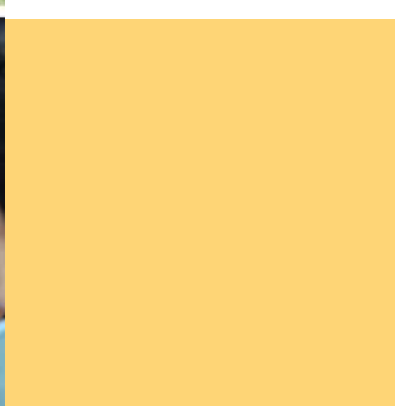




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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



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› President's Message

Dear stakeholders,

The year 2022 was a year of operational resilience and growth while strengthening our commitment of care and support to our childhood cancer community locally and nationally.

With sustainability sitting at the core of our growth pillars, Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS) has delivered on new support services milestones and recorded a year of exceptional fundraising performance.

The Society stands by a clear strategic direction since the beginning of the year: improving accessibility to childhood cancer care for little fighters in Sarawak while growing our sustainable income streams.

This is underpinned by systematic procedures, financial prudence and a commitment to innovating and enhancing operational governance.

2022 saw a surge in yearly expenditure to a total of RM1.97 million, translating to an expansion of support services delivery across Sarawak supporting more than 150 families of children with cancer.

A large 67% of the total expenses goes into providing financial and medical aid (38%), accommodation (15%) as well as essential support needs (14%).

We must acknowledge that our accomplishments this year are only possible because of the trust our generous and empowered communities put in us, and we truly appreciate this.



In honour of this trust, SCCS's leadership team and employees have worked hard to ensure we deliver on the promises made:

- Continuing subsidies for medical drugs, consumables, lab tests and transplants;
- Increasing support towards paediatric ward and daycare in government hospitals in terms of facilities and equipment upgrading;
- Ensuring the diverse needs of outstation children under active treatment are supported (provision of accommodation, air and land transportation, food, care pack, diapers, monthly financial aid and many more);
- Focusing on boosting the emotional wellbeing of childhood cancer patients and their caregivers through recreational activities and counselling sessions; and
- Building greater community cohesion and participation in raising awareness of childhood cancer.

Looking back at the last 21 years since our establishment, we can say that with every passing year, we are progressing greater access and quality of care to the childhood cancer community in Sarawak.

I am proud of the accelerated growth that we have achieved together as a non-profit organisation and look forward to pushing the boundaries of care and support services that we provide in the years to come.

Capping the year with our strongest fundraising milestone yet has enabled us to allocate a total of RM1.5 million in 2023 to support costly transplant procedures for children in need.

We have also put in place proactive plans to increase financial support for all B40 household groups with a monthly family income of RM2,500 and below, amongst others.

I am also proud and excited to announce that SCCS will be hosting the two-day 15th Childhood Cancer International (CCI) Asia Conference happening in Kuching, Sarawak from 20 to 21 May 2023.

This is part of our initiatives in amplifying childhood cancer awareness in Sarawak. The conference will be the first ever CCI Asia Conference hosted by Malaysia to drive conversations in accelerating equity in access to childhood cancer care globally.

At the national level, we are part of the task force in setting up the national coalition for childhood cancer support groups. Our aim is to build a unified voice in Malaysia to improve care and treatment outcomes for patients and families affected by childhood cancer.

Resilience, agility and innovation will remain the cornerstones of SCCS, keeping us focused on elevating our growth in our mission to provide care and support for Malaysian children and their families who are battling childhood cancer in Sarawak.

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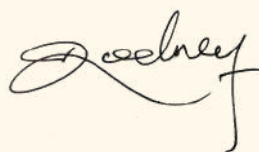
As with our past successes, our future plans can only be realised with the collective support of our Committee, advisors, Management team, staff, medical team, volunteers and donors.

My heartfelt gratitude extends to our people, the medical team and volunteers whose genuine dedication and commitment to help has ensured children with cancer continue to have access to the best available treatment and care in Malaysia.

To our sponsors and donors who are the backbone behind SCCS's mission, thank you for making the fight against childhood cancer, a priority, and for trusting us to drive the childhood cancer agenda in Sarawak. We can only do what you enable us to do.

With the continuous support from all our stakeholders, SCCS will be able to do more and expand our services to progress greater access of care to children fighting cancer.

Thank you, and together, we can help kids fight cancer!



