



**Sarawak Children's
Cancer Society**

Pertubuhan Kanser Kanak-Kanak Negeri Sarawak

YEAR IN REVIEW 2020



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

SCCS has indeed come a long way since its inception in 1991, where a group of parents came together with a simple mission of parents helping parents. Today, SCCS is recognised as one of the leading NGOs in Sarawak, providing comprehensive and sustainable services to more than 200 families annually.

2020 has been challenging with the pandemic, however, SCCS has continued to provide essential support and services to all our beneficiaries, while at the same time maintaining a high level of safety for our staff and members.



Moving forward, SCCS will direct its focus on building expertise in areas of knowledge, education and policy-making whilst enhancing existing organisational strengths such as strategic partnerships and public communication, with the aim of providing the best possible support and services to childhood cancer communities in Sarawak. We plan to achieve this through the following measures:

- develop our capacity through improvement of staff knowledge and skillset, and foster a close partnership with the medical team to enable a better and more holistic support to our childhood cancer communities,
- support medical team development through sponsorship of courses,
- learning and sharing of best practices and resources with local, national and international parents organisations
- strengthen our awareness programs so that parents are aware of childhood cancer symptoms which would enable fast access to care
- strengthen advocacy through collaboration with relevant partners such as Malaysian Society of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology (MASPHO), Health Ministry, Childhood Cancer International (CCI) and other stakeholders to influence national policies for the betterment of childhood cancer.

On behalf of our Committee, I would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the SCCS management and staff for the amazing work in 2020. We would also like to thank all our advisors, sponsors and donors for their support and contribution. I look forward to another successful year working together with all our partners, sponsors and advisors, to ensure we live up to our mission, that every Malaysian child with cancer will have access to the best available treatment and care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney Wong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

RODNEY WONG

**PRESIDENT
2020-2021**



ABOUT SARAWAK CHILDREN'S CANCER SOCIETY

Registered in 2001, Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS), a non-profit organisation started by a group of parents of children with cancer, dedicated to meeting the needs of families of patients diagnosed with paediatric cancer,

SCCS recognizes the complexity of the paediatric cancer experience, as such, SCCS uses a holistic approach to provide support to families through different phases of illness and recovery.

Over the years, SCCS has supported more than 1,400 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

2020-2021



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PRESIDENT



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HOSPITAL

Honorary Medical Advisor

DR ONG GEK BEE

PAEDIATRIC HAEMATOLOGY &
ONCOLOGY

"To all cancer fighters, be strong and keep going. I never knew I was that strong, until I had to lose my leg, I am proud of myself. It was difficult, but I did it ."



IT WAS TOUGH, BUT I WAS TOUGHER

In 2019, 14 year old Edwin, from Sibu, started experienced excruciating pain in his legs. After a scan and some tests, he found out that his left leg was broken due to Osteosarcoma (bone cancer).

Edwin received treatment at the Sarawak General Hospital in Kuching and stayed at the Sarawak Children's Cancer Society's halfway home throughout his treatment, with his caregiver, his father, as they did not have a place to stay in Kuching. Daily transportation, food rations and a monthly financial subsidy were provided to support Edwin, and his father.

After 3 months of chemotherapy, Edwin was told the sad news; that he had to amputate his left leg to remove the cancer. It was a painful reality to accept, and a long journey to recovery. In total, Edwin endured 12 rounds of chemotherapy and 5 operations. He also had to learn to walk again through physiotherapy. But with the enormous support from his family, the SCCS team and medical staff, and a strong will to recover, he finally completed his treatment after a year of being away from home.

When asked what was one of his toughest times during the pandemic, he replied : "It was being in isolation at the ward for such a long time. It was hard not being able to mingle around. I'm grateful that, during my birthday, SCCS threw me a small celebration at the halfway home, which is one of my fondest memories there. I will miss my time at SCCS. But I am glad that now, after such a long time, I am finally able to go home to meet my family and friends."

