



**Sarawak Children's
Cancer Society**

Pertubuhan Kanser Kanak-Kanak Negeri Sarawak

SARAWAK CHILDREN'S CANCER SOCIETY

Annual Activities Report 2023



WHO WE ARE

In 1999, a group of parents of children with cancer came together to discover ways they could support one another. On 26 November 2001, Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS), a non-profit organisation established to meeting the needs of families of patients diagnosed with paediatric cancer, was formally registered.

With a committee made up of 70% parents and 30% volunteers, we understand the need of these families that we serve during this uncertain time because we have been there ourselves. We are families supporting other families, with the hopes of providing some relief, care and support during this challenging period.

SCCS recognises the complexity of the paediatric cancer experience, and we understand that childhood illness affects every aspect of the lives of patients, siblings, and caregivers. As such, SCCS adopts a holistic approach in supporting families.

With the support of patients and families, SCCS also grows public awareness of childhood cancer through fundraisers and educational campaigns.

Since 2001, SCCS has supported more than 1,600 families across Sarawak. Together with the support of the community, the society looks forward to expanding and growing its services to provide better care and relief for the families along this journey.





VISION

Every Malaysian child with cancer will have access to the best available treatment and support

MISSION

The Sarawak Children's Cancer Society has been established for the relief and care of Malaysian children suffering from cancer and their families irrespective of race, religion, and creed; and the advancement of research and public education in the prevention, control, diagnosis, and treatment of childhood cancer.



AREAS OF IMPACT



SUPPORT

From counselling sessions, palliative care home visits, wish granting, bereavement to post bereavement support;

SCCS comes alongside families and becomes that additional hand of support to walk alongside with them through this difficult journey.



ACCOMMODATION

SCCS has 2 halfway homes that are fully equipped with amenities that provide free lodging, food and transportation for outstation patients receiving treatment in Sarawak General Hospital, Kuching and Miri General Hospital.

Every year, the Kuching halfway home accommodates more than 40 children and caregivers.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To assist with the cost of caring for a child with cancer, SCCS provides monetary assistance to patients and families demonstrating financial need.

Financial aid includes monthly financial subsidies, travel reimbursement, expenses, monetary or items donations, bereavement assistance and need-based provision of medical subsidies.

AREAS OF IMPACT



MEDICAL SUPPORT

SCCS sponsors medical consumables and donates medical equipment not provided in Sarawak's government hospitals. This includes certain medications, blood filters, central venous lines and prosthetic devices.

The Society also helps to subsidise or pay for the cost of need-based medical subsidies for important medical treatments to children who otherwise would not be able to afford them.



EDUCATION

SCCS holds talks and organises campaigns to educate the public about cancer and the stigmas often attached to it.

To improve the services provided to the patients, SCCS sponsors various medical staff and staff team of SCCS to attend relevant workshops and conferences.

In 2018, in collaboration with Malaysia Stem Cell Registry, SCCS started a stem-cell donor drive with the hopes of increasing the chances of cancer patients to find a match.



RECREATION

SCCS organises monthly birthdays, festivities celebrations, annual family days and youth camps for childhood cancer survivors, to entertain and engage the children.

These activities provide a space for them to rest and rejuvenate their mind.