Rodney Wong

President
2022-2023



› About SCCS

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 1,540 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.

> Meet Our Committee Members (2022–2023)



Rodney Wong
President



Dayang Juliana
Vice President



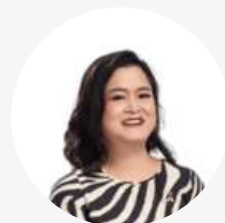
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Immediate
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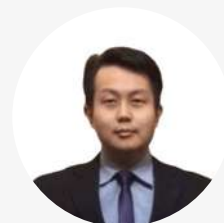
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> Year at A Glance

ICCD



In February, SCCS joined childhood cancer organisations worldwide in celebrating International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) to highlight the essential roles of healthcare professionals in improving survival rate for children with cancer.

GoBald 2022



GoBald 2022 was launched in May and the campaign received more than 270 sign-ups across Malaysia, with about 170 heads shaved.

The campaign garnered support from over 2,600 donors, raising about RM820,000 to help kids fight cancer.

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Access to Care and Treatment

In January, SCCS subsidised about RM260,000 to enable a 4-year-old cancer fighter, Samuel Liao to undergo a stem-cell transplant and the subsequent immunotherapy treatment.

Samuel who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma in July 2021, has completed his intensive treatment in October 2022 and is now back in his hometown Miri.



Hospital Facilities Upgrading

In March and April, SCCS sponsored over RM29,000 to upgrade facilities for Miri Hospital and Sibu General Hospital.

Miri Hospital:

Installation of new air conditioners and television unit at clinic, daycare and treatment room.

Sibu General Hospital:

Sponsorship of a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) Filter at the ward.



First GoBald 2022 Public Shave

In June, SCCS organised its first GoBald physical public shave in Kuching since the pandemic.

The physical event, held at Farley Kuching, shaved a total of 16 heads.



Parents' Day Celebration



Parents' Day was celebrated on 24 July to appreciate parents and caregivers for their love and sacrifices in caring for their child.

Families participated in fun and interactive Family Photo competition, with winning team bagging attractive prizes.

A celebration was also held at the ward and at the Kuching halfway home with medical team and support services frontliners.

CCAM



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM).

SCCS carried out a month-long engagement activities with students, health and medical team, caregivers, little fighters and survivors, and the public to raise awareness of childhood cancer.

Amongst well-received events are the Gold Ribbon Sculpture Competition and the social media "Pokok" challenge.

Enhancing Palliative Support



One of SCCS's key focus areas this year was to improve the quality of life for palliative children and their families.

In 2022, a total of RM30,000 was allocated to enhance palliative care, focusing on providing patient-centered support such as the Wishing Star project.

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

14th CCI Asia Conference

In August, SCCS was part of the 14th CCI Asia Conference hosted virtually by the Guangdong Children Cancer Group (CGGC) to progress conversations on "Treatment and Care Advances for Every Child with Cancer in Asia".

SCCS President Rodney Wong, Honorary Treasurer Gary Ho and Executive Director Jodie Sim moderated some panel sessions.



Improving Childhood Cancer Care

In October, SCCS sponsored the facilities upgrading for the Paediatric Oncology daycare at the Sibü General Hospital to enhance the care environment for children receiving treatment at the ward.

The newly renovated daycare, costing about RM24,000, serves about 70 patients under active treatment and follow-up care in a year.



Best Fundraising Performance

Wrapping up the year, SCCS recorded its highest fundraising performance yet, raising about RM3.6 million in donations which will be channeled towards providing essential medical aid and support services to children and families battling childhood cancer in Sarawak.

The year 2022 also garnered support from more than 3,000 donors.



"Create lasting memories with my family"

- Abriel Rafael, 3-year-old palliative patient, Hepatoblastoma (Liver cancer)

Enhancing Palliative Support: Realising Wishing Star Project for Palliative Patients

After undergoing intensive treatment battling Hepatoblastoma (a type of liver cancer) for over a year, Abriel Rafael was suggested a referral to return home in Miri for palliative care.

"I am not sure if he knows what is going on," said John, Abriel's father and main caregiver.

"We just want him to be happy, enjoy himself and feel comfortable," he shared.



The Wishing Star Project is one of SCCS's initiatives in providing care and support to palliative patients to improve the quality of life that patients and their families deserve. It is about granting wishes for palliative patients to create meaningful memories with their families.



