

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is heartening to note that the commitment, resilience and pursuit of sustainable support that we have carefully nurtured over the past decades will continue to serve as a strong foundation for the next 20 years.

"The pandemic was and continues to be a great test that has challenged our way of assisting the families but also presented us with opportunities to strengthen our strategies in progressing greater access of care and support to the childhood cancer community in Sarawak and Malaysia."

Dear stakeholders,

The year 2021 marks the end of another decade of tremendous growth and transformation for Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS) from a small parent support group into one of Sarawak's leading non-profit organisations providing care and relief to more than 200 families of children with cancer, annually.

We also celebrated our 20th anniversary in helping kids fight cancer and have supported more than 1,500 families in Sarawak since 2001 – a milestone in the provision of our holistic services.

Despite a cutback in physical engagement activities for the safety of the children and our staff, we adapted and turned to surprise birthday deliveries, small celebrations and monthly comfort aid for our palliative patients.

SCCS has kept its goals and focus clear – providing the best possible support and services to our beneficiaries and stakeholders while keeping our people safe. It was this focus that allowed us to continue

- Delivering essential services to more children and families;

- Increasing support to ensure children have access to the best available treatment;
- Improving the quality of care in hospitals through new equipment subsidies, facilities upgrading and medical staff development;
- Heightening public awareness and education in childhood cancer; and
- Forging purposeful partnerships with like-minded global organisations to share and expand knowledge in meeting our vision and mission.

Building on the agility of our people led by a strong committee and management team, I believe the prospects for 2022 are looking bright and hopeful, with areas of improvement to refine our services.

SCCS continues our commitment of advancing plans to strengthen the voice of childhood cancer in Malaysia, and ultimately to set up a national alliance to advocate for the better care of childhood cancer patients.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our management team and staff for ensuring the good works of SCCS continue on, especially during this challenging period.

A very special thanks to our advisors, sponsors and donors for placing your trust in us, which has enabled us to continue delivering on our promises.

I am excited to see where our growth brings us and look forward to creating another year of success and milestones with all our partners, sponsors, advisors and personnel.

SCCS will continue to focus on achieving our vision and follow through with our pledge to provide care and support for Malaysian children and their families who are suffering from childhood cancer in Sarawak.

Thank you and let's help kids fight cancer!



RODNEY WONG

**PRESIDENT
2021-2022**



ABOUT SARAWAK CHILDREN'S CANCER SOCIETY

The Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS) is a non-profit organisation established to support the needs of families of children diagnosed with paediatric cancer. It was first started by a group of parents of children with cancer in 1999 before it was formally registered in 2001.

SCCS recognises the challenges in the different stages of paediatric cancer illness and recovery, and provides holistic support to children and families in their cancer-fighting journey.

Since 2001, SCCS has supported more than 1,500 families through their childhood cancer journey.

VISION

Every Malaysian child with cancer has access to the best available treatment and support.

MISSION

To provide care and support for Malaysian children and their families who are suffering from childhood cancer in Sarawak.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2021-2022)



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Vice President



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Fighting with *hope and optimism*

They call it the “monster of children’s cancer”.

When he was first diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, it was stage 4 and the cancer was already spreading to his bone marrow. They told me the tumor was as big as his fist.

– Samuel’s mom

Intermittent fever, back pain and bilateral leg pain were the first few symptoms Samuel Liau, a bubbly 3-year-old boy from Miri, experienced before he was diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma.

Samuel and his mother had to move away from their family in Miri, to Kuching, so that Samuel could get the treatment he needed to survive.



Treatment was challenging – hair loss, diarrhea, skin rashes, vomiting, loss of appetite and insomnia were amongst the many side effects he was experiencing.

He could not comprehend the situation he was in and could only express his discomfort through cries and screams.

Despite all that, Samuel has shown strength and grit in overcoming every test, scan and treatment session. He fights with optimism and most importantly, he is filled with hope that cancer is just another obstacle that he will be able to overcome in life.



“My son is my biggest pride. He has so much fight in him and he has inspired me to continue standing strong for him.”

Samuel’s best chance of survival was by undergoing a stem cell transplant and immunotherapy. However, the necessary medical treatment is costly and not readily available in Sarawak. These treatments cost up to RM412,000 in total.

With SCCS contributing RM260,000 to subsidise Samuel’s treatment cost in addition to funds raised through supportive members of the public, the little fighter was able to undergo the transplant procedure in Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (HUKM).