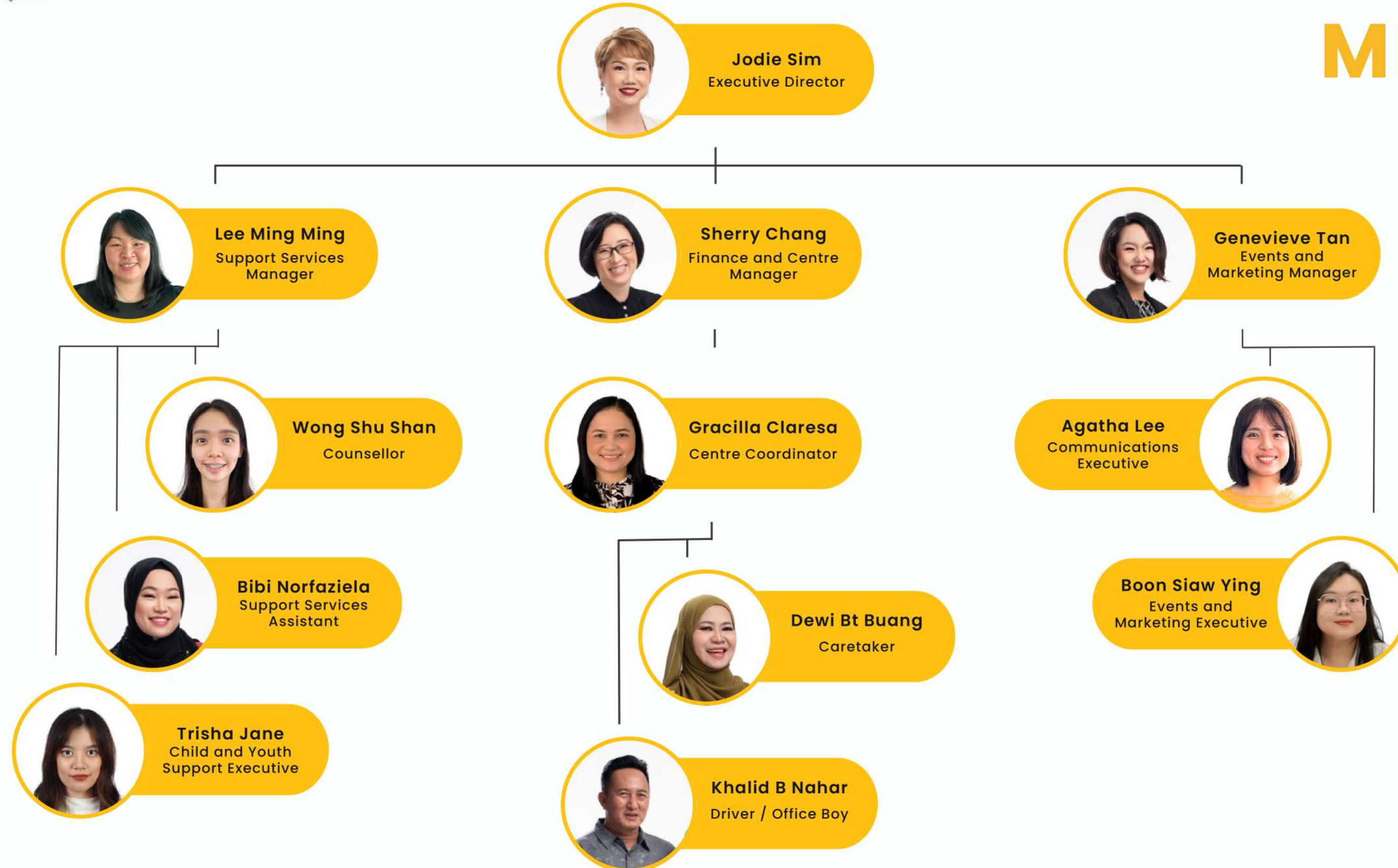
2023 SERVICE OVERVIEW

- Started individual and group counselling sessions led by registered counsellor
- Increase physical engagements in 2023. We resumed our youth camp, recreational activities for residents at the halfway home, volunteering activities during clinic days and at the halfway home.
- Upgrading projects were carried out at the halfway home which included office upgrading, painting of the centre and the changing of floorings for rooms, purchase of dryer at the halfway home.
- Increase medical aid subsidy for eligible for B40 and M40 Household
- Engaged Security guard services for safety of halfway home

STAFF

Updated Jan 2024

MEET OUR TEAM MEMBERS



MEMBERSHIP

2023 2022

LIFE MEMBERS	524	518
ORDINARY MEMBERS	110	122
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	1022	944
TOTAL	1656	1,584

2023 2022

SOUTHERN	897	839
NORTHERN	353	344
CENTRAL	350	345
OTHERS	56	56



CASELOADS

	2023	2022
NEW ADMISSIONS TO WARD 2A	62	58
RELAPSE	1	7
PALLIATIVE CASE	5	
BEREAVED CASE	21	13



SUPPORT SERVICES

	2023	2022
GROUP COUNSELLING SESSIONS	40	--
INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING SESSIONS	24	--
CAREGIVER CARING SESSIONS	616	1301
NO. OF CAREGIVER SUPPORTED	127	120
PATIENTS CARING SESSIONS	242	121
NO. OF PATIENTS/YOUTHS SUPPORTED	100	52
TOKEN OF LOVE DISTRIBUTED	57	56
CAREPACK DISTRIBUTED	60	56



PALLIATIVE & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT



73

palliative care
caring sessions
carried out

8

families received
monthly comfort
aid

10

Palliative and post
bereavement
visits

19

families supported
with bereavement
cost

23

post bereavement
caring sessions
carried out

17

families received
post bereavement
emotional support

WISHING STAR PROJECTS



8 wishes were
granted in 2023



MEDICAL SUPPORT



	2023	2022
MEDICAL AID	RM 177,753	RM 459,425
NO. PATIENTS BENEFITTED	39	51

Medical aid includes:
subsidies/sponsorship for medical
procedures, bone marrow transplant &
related cost drugs, consumables, lab tests,
scans, prosthesis, walking and hearing aids



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATION WORTH RM 363,000



SARAWAK GENERAL HOSPITAL

Donation of medical equipment to Paediatric Ward 2A worth **RM115,087** by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints & donation of air purifiers worth **RM9,570** by SCCS