Due to Abriel's long treatment period in Kuching, he was not able to meet his mother and sister who live in Niah, Miri for more than a year.

His wish was to tour the Kuching city with his family before going back to Miri.

In November 2022, SCCS flew Abriel's mother, grandmother and sister to Kuching for a long overdue family reunion. SCCS sponsored about RM2,500 for the family's 3-days, 2-nights stay, including flight tickets, hotel accommodation, local transportation, meals and activities allowance in Kuching.



It was safe to say Abriel truly had a great time with his family in Kuching.

**Update on March 2023:*

Since returning home, Abriel continues his follow-up care in Miri General Hospital. We wish him all the best!

› 2022 Patients Statistics

48 children

in Sarawak are newly
diagnosed with cancer



7

relapse
cases

14

children
gained their
angel wings

7 children

under palliative care



**Most
common
childhood
cancer
diagnosis**

1. Leukemia
2. Brain-related cancer
3. Lymphoma
4. Osteosarcoma



› What We Do

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 to progressing greater access of care and support to the childhood cancer community in Sarawak and Malaysia, with works focusing around eight main impact areas.

The year 2022 saw more physical engagements between families and staff, with the comeback of physical activities during clinic day and at the ward. The Wednesday breakfast distribution initiative during weekly clinic days also continued. SCCS has supported more than 150 families of children with cancer in the year alone 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 2022, 1,788 night stays at SCCS Kuching halfway home were provided for 31 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 2022, 38 families received monthly financial subsidy from SCCS totaling to about RM108,700 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 2022, 51 children received medical aid sponsorship from SCCS for procedures, lab tests, and medications totaling to about RM459,425.

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 2022, SCCS carried out 1,301 parent caring sessions to support 120 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 2022, about 374 recreational activities were held to spread joy to about 117 children and 27 caregivers staying at the ward and halfway home.



Palliative and Bereavement Support

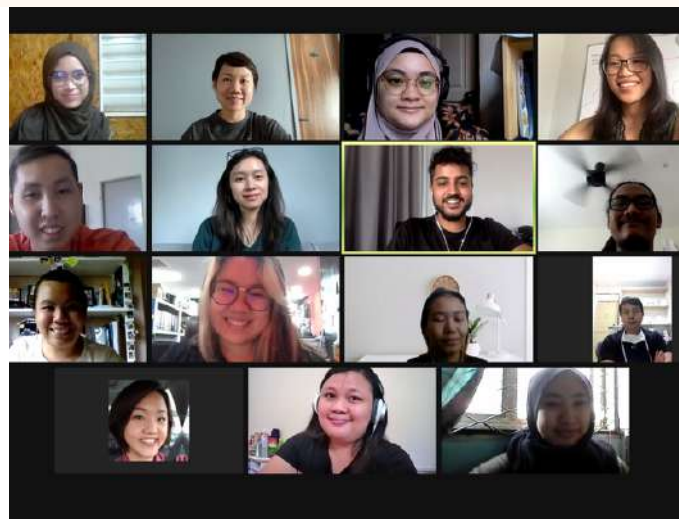
While there are many cases of recovery, unfortunately not every child regains their health. SCCS provides bereavement support through monetary donation, caring sessions and home visits to help them through the difficult times. The Wishing Star project was also established to grant children their wishes,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

In 2022, 14 families received condolence donation amounting to RM44,450. A total of 72 palliative care caring sessions were carried out, with nine 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 2022, SCCS participated in four 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.



Keep the Golden Conversation Going

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM) is observed globally, every year in September, to raise support, funding and awareness of paediatric cancer.

In September 2022, SCCS focused its efforts on raising awareness of issues that childhood cancer patients, families and survivors face. Amongst activities organised include a celebration at the hospital with families of children with cancer and the medical team, as well as a Gold Ribbon Sculpture Competition held amongst Kuching secondary school students to spark conversations around childhood cancer.



Social Media Challenge

SCCS also initiated the Pokok (Tree Pose) Challenge to spread awareness of childhood cancer.

The gold ribbon hand sign is a significant part of the challenge, signifying the international awareness symbol for childhood cancer.

More than 50 people participated to stand tall against childhood cancer with SCCS.



sccs.org.my/ccam2022/



Scan for more
CCAM happenings

The Pokok
Challenge



> Your Donations at Work

Access to Care



1,788

nights stay provided for 31 outstation families at SCCS Kuching halfway home during patients' treatments and follow ups.