Our Services

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

SCCS recognises the different needs and challenges of children diagnosed with cancer, and their families, and takes a holistic approach to support affected families. The Society is committed in progressing greater access of care and support to the childhood cancer community in Sarawak and Malaysia, with works focusing around eight main scopes.

In the year 2021, SCCS has supported a total of 192 families of children with cancer via the provision of essential care and support services.



Access to Treatment *Accommodation & Transportation*

SCCS ensures childhood cancer patients get access to the necessary treatment by providing free accommodation at its halfway homes and transportation for outstation patients receiving treatment in local government hospitals. This enables patients to focus their energy on completing the required treatment.

In 2021, 2394 night stays at SCCS Kuching halfway home were provided for 55 outstation families undergoing treatment.

Financial Assistance

Monetary assistance is provided to families in need, through the form of monthly financial subsidies, weekly allowances, travel expenses reimbursement, cash and in-kind donations, bereavement assistance and medical subsidies.

In 2021, 25 families received monthly financial subsidy from SCCS totaling to about RM62,694 to help ease their financial burden.





Medical Aid

SCCS sponsors medical consumables and donates medical equipment not provided in Sarawak's government hospitals. This includes medications, blood filters, central venous lines and prosthetic devices among others. The Society also subsidises costly medical treatments imperative to the survival of the childhood patients, on a need basis.

In 2021, 30 children received medical aid sponsorship from SCCS for procedures, lab tests, and medications totaling to about RM208,345.

Emotional Support

Parents and caregivers are the pillars of strength and support for children fighting cancer, and require a high level of emotional support to navigate through the uncertainties of cancer journey. SCCS recognises the hardships of caregivers and initiates caring sessions, home visits and distribution of care packs to provide some stress relief.

In 2021, SCCS carried out 1279 one-to-one parent caring sessions to support 142 parents.



Recreational Activities

To spread happiness and provide a sense of normalcy in life during these challenging times, SCCS organises various fun activities for children and families at the ward and its halfway homes. Children and caregivers get to keep their minds off treatment through activities such as birthday parties, festive celebrations, arts and craft, and cooking.

In 2021, about 130 activities were held to spread joy for families staying at the ward and halfway home.



Palliative and Bereavement Support

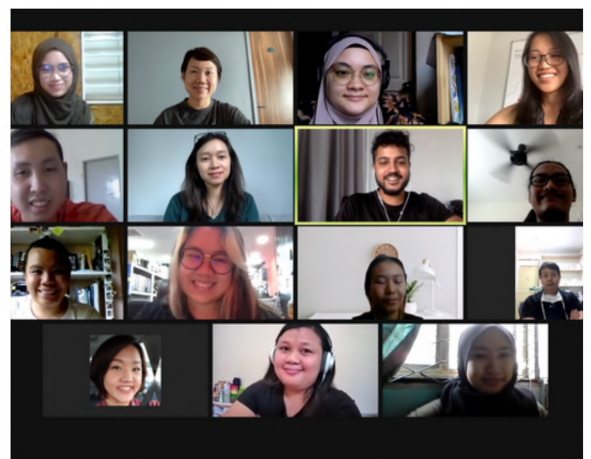
While there are many cases of recovery, unfortunately not every child regains their health. SCCS provides bereavement support through monetary donation, caring sessions and home visits to help them through the difficult times. The Wishing Star project was also established to grant children their wishes, creating lasting memories with their families.

In 2021, 18 families received condolence donation amounting to RM56,000, with a total of five wishes granted.

Education Incentives & Survivors Support Group

SCCS continues to instil the importance of education in children to promote self-learning and development while encouraging children to continue striving for excellence in life. Education incentives are rewarded to students achieving excellence in academic studies to recognise their hard work.

The "Heroes of Hope" support group was formed by childhood cancer survivors to connect with one another and support fighters in this journey.



Public Awareness

A heightened public awareness of childhood cancer will help to promote early detection, diagnosis and effective treatment. It will also help to garner more support for the mission of SCCS, enabling the extension of its essential services and care to more children.

In 2021, SCCS participated in five public awareness talks, sharing its journey and mission in helping kids and families fight cancer. Every year, the Society also initiates awareness and engagement activities during International Childhood Cancer Day and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in building up community and camaraderie to support the little fighters.

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER IN 2021

ACCESS TO CARE



2394

Nights stay provided for 55 outstation families at SCCS Kuching halfway home during patients' treatments and follow ups.



173

Trips to hospital for treatments and follow ups to support 68 families with their travels.



30

Children received medical aid sponsorship for procedures, lab tests and medications not provided by public hospitals costing RM208,345.



