

# HCSA HAPPENINGS

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## President Halimah Yacob visits HCSA Community Services

On 5 November, President Halimah Yacob spent a fruitful afternoon at HCSA Community Services, interacting with residents from HCSA Highpoint halfway house and graduates from HCSA Academy Culinary Training Centre.

Madam President toured HCSA Academy's state-of-the-art kitchen and mingled with graduates from the Academy, who were there as part of HCSA Academy's Alumni Enrichment Program (AEP), which provides refresher training to bring the graduates' culinary skills up to the next level.



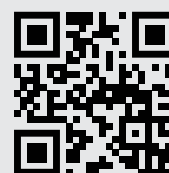
After a tea reception, Madam President visited a dormitory at HCSA Highpoint halfway house, where she chatted with residents while making a sock snowman with them. Lovingly handcrafted by HCSA's beneficiaries and volunteers, the sock snowman is part of HCSA's Christmas Hamper.

***"Madam President's visit means the world to the beneficiaries at HCSA Academy and HCSA Highpoint, and serves as an encouragement to the management and staff of HCSA Community Services. We are most encouraged and blessed by her unwavering support for the social services sector."***

Dominique Choy  
Executive Board Member & CEO  
HCSA Community Services



HCSA Community Services is a charitable organisation with the Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status and a member of the National Council of Social Service. As a family of dedicated staff, volunteer teams, corporate and community partners, we continue to serve some of the most vulnerable in society, to give them a future and a hope. Our beneficiaries include ex-offenders, single parents with limited support, and teenage girls who have experienced the trauma of complex abuse.



Find out more about us and what we do at [www.hcsa.org.sg](http://www.hcsa.org.sg)

## A Groovy Night of Hope

Held at Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium on Friday 19 October 2018, HCSA Community Services' signature fundraiser, **Night of Hope Gala**, saw many afros and gaily coloured outfits matching the Groovy 70s theme.

Highlights included a live band, live auction, best dressed competition, lucky draw, fun and games which saw many guests dancing on their chairs! Many also took to the dance floor to show off their groovy moves!

A big thank you to everyone who supported us and gave generously towards HCSA's beneficiaries – teenage girls who have experienced physical, sexual and emotional abuse, single parents with limited support and ex-offenders seeking a second chance.



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## We hope to see you at next year's gala!

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## Masterchefs in the making



On 11 October, staff from DWS – Deutsche Bank’s Asset Management business, came together for their first ever DWS MasterChef challenge at HCSA Academy. This was a great opportunity for staff to bond in a different environment.

Smells of spices filled the air while the teams raced against time to complete the three dishes – from preparation to cooking to plating the finished dishes, everyone was in high spirits and bonding with each other while racing to beat the clock.

Thank you [Deutsche Bank](#) for connecting with our beneficiaries!

To complete the experience, alumni from HCSA Highpoint halfway house were invited to join DWS staff in a hearty homecooked meal.

Said Karen Chan, Chief Risk Officer, APAC: “This was a unique event that blended community service with our people engagement. The challenge brought out everyone’s team spirit and creativity to be the winning team. There was great energy and enthusiasm from all staff.”



**Choose HCSA Academy for your next corporate / private dining event!**  
**Proceeds will go towards giving our beneficiaries hope for a better future.**

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MIN 16 TO MAX 24 PAX  
3-4 HOUR SESSION  
3-COURSE MEAL PACKAGE  
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## From Convict to Chef: Marcus' Story

At the age of 17, I served a two-year prison sentence for illegal business involvement and came to HCSA Highpoint for rehabilitation upon my release. I stayed at Highpoint for nearly three years, where I worked as a part-time mover while studying for my 'O' Level examinations. This year, I was fortunate enough to complete my National Service (NS) just in time to join the first intake of HCSA Academy's Culinary Training Centre in May.

I managed to graduate as the youngest trainee in my batch and was placed at Marina Mandarin Hotel where I have been working since. I'm grateful that the sous chefs and executive chef often praise me for my excellent work.

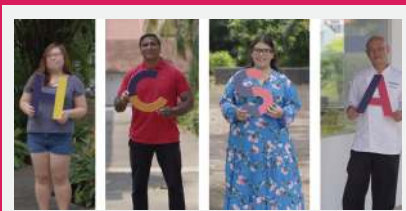
***"I even received the Silver Merit Winner 'Heart of the House' Certificate of Recognition Award in October! I am now working hard towards being promoted to junior sous chef in a couple of months."***

HCSA Academy is now onto its fifth batch of trainees. Like Marcus, 100% of graduates from the culinary training programme are successfully placed in jobs upon completion of the course.



## Hear Their Stories

Four unique individuals with four different stories – a student, an aftersales supervisor, a single mother of two and a culinary assistant. But what do these four beneficiaries have in common? The answers start with HCSA. Watch this video to find out!



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