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

No two families' cancer experiences are the same, and neither is the nature of support they need. Some families will live near the hospital, while others have to leave their home town to receive the treatment they need.

Some families struggle financially, while others will need significant emotional support. Some children will survive their cancer, others sadly will not. Nonetheless, whatever the journey may be for each family, SCCS will be with them to provide the specific support they need, for as long as they need it. Here are some of the support services provided to approximately 150 families annually.



Access to treatment

Getting their child to the hospital for treatment can be a huge challenge for some families, especially if they live far from the hospitals. From transportation subsidies to providing accommodation at our halfway homes, SCCS provides support to ensure that children have the opportunity to access and complete the medical treatment and follow up they require.

Statistics for 2020:

11,785 nights stay were provided for 37 outstation families



Emotional support

From counseling sessions, palliative care home visits, wish granting, bereavement to post bereavement support, SCCS journeys alongside families and provides that additional hand of support to walk alongside with them through this difficult experience.

Statistics for 2020:

1,004 one-on-one parent caring sessions were carried out.



Medical support

SCCS sponsors medical consumables, and donates medical equipment that are not provided by the government hospital. This includes certain medications, blood filters, central venous lines and prosthetic devices.

The society also helps to subsidize 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.

Statistics for 2020:

SCCS contributed RM154,000 in medical aid in.



Financial Aid

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, weekly allowances, reimbursement for travel expenses, monetary donations or items, bereavement assistance and need-based provision of medical subsidies.

Statistics for 2020:

41 families received monthly financial subsidy amounting to RM37,250.



Education, awareness & development

In 2020, SCCS organised 7 virtual talks addressing various topics to provide support to patients, childhood cancer survivors and caregivers in coping with the pandemic and lockdown. In addition, 21 education incentives were provided as a token of encouragement to children in remission who completed their PT3, SPM, and STPM in the year 2019.

Recreational activities

SCCS organises various recreational activities at the ward and at the halfway home to entertain and engage the children and their caregivers. These activities provide a space for them to rest and rejuvenate their minds. These activities include monthly birthday celebrations, festive celebrations, cooking, craft activities and more.

Statistics for 2020:

111 recreational activities were organised for families staying in the halfway home.



Palliative and bereavement support

Tragically, not every child is able to recover from cancer. SCCS is there to support these families as they go through this difficult process. These programmes help them learn how to live with their grief while continuing to honour their child's memory.

Statistics for 2020:

- 6 Children granted last wishes
- 413 palliative & bereavement support sessions for 43 families
- 21 families whose child passed away received assistance in funeral cost



HOW WE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2020

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



150

Families supported statewide directly by Family Support Coordinators.



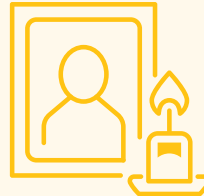
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Heart-2-heart sessions with adolescent patients and survivors. Supported 16 youths.



1004

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



156

Post bereavement counselling sessions, supporting 43 families.

ACCESS TO CARE



1785

Nights stay provided for 37 families at the SCCS halfway home during their treatments and follow ups.



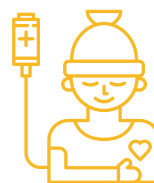
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Trips to hospital for treatments and follow ups to support 90 families with their travels.



36

Children received medical aid sponsorship for procedures, lab tests, and medications not provided by the public hospital costing RM95,000.



60,000^{RM}

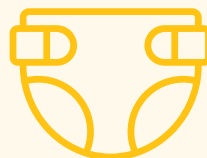
Sponsorship of medical consumable such as blood and platelet filters, CVL, saliva kits, needles.

WELLBEING SUPPORT



60

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



321

Bags of diapers were distributed to 54 children during their treatment.



18

Assisted grocery shopping trips for 30 families during the Movement Control Order for in ward patients and patients at halfway home.