MORE THAN
RM 47,000

Sponsorship of medical consumables, such as blood and platelet filters, CVL, saliva kits, and needles.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



192

Families across Sarawak supported by Family Support Coordinators.



182

Heart-to-heart sessions with adolescent patients and survivors. Supported 24 youths.



1279

One-on-one parent caring sessions carried out by family support team.



91

Post bereavement caring sessions carried out, supporting 20 families.

WELLBEING SUPPORT



72

Comfort packs consisting of thermometer, hygiene products, flasks and many more were distributed to families to help them to adapt to life at the ward.



428

Bags of diapers were distributed to 41 families during treatment.

RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS



130

Recreational activities were organised for families staying at the ward and halfway home.



71

Children celebrated their birthdays at the ward and the halfway home.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC AWARENESS



15

Training workshops and conferences attended by SCCS staff, medical team, Committee Members, members of SCCS and childhood cancer survivors.



5

Virtual talks on increasing childhood cancer awareness and sharing the works of SCCS. Involved in four main awareness campaigns including International Childhood Cancer Day and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Celebrating 20 years in helping kids fight cancer

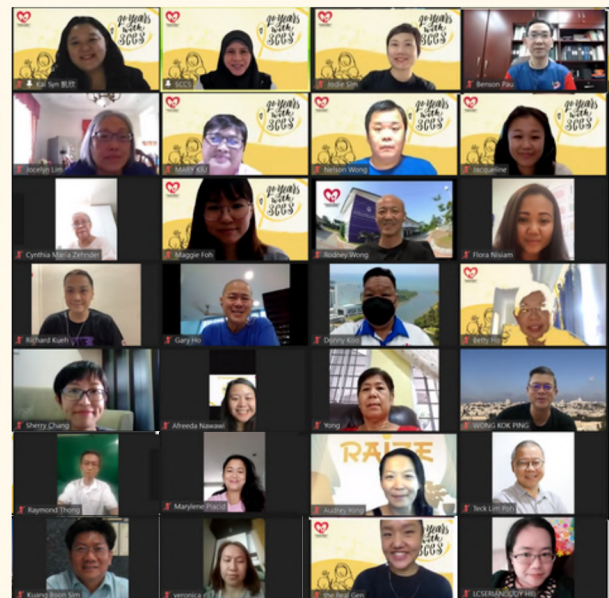


SCCS has grown tremendously since its humble beginning as a parent support group in 1999 to now one of the leading Non-Government Organisations (NGO) in Sarawak providing care and relief to children suffering from cancer, and their families. The Society was formally recognised by the Malaysian Registrar of Societies in 2001, and has since supported more than 1,500 families.

In 2021, SCCS celebrated its 20th anniversary in helping kids fight cancer.

The People who Journeyed with SCCS

Our community is our greatest asset and key to sustaining the essential services provided for childhood cancer families. Their dedication, generosity and loyalty drive the continuous growth and value-creation of SCCS.



Current and past Committee members, parents, children, doctors, nurses, volunteers and staff came together physically and virtually to commemorate the significant milestone.

20 Years with SCCS



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Scan to read our milestones over the past 20 years.





RM 643,684
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

126
HEADS SHAVED



Be Part of the GoBald Community

Scan the QR code to follow the GoBald Facebook page to find out what we are doing this year.



GOBALD 2021 WENT VIRTUAL FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, GARNERING STRONGER PUBLIC SUPPORT

GoBald is SCCS's signature fundraising campaign, held annually since 2009, to raise funds to support kids and families in their cancer-fighting journey while increasing childhood cancer awareness.

The 2021 campaign was carried out virtually to ensure members of the public are able to support safely from home. Amongst the 138 participants in Malaysia who signed up to help raise funds, 126 braved the shave to demonstrate their support to children battling cancer that they are not alone.

Overall, the 2021 campaign was a huge success, raising more funds and shaving more heads than the previous year.



FUNDRAISING & DONATION

SCCS's operations and services are primarily funded through the donations by members of the public.

With the continuous support from loyal donors, committed partners and the generous community, SCCS was able to help a total of 192 families in Sarawak affected by childhood cancer, in the year 2021 alone.

The donations we received ensures that we can continue to make a positive impact in the lives of these families.