BINTULU GENERAL HOSPITAL

Donation of medical equipment worth **RM153,388** by Mubadala Energy



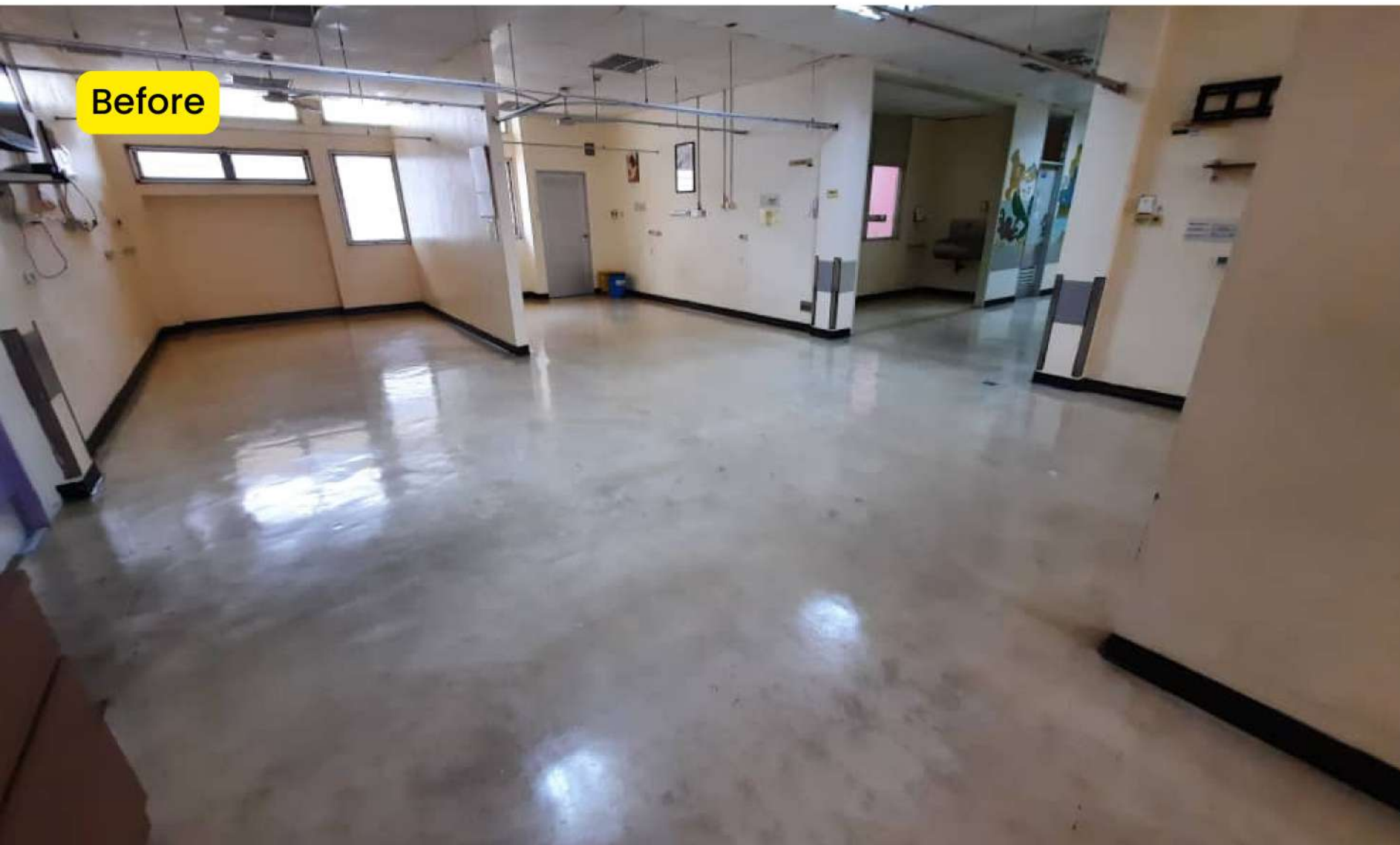
HOSPITAL UPGRADING – BINTULU



Sponsorship of patient waiting area for paediatric daycare patients in
Bintulu Hospital costing **RM 42,000**