219

trips to hospital for treatments and follow ups were subsidised for 46 families costing RM48,328.



51

children received medical aid sponsorship for procedures, lab tests and medications not provided by public hospitals costing RM459,425.



38

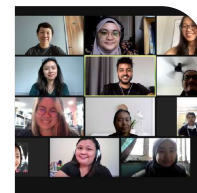
families received monthly financial subsidy, totaling to about RM108,700.

Emotional Support



1,301

parent caring sessions carried out by support services team.



121

Heart-to-heart sessions with adolescent patients and survivors. Supported 52 youths.



20

Post bereavement caring sessions carried out, supporting 8 families.



120

parents supported.

Wellbeing Support



64

comfort packs consisting of a thermometer, personal care products, flasks, stationeries and many more were distributed to families to help them to adapt to life at the ward.



352

bags of diapers were distributed to 34 families during treatment.

Recreations & Celebrations



374

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



114

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

Staff Development & Public Awareness



11

workshops, trainings and conferences attended by 38 SCCS staff, medical team and committee members.



4

public talks related to SCCS and childhood cancer were initiated. Involved in four main awareness campaigns including International Childhood Cancer Day and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.



RM 824,107
Total Funds Raised

283
Heads Shaved

Shave for a cause: More than 270 people across Malaysia signed up for GoBald 2022 to support kids fighting cancer



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 2022 campaign was carried out in a hybrid format, with most sign-ups supporting remotely and safely from their homes.

A total of five satellite shaves involving local organisations, societies and learning institutions were also held, collectively raising more than RM253,700.

Overall, the 2022 campaign was a huge success, raising more funds and shaving more heads than the previous year.

Learn more about GoBald 2023
at www.gobald.my.

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kids
fight
cancer**

@GoBald



> Fundraising & Donations

As a non-profit organisation, SCCS's operations and services are primarily funded through the donations by members of the public.

With continuous support from loyal donors, committed partners and the generous community, SCCS is able to help 150 to 200 families in Sarawak affected by childhood cancer, every year.

The donations received ensure that SCCS continues to provide essential support services in order to make a positive impact in the lives of families in need.

2022 marked the highest fundraising milestone for SCCS, with a majority of contributions coming from corporate donations, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects and GoBald.



Individual Donation
RM427,738



Recurring Donation
RM397,252



GoBald
RM824,107



Corporate Donation/CSR
RM1,593,739



Merchandise
RM3,765



Donation Box
RM17,404

> In-kind Donations

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

About

RM173,200

worth of items aid received in 2022



> Developing Our People

Our people are at the core of providing quality support services to children and families affected by childhood cancer while driving the Society's mission. Every year, SCCS supports about 150 to 200 families in their cancer-fighting journey.

As SCCS continues to expand its services coverage across the state of Sarawak, it is essential to build its team capacity, internal processes and practices to better serve its beneficiaries.

SCCS also recognises the importance of engaging full-time employees for key roles within the Society to fully dedicate efforts in driving its core services and fundraising initiatives.



> Breakfast packs distribution to patients during a Clinic Day.



> Briefing for new residents at Kuching halfway home.

Investing in Our People



> Staff attending a training workshop.



> Team building exercise.



> Staff Christmas gift exchange.

SCCS believes that investing in staff development will build the personal capacity of its staff while enhancing the services provided to families in need.

Employees will be provided opportunities to attend trainings, workshops and conferences in the related fields.

SCCS also places great emphasis on the overall health and well-being of its people, by initiating team building exercises and festive celebrations. This will help ensure that employees are in the best shape possible to perform to their full potential.

› Patients First: Improving Care Facilities and Environment



Medical Equipment Donation for Sarawak General Hospital

The Paediatric Ward 2A in Sarawak General Hospital received a donation of medical equipment worth a total of RM88,656 from Mubadala Energy.

(previously known as Mubadala Petroleum)



Facilities Donation for Miri General Hospital

SCCS sponsored one television set and six units of new air-conditioners amounting to RM24,890, to daycare, clinic and treatment room in Miri General Hospital.



Sibu General Hospital's Daycare Renovation

SCCS sponsored the upgrading of the Paediatric Oncology daycare in Sibu General Hospital and donated 1 HEPA filter, worth a total of RM49,306.