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED IN 2021

RM1,645,499



INDIVIDUAL DONATION

RM73,578



RECURRING DONATION

RM346,478



GLOBAL

RM711,269



CORPORATE DONATION/ SPONSORSHIP/CSR

RM489,357



MERCHANDISE

RM7,203



DONATION BOX

RM17,614

DONATION IN-KIND

Donation in-kind such as sponsoring consumables, electrical appliances, groceries, birthday presents, care pack items and other goods and services, are helpful in providing financial flexibility so that more funds can be allocated for prioritised needs.

MORE THAN

RM35,000

WORTH OF ITEMS AID
RECEIVED IN 2021



Mother of A Child Survivor

"Kak Dayang! Madam! VP!" are the commonly used nicknames for Dayang Juliana Binti Abang Dalhan, mother of a childhood cancer survivor who is also the current Vice President (2021-2022) for the Committee of Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS).

Dayang's first interaction with the Society dated back in 2000, when she attended SCCS's first Golden Child Camp as a parent of a little fighter, to connect with families of other children with cancer. Dayang was always parents' go-to guide for emotional support and advice.

As her compassion to help grew with her bond with the families, we saw a transformation in Dayang's roles within the Society. She started volunteering full-time, helping to develop and implement support group programmes focusing on sharing sessions for parents and caregivers.

"I know exactly what these parents are going through and how they are feeling because I was in their shoes when my child was diagnosed with cancer at a tender age of four."

"I had hands-on experience caring for a cancer child so it is only right to share the dos and don'ts with them."



Dayang's personal sharing on handling her own emotions, caring for a child during treatment and sharing parental attention with other siblings and family members, are relatable and simple to understand. This made her approachable, especially to parents who came from rural Sarawak.

Throughout her 20 years of journey with SCCS, Dayang played many roles – she was a Committee Member, full-time staff, counsellor and now a Vice President.

Her sincere love and care for children and families fighting cancer stay consistent and she is constantly on the lookout to improve and expand the services and assistance provided by SCCS.

Read
Dayang's
full story



2021 MAJOR PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS

DONATION OF ESSENTIAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



In September 2021, Mubadala Petroleum funded and handed over essential medical equipment such as patient and vital sign monitors, infusion pumps and syringe pumps to the Paediatric Oncology Ward 2A in Sarawak General Hospital.

The equipment, which cost RM156,000 in total, is crucial to better monitor children's condition and improve their treatment experiences.

NEW PATIENT ROOM IN KUCHING HALFWAY HOME



To accommodate patients with mobility limitations, a new patient room equipped with safety bars and support rails was constructed in SCCS Kuching halfway home.

The project, costing about RM36,000, was sponsored by Lions Club International Foundation. Lions Club also donated a chair scale worth RM5,600 to the Paediatric Oncology Ward 2A in Sarawak General Hospital.

UPGRADING WORKS FOR SIBU TREATMENT ROOM



In efforts to provide a safe and clean environment for children undergoing treatment in Sibu, SCCS sponsored upgrading works for the treatment room in Sibu Hospital.

Improvement works which cost about RM57,000 include ceiling repair and air-conditioner and cabinet installation.

NEW KIDS' PLAYGROUND IN MIRI HALFWAY HOME



The installation of a new shaded playground in SCCS Miri halfway home was completed in November 2021 to provide children a safe outdoor play area.

The project is a collaboration between OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad and Lions Club of Miri Central, with a funding of RM20,000 from OCBC Bank.