15

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

RECREATION & DEVELOPMENT



21

Education incentives distributed to encourage patients under remission to continue to pursue their studies.



7

Talks on topics relating to fundraising, managing stress, sharing about SCCS services and stories attended by 182 participants.



320

Craft packs distributed to the ward to bring joy and fun to children at the ward.



111

Recreational activities were organised for families staying at the halfway home throughout the year.

SNIPPETS OF 2020

JANUARY - DECEMBER



CANVA STORIES Z850



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Since its inception in 2009, GoBald has become SCCS's annual signature fundraising event to raise childhood cancer awareness and funds for the society's annual operation expenses.

During the Covid-19 lockdown, SCCS initiated the GoBald at Home challenge.

Despite not being able to host a physical event due to the pandemic, we wanted to offer supporters an opportunity to support childhood cancer patients by participating in a virtual GoBald event from the safety of their own home.

The GoBald at Home challenge later evolved into the first ever GoBald Virtual event that raised RM582,454 with 111 heads shaved.



RM 582,454
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

111
HEADS SHAVED



FUNDRAISING & DONATION

We support over 150 families a year who are facing childhood cancer. We do it all with no direct government funding. But we don't do it alone.

It is thanks to our loyal donors, committed partners, and the generosity of the community that we can continue to make a positive impact on these families' lives.



INDIVIDUAL DONATION

RM579,908



RECURRING DONATION

RM134,449



GLOBAL

RM582,454



CORPORATE DONATION/ SPONSORSHIP/ CSR

RM182,994



DONATION BOX

RM 21,965



MERCHANDISE

RM3,246

TOTAL RM 1,505,016

DONATION IN KIND

Contribution comes in many forms. We would also like to acknowledge our donors who have supported us by way of donations in kind, such as donating electrical appliances, consumables, sponsoring items for our care pack, birthdays/festive meals, groceries and many more.



**MORE THAN
RM35,000
WORTH OF ITEM AID**

SMALL IN SIZE, BIG IN FIGHT!

"She never complained, she was patient and never made it difficult for me to care for her throughout her treatment. Every time i felt stressed and overwhelmed, I thought of her, and the strength she had to keep fighting. That kept me going." – Emily's Mum



I first realized something was wrong back in early 2019 when one side of Emily's face drooped every time she smiled. We brought her to the clinic for a check up and she was initially diagnosed to have Bell's palsy. After going through a few sessions of treatment, we realised that she was not getting better and decided to seek consultation from a specialist.

An MRI was carried out, and it was then we realized that she had a growth in her brain. We had to leave Sibu to seek treatment in the Sarawak General Hospital .

Emily underwent 3 major operations to remove the growth in her brain. She also had to endure 30 sessions of radiotherapy & 8 cycles of chemotherapy. For a 9 year old, going through these treatments in a span of almost a year, Emily showed that she was a strong little fighter.

We stayed at the SCCS halfway home for about 5 months during our treatment. Emily enjoyed her time doing arts and crafts, especially when it was with her favourite teacher, Mary. It was helpful to get things off her mind, especially when we had to be away from our family for such a long period of time. I on the other hand, appreciated the emotional support given by the counselor and staff of SCCS during my time there and the support given by other caregivers who were on this journey. Many of whom continue to be close friends, supporting each other through our ups and downs.

It was a difficult time during the pandemic, the social distance and being away from our family made it emotionally tough for us. But I am thankful for the support my family has given me throughout this time. We were finally able to return home in August 2020, after Emily completed her intensive treatment. Emily is so happy to be home finally. She enjoys playing with her younger sisters and looks forwards to being able to go for holiday with family after the pandemic.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND SPONSORS

SCCS would like to express our deep appreciation to all donors and sponsors for their generous giving and support!