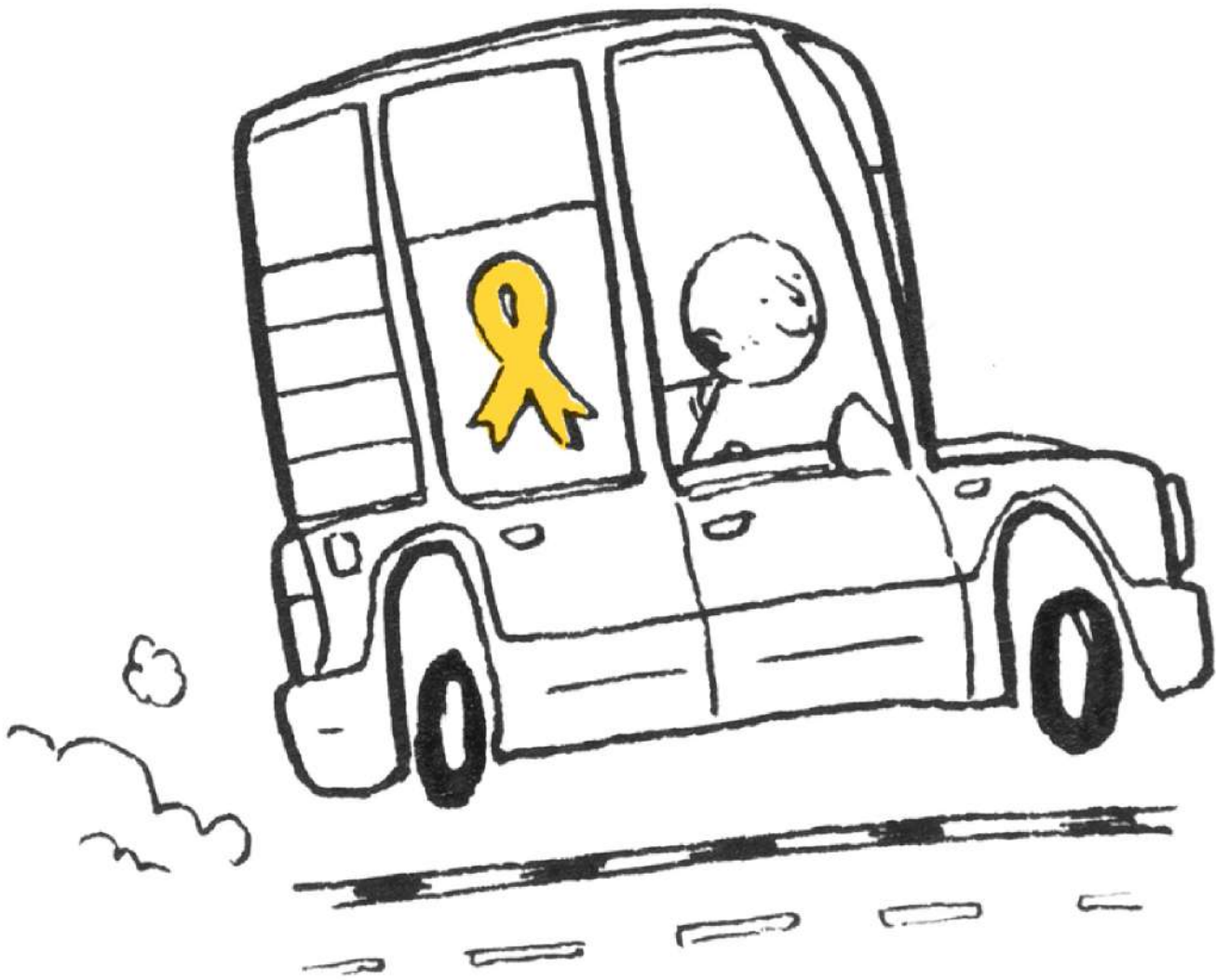
HOSPITAL UPGRADING - SIBU



Sponsorship of Replacement of flooring for isolation rooms and Sibu Paediatric ward at the Sibu General Hospital costing **RM 35,000**



LOGISTIC SUPPORT



	2023	2022
TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY	RM63,841	RM 48,328
NO. FAMILIES BENEFITTED	44	46
NO OF TRIPS	384	219

Logistic support include : Flights to hospitals for procedures, trips from rural areas to hospital for follow ups and treatments



FINANCIAL & ITEM AID



	2023	2022
MONTHLY FINANCIAL AID	RM109,070	RM 108,700
NO. OF FAMILIES SUPPORTED	51	38
NO. PKT DIAPERS DISTRIBUTED	438	352
NO. OF PATIENTS BENEFITTED	45	34
MILK POWDER DISTRIBUTION	216	
NO. OF PATIENTS BENEFITTED	36	

Monthly financial aid: is given to provide some financial relief for caregivers whose child is undergoing active treatment



SCCS HALFWAY HOME



	2023	2022
SOUTHERN R. FAMILIES	5	3
CENTRAL R. FAMILIES	9	14
NORTHERN R. FAMILIES	23	14
NO. OF NIGHT STAY	2381	1788
HALFWAY HOME EXPENSES	RM196,774	RM 182,924
NO. OF FAMILIES BENEFITTED	37	31

No residents in Miri Halfway home in 2023 and 2022

HALFWAY HOME UPGRADING



SCCS Halfway Home was given a fresh coat of paint as we approached our 10th year.



8 rooms received brand new floorings to replace the old ones which have deteriorated over time.



As the safety of our residents is a priority, we engaged security guard services from 6pm-7am daily, since Nov 2023.