**THANK YOU TO ALL
DONORS, SPONSORS AND
MANY MORE WHO HAVE
HELPED IN YOUR OWN WAY**





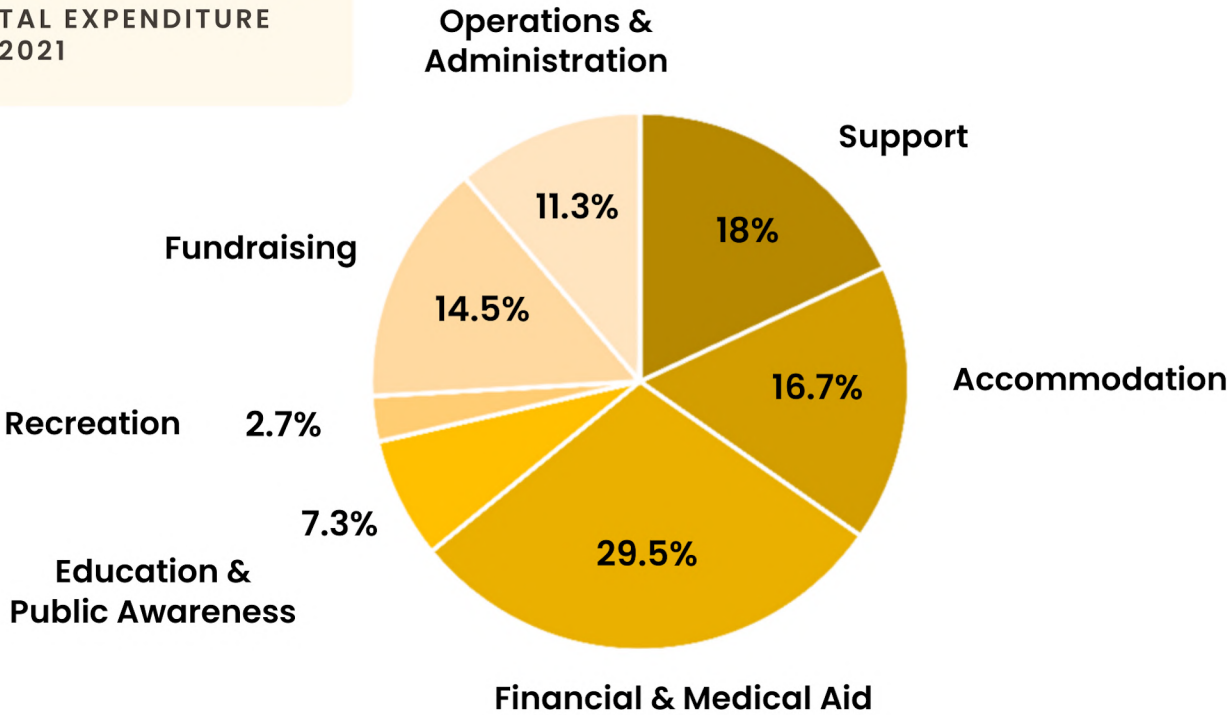
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ENABLED SCCS TO
HELP AND
SPREAD JOY TO
MORE CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES**



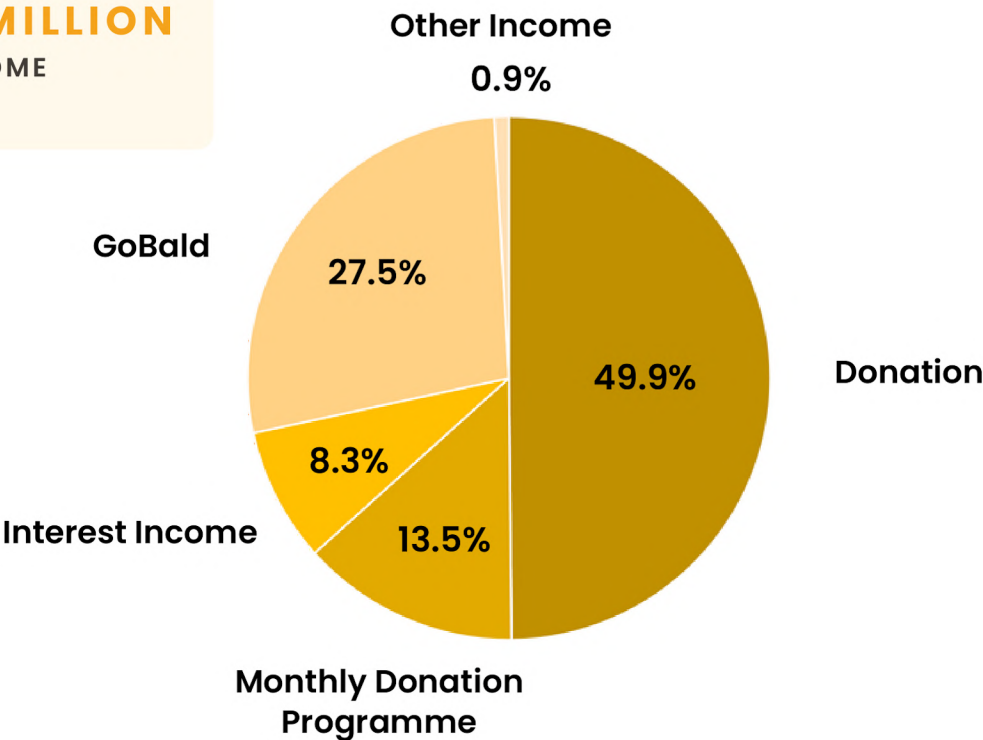
INCOME & EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DEC 2021

RM1.5 MILLION
TOTAL EXPENDITURE
IN 2021



RM2.6 MILLION
TOTAL INCOME
IN 2021





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