**SARAWAK FEDERATION OF CHINESE WOMEN ASSOCIATION
&
PAN CHERN LIEW CLAN ASSOCIATION**



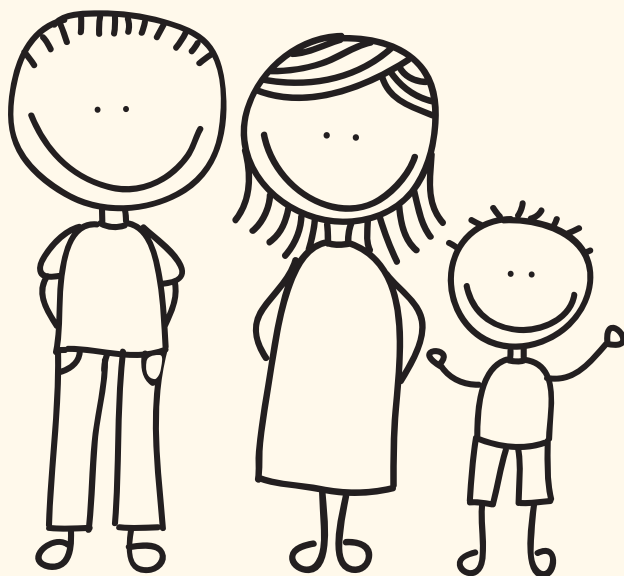
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A collaboration by
Flint & Steel Borneo and WYNKA



**TAN GUEK KEE & LEE SIEW LING
CHARITY FOUNDATION**

THANK YOU CJC
FOR HELPING KIDS FIGHT CANCER





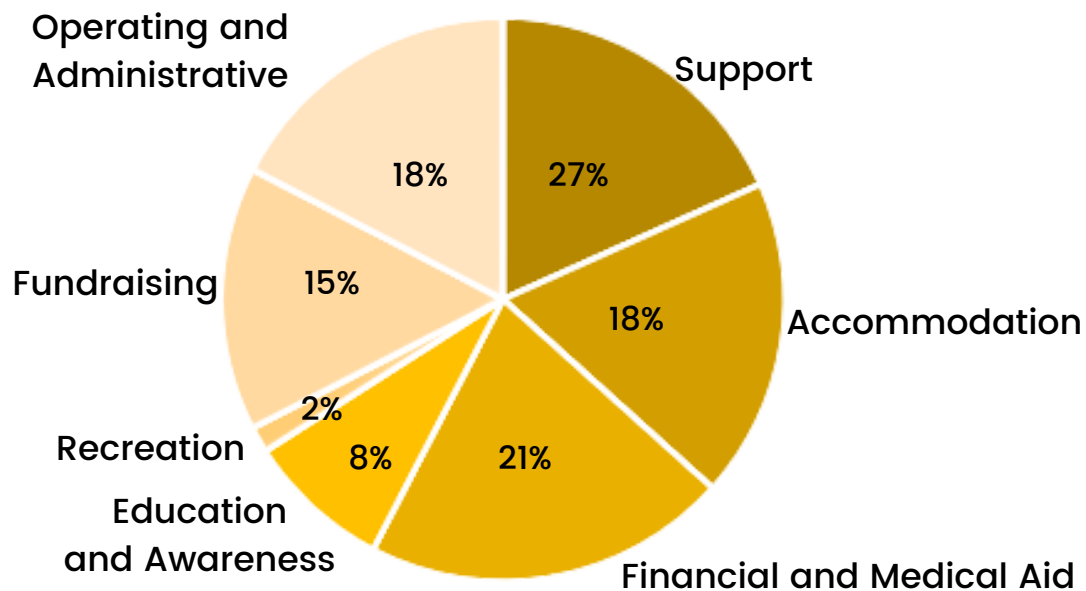
THANK
YOU



INCOME & EXPENSES BREAKDOWN

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

TOTAL EXPENDITURE RM1.14 MILLION IN 2020



TOTAL INCOME RM1.9 MILLION IN 2020