Kuching Halfway Home Playroom Upgrading

Special thanks to Lions Clubs International District 308-A2 (Lions Club of Kuching Ixora, Lions Club of Kuching Centennial, Lions Club of Kuching Metro and Lions Club of Serian).

> Caring for Our Community



Raya celebration in May with families and children at Kuching halfway home.



Gawai festival celebration in June at Kuching halfway home.



Nurse Day celebration in May with the nurses at the Paediatric Ward 2A in Sarawak General Hospital.



Delivery of appreciation gifts to nurses in Miri General Hospital.



Parents' Day celebration in July with parents and caregivers at the Paediatric Ward 2A in Sarawak General Hospital.



Christmas celebration in December with families, children and the medical team in Sarawak General Hospital.



☑ Parents/Caregivers' Sharing and Caring Session



☑ Miri Clinic Day – Visit from Paediatric Oncologist



☑ Miri Clinic Day – Distribution of Gifts and Goodie Bags to Children and Families



☑ Fire Drill Safety Training at Kuching Halfway Home



☑ Kids' Creative Activity – Drawing and Colouring



☑ Childhood Cancer Awareness Month 2022 – Engagement Activity at Daycare in Sarawak General Hospital



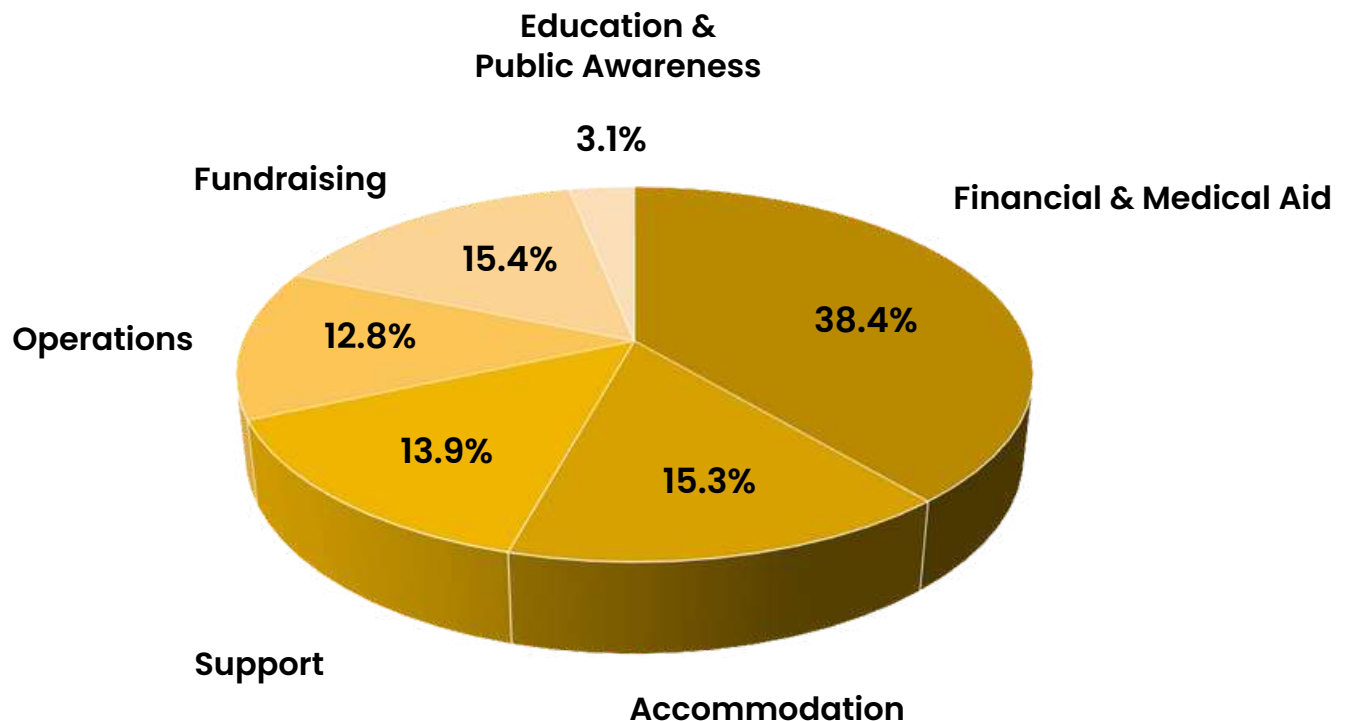
☑ Wednesday Breakfast Distribution Initiative at Clinic and Hospital Ward in Sarawak General Hospital



