College. I am delighted to serve as one of the Service Directors of Dream Compassioneers. In school, I also take on different roles such as prefect, peer counsellor, and peer tutor. Organising and hosting various types of events have provided me with different experiences and a continued passion to serve others by offering assistance within my abilities. In addition, I once watched a documentary in which Principal Zhang Guimei provided countless rural girls with the opportunity to leave the mountain ,by teaching them knowledge, all for the sake of giving them a chance to change their own destinies. I also noticed this year that due to their family environments, different girls were unable to enjoy the opportunities they deserve and faced difficulties in various aspects. I hope that as a woman, I can do my best to help them. Although my abilities are limited, I hope to raise awareness among the public about girls in rural areas. I will strive to do my part and fulfil my role, using my limited abilities to inspire others to serve children within this year.

#### Sisi -- Public Relations Director

Hello everyone!! I am Sisi, a secondary four student from C.C.C. Mong Man Wai College and one of the Public Relations Directors of DC this year. The DC Debate Competition was where I first met DC. I have started to think about the children right as a participant. Fortunately, there are many chances for me to join volunteer services this year, which allow me to gain a better understanding of the needs and challenges of children. I believe that DC as a joint school and even an international organization can provide a better platform for me to serve . Looking forward to seeing you guys in the coming event . Let's work together for the world !!





#### Nina -- Public Relations Director

Hi everyone! I am Nina, currently a Form 5 IB student studying at St. Paul's Coeducational College. It is my pleasure to serve as one of the Public Relations Directors of Dream Compassioneers this year. I have a wide range of interests including basketball, Taekwondo, Go, etc. I also enjoy doing voluntary services to serve those in need in our society, in particular the younger children. I would like to thank DC for giving me the opportunity to be one of the subsidiary committee members last year, where I was able to engage in various activities such as serving hearing-impaired children and attending inspiring talks. I also got to meet many like-minded friends along the way. Therefore, I hope to contribute back to DC in the upcoming year. Looking forward to working with all Exco members and organizing more impactful events! Together we can make a difference!



#### Karen -- Public Relations Director

I am Dang Lok Ying, the Public Relations Director of Dream Compassioneers. Currently, I am a student at Our Lady of the Rosary College. I am a cheerful and optimistic person, and my hobbies include listening to music, stargazing, and enjoying the sea. I am honored to not only serve as a student leader for my school but also to showcase my abilities and serve the community and children through Dream Compassioneers, making my high school journey even more colorful. I am greatly looking forward to collaborating with everyone at Dream Compassioneers in the coming year!





### Yannis -- Publication and IT Director

Hello everyone! I am Yannis from STFALKKC, one of the Publication and IT directors of the 4th DC executive committee. Looking back, when I first saw the Excos recruitment on social media, I decided to take this wonderful opportunity and step out of my comfort zone. I know that DC is different from other joint school societies, it does not only serve the local students but also the students in other countries such as Cambodia. Undoubtedly, it is my honour to become a part of Dream Compassioneers this year and make friends with people who have the same passion. Let's strive to achieve our dreams, and also contribute to society together!

#### Naomi -- Publication and IT Director

Greetings! I am Naomi Leung from St.Catharine's School for Girls. I will be the Publication and IT Director of 4th Dream Compassioneers. It is my honour to be one of the Executive Committee members this year. To continue my service journey, I have been encouraged to join DC to open a new chapter. As a PIT, I hope we can use our design to spread our message of helping children all over the world, and also our motto "Passion to Dream, Dream to Inspire." This year, I look forward to working together to protect and help children to pursue their dreams. Let's strive to inspire! A single spark can start prairie fire!





#### **Kristin -- Publication and IT Director**

Hi everyone! I'm Kristin, a form 4 student from St. Paul's Convent School. I'm the Publication and IT Director this year. I joined DC because I believe DC is a great platform and organisation to amplify voices of the underrepresented and it lets students, us, take initiative in implementing our ideas to engage others on the situations and needs of the underprivileged. Looking forward to meeting you all!



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