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# Network Volunteering

How much can one person give? Wendy Ng has certainly discovered the secret to multiplying her giving. She started from sponsoring three families at Lakeside's Families-in-Transition (FiT) Shelter. Thanks to her, an elderly couple can provide milk powder and diapers for their grandchild. A needy foreigner can receive medical treatment, despite lacking subsidies.

Children in need have a special place in her heart: "I want to give them some joy and happiness in their lives." This strong desire to touch the lives of FiT children spurred her on to encourage others to join her in this worthy cause.



First, Wendy rallied her family to give back together with a Christmas party for 32 FiT children. With her husband and three children in tow, they planned the games, sponsored the food and wrapped the gifts. She explained, "I hope to open my children's eyes to see the needs around them, so they won't be so self-focused."

Next, Wendy reached out to like-minded friends and their families for help to host the party. "There is only this much we can do with just our own family." There were many families who wanted to do community work, but were unsure of the avenues to do so. Sensing that, she tapped on their enthusiasm. 20 volunteers, including her family, her friends and their children, dressed as Santa's elves to entertain the FiT children with games and performances.

She was glad to see the giving extend beyond her own family, sharing, **"The more friends we can get to help, the more we can do in terms of blessing the needy!"** Wendy still informs her friends on ways they can bless others. From one giving heart to twenty more blessing the community, the math does not lie: We can be the change we want to see.



## A Big Thank-You!

To bless FiT families during Lunar New Year, Ms Emma Chua sponsored delicious lunches. Ms Joanne Lim organised a mini bazaar, where FiT children were thrilled to pick out apparel, books, toys and stationery.

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