中学生‘领养’
一座一房组屋

分发必需品，400家庭受惠

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80多名热心中学生“领养”新民通道一座组屋，定期给予生活必需品的救济和管教防范教育工作，近400户贫困居民将从中受惠。

超过80名教师中学的学生决定，也10多名来自中区社区发展理事会的义工和新加坡管理大学（新大）的学生，今早在新民通道第26座组屋进行简单的“领养组屋”仪式，通过分发生活必需品和宣传管教防范知识，正式“领养”这座组屋的396户贫困居民。

这项活动是由5名新大1年学生发起，主要目的是为了长期帮助社会上较贫困的一群，希望通过分发生活必需品如食水，让这396户住在一房式组屋的国人能感受人间有温情。

发起这项活动的新大学生之一冯大为（21岁）受访时说，中区社区发展理事会之前已有个“明亮家居计划”，帮忙低收入年长者打扫、维修家里等，并为居民举办活动，在新民通道一带非常活跃，而教师中学不久前刚“领养”了后港一个居民中心，他和同学因此想到“撮合”两者。

“新民通道第26座的居民不只是年长者，也有不少年轻夫妇和孩童，除了定期分发生活必需品救济他们，教师中学的学生和义工也会举办一些免费活动和理发，让居民感受温情。”

冯大为也表示，学生和义工也会沿家挨户进行管教防范教育工作，而新大生在领“领养组屋计划”下所扮演的角色，就是作为学生及义工和计划赞助者的桥梁，确保整个计划能顺利进行，居民们能受惠。

Over 80 passionate secondary students have adopted a block of flats at Sin Ming Drive. They will distribute daily necessities and provide crime prevention education regularly towards the benefit of some 400 needy residents living in the block.

The 'Adopt-a-block' was launched this morning at Sin Ming Drive Block 26 by over 80 Montfort Secondary School student from their National Police Cadet Corp, and more than 10 volunteers from Central Singapore CDC and students from Singapore Management University (SMU). The launch activities include distributing daily necessities and going door to door to spread the crime prevention message to the 396 residents.

The effort was initiated by 5 first-year students from SMU, with the aim of providing long-term support and care to the 396 residents living in the block of one room flats.

One of the SMU students involved, Foong Tai Wei, 21, said that Central Singapore CDC had an existing ‘Bright Home’s Programme’, which looked after the cleanliness and maintenance in the homes of the lower income and elderly residents, as well as organising social activities for residents in Sin Ming. Montfort Secondary School recently ‘adopted’ a residents’ centre in Hougang. Given the synergy between the two programmes, the group of SMU students decided bring the two parties together.

He said, “The residents of Sin Ming Drive Block 26 are made up not only of the elderly but also families with children. Other than carrying out efforts to provide the residents with their daily needs, students of Montfort Secondary and volunteers will also carry out other activities such as providing hair dressing services free of charge.”

The students and volunteers will also educate the residents on crime prevention. Foong further elaborated on the role of SMU students in the ‘Adopt-a-block’ programme. They act as facilitators to match volunteer organisations and sponsors to the needy, and also planned the adoption programme to ensure that the community benefits.