OFFICE UPGRADING



The Administrative Office, Fundraising and Awareness Office and Meeting Room were upgraded to provide a more conducive work environment as well as to accommodate the increasing number of staff.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



	2023	2022
BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED	128	114
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES	1208	374
NO. OF CAREGIVERS	52	27
NO. OF PATIENTS & CHILDREN	167	117



CELEBRATIONS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



Festivities Celebration

Festivities were celebrated at the halfway home at the ward to bring festive cheers to the families undergoing treatment



Clinic Day Activities

Our support services team carried out various activities during clinic days in Sibul, miri, Bintulu and Kuching throughout the year



Recreational Activities

Organized recreational activities at the halfway home aimed to bring joy, offer temporary relief from cancer treatment, and foster engagement among residents, parents, and children

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



CHILDHOOD CANCER MALAYSIA (CCM) PLANNING WEEKEND

The national coalition was successfully registered in 2023. A Planning weekend held to meet with the various NGO members to align on direction and next steps.



CCI ASIA CONFERENCE

SCCS hosted the 15th CCI Asia Conference in Kuching. Attended by 120 from 17 countries. 51 participants were supported by SCCS



CCI GLOBAL CONFERENCE

The president, honorary secretary and Executive Director attended the CCI Global Conference held in Ottawa. Key takeaways include best practices from other NGOs, updates and opportunities, networking opportunities with other leading NGOs in the industry

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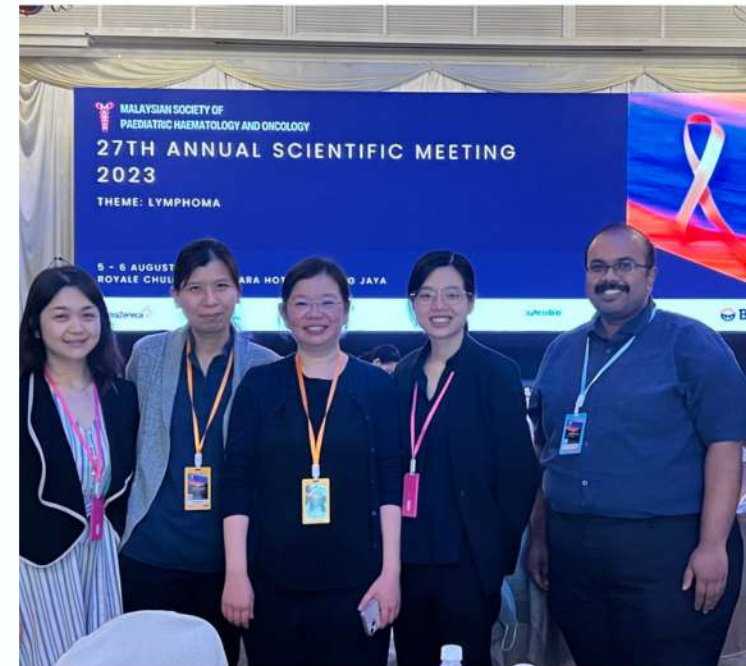
Essential life saving training
Staff & Committee



Staff teambuilding



CCI Asia Conference
(youth & parents)



MASPHO Scientific meeting –
medical team

	2023	2022
NO. OF TRAINING	14	11
SCCS STAFF	13	13
MEDICAL STAFF	34	17
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	8	7
SCCS MEMBERS	8	1
SCCS YOUTHS	5	0
TRAINING COST	RM 49,774	RM7,170

LEARNING VISITS



Visit from CAKNE



Visit from FOCCAN & YASKA Brunei



Visits to and from NCSM



Visit to Penang
Paediatric Ward
led by FOCCAN



Visit to HOSPIS
Kanak- Kanak
Malaysia (Sibu)



PUBLIC AWARENESS & EDUCATION



SUNDAY TRIBUNE MAY 21, 2023
HEALTH

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Healthcare disparity sparks autonomy d

CHING: The current population-based allocation formula for healthcare in the country fails to address the needs of Sarawak.

Speaking at the Childhood International (CI) Asia conference organised by the Sarawak Children's Cancer Society yesterday Deputy Premier Dr Sim Kui Hian said the existing formula, used by the Health Ministry under the federal government, is not suitable for Sarawak's unique circumstances.

"We are as big as the whole of Peninsular Malaysia, but we have only 2.5 million population compared with 25 million in the peninsula. In addition, we have many villages in rural and remote areas."

The formula used by the Health Ministry, which is under the federal government, is not suitable for Sarawak. That's why we have to develop our own formula.

DR Sim (fourth right) receives a souvenir from Wong while from left: Malaysia Society of Paediatric Haematology deputy general manager Anedia Kahar, Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS) honorary advisor Datuk president Joso Braganca, technical officer Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO Region Southeast Asia, Dr. Wong.



File photo of the 'Ali Beats Cancer' balloon maze held at Vivacity Megamall in Kuching in 2018.

