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COMMUNITY
INITIATIVE

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Eugene Lim, 13A01C,
former Chairperson of Raffles Interact

Your gift towards the Raffles Community Initiative (RCI) under the 1823 Fund will reinforce the talent, time and effort that members of the Rafflesian community dedicate to public service.

Rafflesians should aim to take the lead in serving the community. This belief has a long-standing history, with many alumni having devoted their lives to public service and administration.

In 2013, the school set up the RCI to ensure that community service continues to be a part of every Rafflesian's education and, with ample funding, has an enduring future.

The Initiative brings Rafflesians together – past and present – and underlines the fundamental importance of giving back to the community, a tradition that is a big part of the Rafflesian spirit.

Between 2009 and 2013, RI students initiated or conducted 450 community service projects, 34 overseas service projects and partnered with 76 Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs) on average every year.

These are some of the projects that benefit or involve the community at large



THE LIFE! PROJECT

Initiated in April 2013, The LIFE! Project is a partnership between RI's Interact Club and Viriya Community Services to improve the standard of living of tenants in two blocks along Pipit Road. A total of 120 Rafflesians helped to paint and clean 29 one-room flats.

DEBATING 101

Organized by the Raffles Debaters, the workshop introduced the art of debating to some 250 enthusiastic primary school students from 30 schools. Besides learning debating techniques, the students were given an opportunity to interact with fellow debaters. It was a win-win for both sides as the Rafflesian debaters themselves were humbled by the opportunity to inspire and mentor the future generations.



U BIN TO UBIN?

Published by a group of RI students as part of their Ecological Literary Programme, 'U Bin to Ubin?' helps young children appreciate the rich biodiversity Singapore still has to offer by promoting Pulau Ubin as a destination to be explored.

It encourages young people to take an interest in conserving Ubin through a combination of storytelling, puzzles and fun facts.

THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

The struggles of former drug addicts seeking reintegration into society touched several English Literature students from RI. Collaborating with the Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association, they put their literary skills into action. They recorded the oral history of five addicts and penned short stories and a play around these personal stories. About 1,000 copies of 'Sense of a Beginning' have been published and distributed to schools and public libraries across Singapore with an aim to deter youth from taking drugs and encouraging the public to support rehabilitation efforts.



RI MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

Raffles Interact Club launched the RI Mentorship Programme which aims to nurture bright Primary 5 and 6 students from humble backgrounds by getting them proper guidance and support from RI student mentors.



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