☑ Bintulu Clinic Day – Happy Meals Distribution to Children and Families

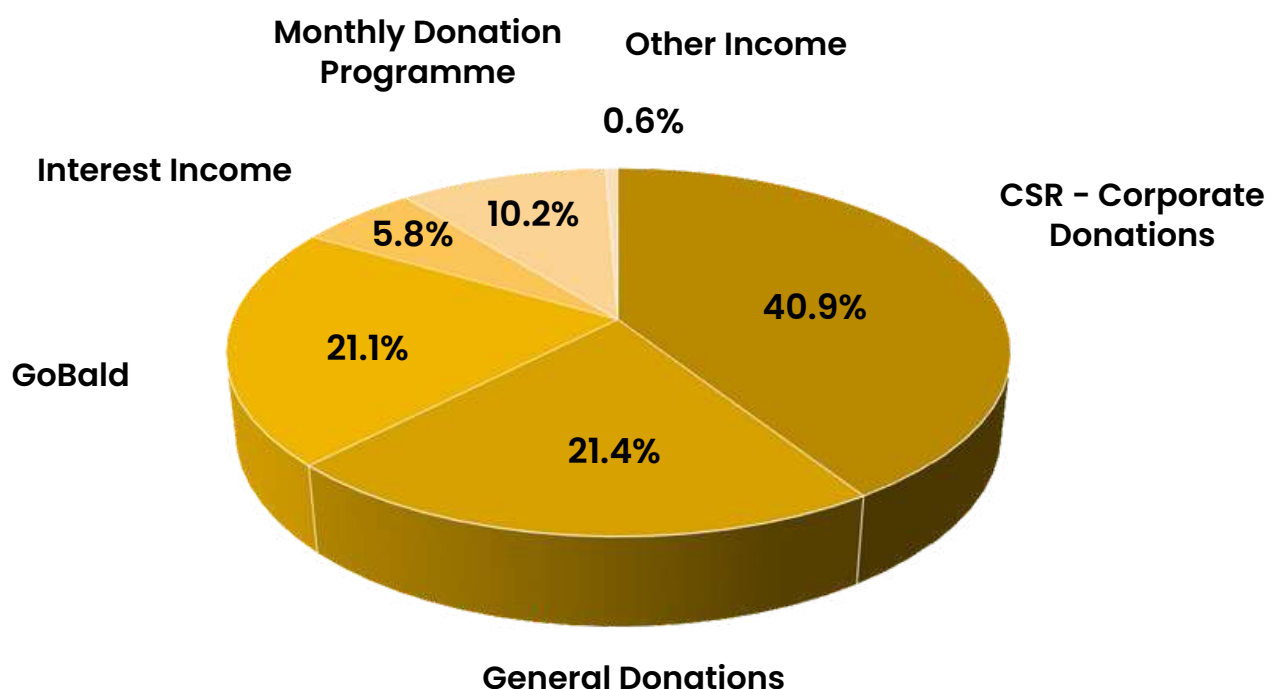
› Total Expenditure in 2022

RM1.97 million



› Total Income in 2022

RM3.9 million



> Creating Hope through Partnerships

In 2022, more than 3,000 donors, organisations and corporations have partnered with us in helping to raise funds, donate and increase awareness of childhood cancer. Your support ensures SCCS is able to continue our essential works in supporting and caring for children with cancer and their families in Sarawak. Thank you for helping kids fight cancer!



Thank you for helping kids fight cancer!



What's Next for SCCS in 2023?

2023 is the year for improvements and elevation, to push boundaries and progress greater access of care to children fighting cancer.

Some strong plans in works are:

- Full sponsorship of medical expenses not covered by government hospitals for all B40 family households;
- Sponsorship for the upgrading of paediatric ward facilities in Sarawak's government hospitals to provide a safe and comfortable care environment for patients and caregivers;
- Donation of medical equipment for better monitoring and treatment outcomes;
- Better collaboration and partnership with the medical team of various hospitals to provide a more comprehensive support for patients and their families; and
- Upgrading of Kuching halfway home for increased safety of patients and caregivers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!

You can get involved in helping kids fight cancer by scanning the QR code to donate to Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS).

All donations are eligible for tax exemption receipt and will be channeled to fund SCCS's essential support services.

Visit www.sccs.org.my for more information.





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