SCCS holding three-day 'Aisyah Beats Cancer' balloon maze in Miri

KUCHING: Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS) is holding the 'Aisyah Beats Cancer' balloon maze at Permaisuri Imperial City Mall in Miri to raise public awareness on childhood cancer.

The maze, held in conjunction with the various support and essential survivorship.

Using life-sized balloon sculptures, the maze also aims to educate the public about the early signs and symptoms of childhood cancer, while sharing the various support and essential survivorship.

Entrance to the maze is free. This marks the third balloon maze event organised by SCCS to progress the conversation on childhood cancer in Sarawak.

The first maze titled 'Ali Beats Cancer' was held in Kuching in 2018.

	2023	2022
PUBLIC TALKS	2	4
REACH FROM TALKS	500	334
PRESS COVERAGE	98	5
NEWSLETTERS	10	9



AISYAH BEATS CANCER BALLOON MAZE- MIRI



ATTENDEES

6,241

**SPONSORSHIP AND
DONATION**

RM73,164.95





INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY (ICCD)



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Today, we celebrate International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)! 🧡 Sarak's Deputy Minister for Publ..



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SCCS celebrates International Childhood Cancer Day

KUCHING: Sarak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS) joined global childhood cancer organisations in celebrating International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) 2023 on Wednesday.

This served to raise awareness of childhood cancer and the unique challenges faced in Sarak while rendering support to children with cancer including survivors and their families.

In recognition of the love and sacrifices of families and caregivers, the non-profit organisation held activities for the patients and families during the clinic day at Sarak General Hospital's Paediatric Specialist Clinic here.

According to SCCS president Rodney Wong, around 400,000 children globally from the ages of zero to 19 are diagnosed with cancer each year, with 60 to 70 new cases in Sarak each year.

"Childhood cancer, albeit challenging, is treatable. Early diagnosis, proper access to treatment and integrated support services plays a pivotal role in contributing to better



Families and the 'little fighters' pose in front of the 'Tree of Life' in celebration of ICCD 2023.

survival. More importantly, families and caregivers are key providers to the physical, mental, and emotional needs, as well as the wellbeing of childhood cancer patients," he said in a statement yesterday.

This year's edition of ICCD themed 'Better Survival Is Achievable Through Their Hands' highlights the essential roles of families and caregivers to continuously create positive impacts on the lives of children

fighting cancer.

This marks the completion of the ICCD's three-year campaign to spotlight the journey towards better childhood cancer survival with #ThroughOurHands (2021); #ThroughYourHands (2022); and

#ThroughTheirHands (2023) as its respective focus on the bravery of the little fighters; the medical and healthcare team; as well as the families and caregivers.

Around 25 families and caregivers, joined by the healthcare team, took part in the 'Tree of Life' campaign by sharing their coloured handprints as a sign of support, hope and appreciation.

The global 'Tree of Life' campaign aims to provide constant awareness that childhood cancer is treatable and is a collaborative effort by Childhood Cancer International (CCI) and International Society of Paediatric and Oncology (SIOP).

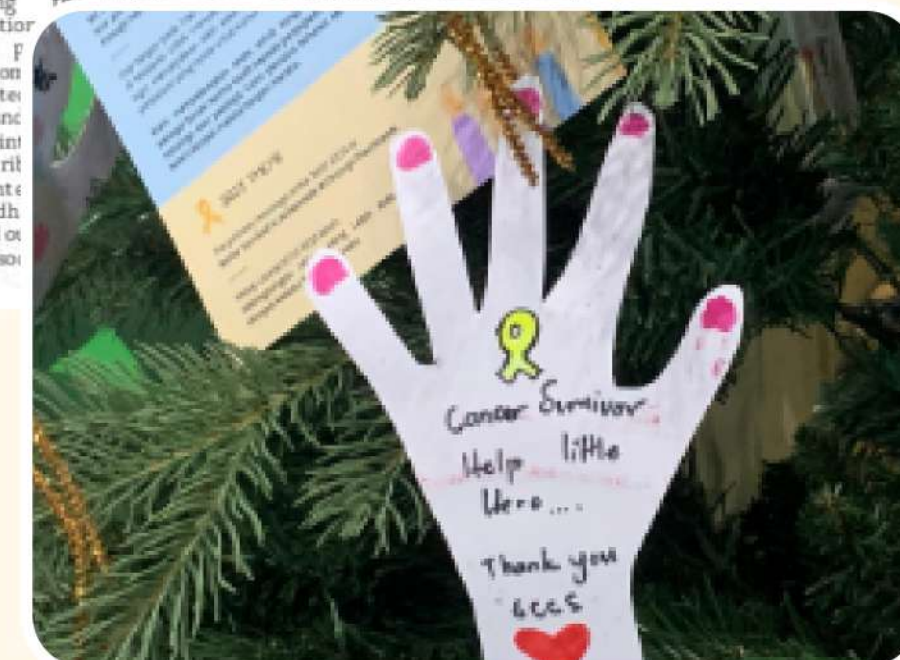
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collaboration with Deputy Minister for Public Health, Housing and Local Government Michael Tiang, in efforts to call for greater participation and collaboration from the community to help elevate childhood cancer awareness in Sarak.

"Families and caregivers are the most crucial part of the care journey as they guide, support and advocate for their child.

"Their full involvement and cooperation with the health and medical team are important in helping kids fight cancer to achieve better survival," he said.

ICCD is a global collaborative campaign, observed annually



News coverage
8 Publications

SCCS YOUTH ACTIVITIES



SCCS Youth Camp

We organised our first youth camp post-pandemic, themed self-care, attended by 18 new youths, and 7 returning youths.



Brunei Youth Camp

SCCS also sent two youths to take part in a cross-country youth camp in Brunei, where they met with participants from Brunei and Philippines.



Youth Hangout

We also carried out a youth hangout session in Kuching with 4 new youths and 4 senior youths as a safe space for them to share their stories

CSR PROJECTS

	2023	2022
NO. OF PROJECTS	78	86
FUNDS RAISED FROM CSR & CORPORATE DONATIONS	RM 533,539	RM 1,477,650*

**donation of
RM1 million from
Bald & Beautiful*





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HELP KIDS FIGHT CANCER

	2023	2022
HEADS SHAVED	165	283
FUNDS RAISED	RM 957,753	RM824,107
SATELLITE SHAVES	3	7



HEART OF GOLD

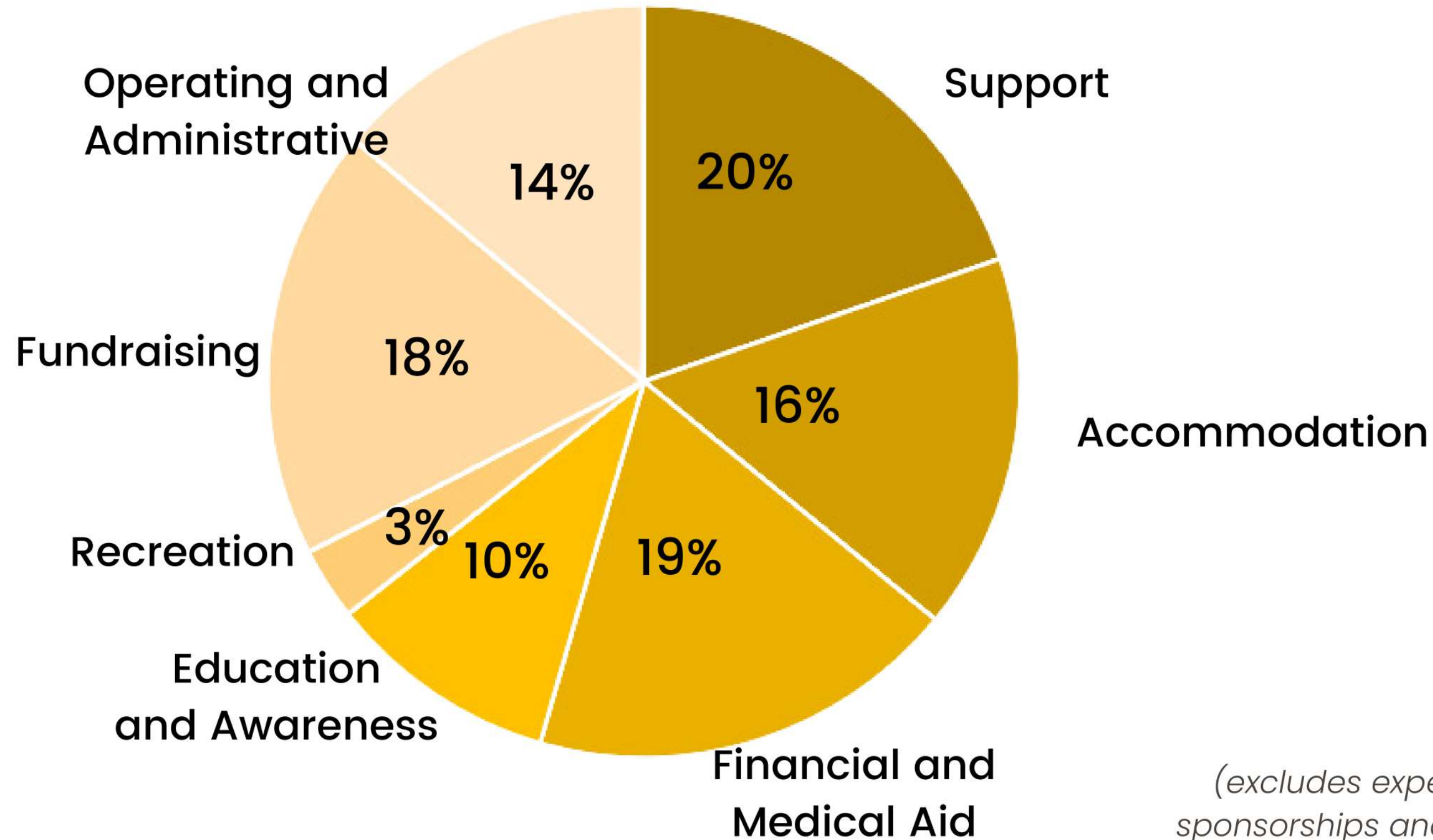
Monthly Donation Program

	2023	2022
NEW SIGN UPS	552	283
DONATION	903,084	RM824,107



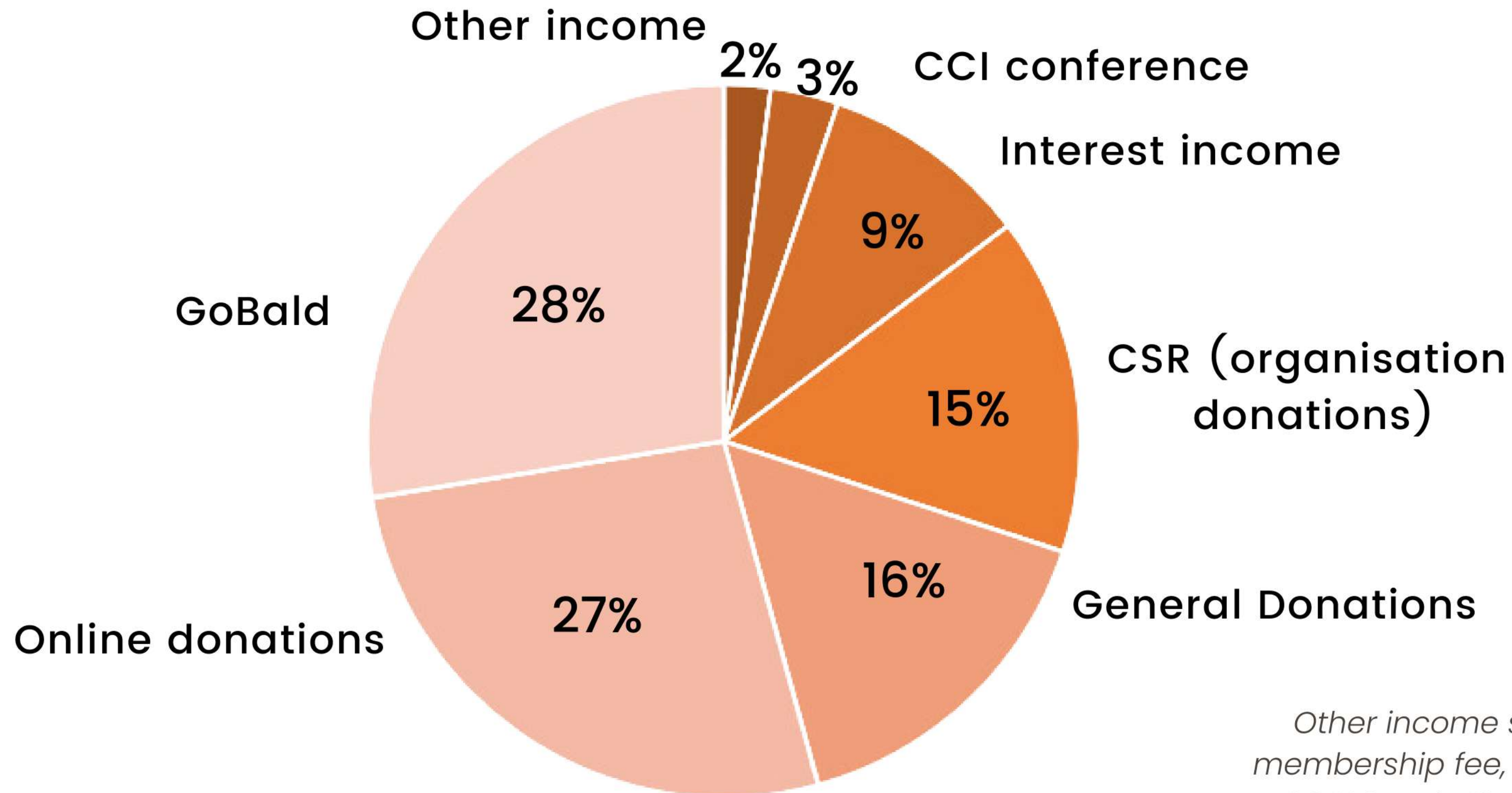
TOTAL EXPENDITURE

RM2.02 MILLION IN 2023



TOTAL INCOME

RM3.48 MILLION IN 2023



*Other income sources include:
membership fee, merchandise sale,
CCAM and other miscellaneous*



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