FOODLINK FOUNDATION 膳心連基金 Replacing Hunger With A Smile 除飢困展歡容

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Cooking class @maison es with Grand Hyatt Executive Chef, Disney VoluntEARS and children from Chai Wan Baptist Church Social Service

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Ms Coco Lee as Foodlink's Ambassador at Bloomberg Tradebook Charity Day



### **FOREWORD**

In Hong Kong, many of us enjoy regular hot meals every day, but do you know that there are the less fortunate ones who struggle to get what we take for granted? At Foodlink, our goal is to feed the neglected and the underprivileged by rescuing surplus food from being wasted and turning this into nutritious meals for them. Each week, we rescue an average of 11 tonnes of cooked food, including 12,000 pieces of bread per week which can provide more than 26,000 meals. This achievement would not be possible if it was not for our dedicated staff team and our passionate volunteers.

2017 was a difficult year for us. As a charity, we depend on the goodwill

of others to carry out our mission. We encountered challenges in both our operations and fundraising efforts, but I am pleased to say that we have overcome our adversities and emerged stronger for 2018. Our review of the past 12 months of our financial year reflects the painful but necessary changes that we have had to put in place — a transformational change that would not have been possible without the backing of our partners and donors, and the caring love of our friends and volunteers.

We hope that you will continue to support us in our journey to make Hong Kong a caring and more inclusive society. Join us in our mission to "replacing hunger with a smile".

ROBIN HWANG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FOODLINK FOUNDATION

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## **ABOUT US**

Meal serving at J Life Foundation in Sham Shui Po

### Who We Are

Founded in 2001, Foodlink
Foundation is a registered Hong
Kong charity dedicated to fighting
hunger, building self-sufficiency, and
fostering nutritional wellness among
those in need, while simultaneously
reducing food wastage in hotels and
F&B outlets in Hong Kong.

The vision at Foodlink is to ensure that every needy person has access to a hot, healthy meal, every single day. We act as a bridge — a charity dedicated to connecting the supply directly to the demand, as often as possible, by collecting safe-to-eat surplus food from F&B outlets all over the city and delivering to those in need. The benefits are twofold — while reducing hunger we also reduce the pressure on our city's landfills.

### **What We Do**

Food donors and partners are the lifeblood of Foodlink. Our partners are identified and matched according to location and the needs of the nearest recipient charity, thereby reducing transit time and ensuring freshness of the food.

Food partners keep surplus food refrigerated until collection, and strict hygiene and safety procedures are in place at every stage of the process. Scheduled pickups ensure efficiency, organization, and minimal interruption to our partners. The food is then reheated according to stringent standards by each charity's kitchen before feeding those in need.

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

In recognition of our efforts in promoting environmental practices and management, the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) awarded Foodlink the SMEs – Servicing Industry – Certificate of Merit under the 2017 Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence.

1. Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence Award Ceremony



### Regcognized achievements include ...

- Formulation of a Best Practice Handbook covering energy efficiency, waste recycling, paper usage and eco-driving, which is also introduced to new staff members during orientation.
- Adoption of efficient transport routes with reference to food donors' and beneficiaries' locations to minimize fuel consumption.
- Education of staff members to practice waste management and clean recycling.

- Promotion of recycling practices via Foodlink's newsletter, Facebook, presentations, and talks to our stakeholders.
- Participation in various environmental training sessions to acquire knowledge on municipal solid waste charging schemes, surplus food, waste management, and climate change.
- Signing the "Food Wise Charter" to demonstrate our commitment to environmental protection.



# CHANGE @ FOODLINK





# People: What is Different?

In 2017-2018, we changed our organization and leadership structure to become more efficient and more effective with our time and limited resources. Our resulting organization now reflects a leaner and cost-effective approach to feeding the needy, with the same level of love and care behind our actions.

# Processes: What has Improved?

We have upgraded our vehicle fleet and our office premises to streamline our operations. We now have 7 vehicles to collect and distribute rescued food. We have invested in computer hardware and systems to enable our team to monitor and record data showing our performance. All of this is important to ensure that the tools are ready for to support our mission!

# OUR DRIVER'S DAILY ROUTE

Ah Kit is one of our longest service drivers (since 2012) at Foodlink. He works on a tight schedule 5 days a week, daily from 8am to 5pm or beyond till all food is delivered.

Making over 20 regular stops a day to collect and deliver close to 400kg of surplus food, plus additional ad-hoc orders, Ah Kit has to start early to beat the bad traffic on Hong Kong Island, and ensures that his van runs in good condition to safeguard the freshness of food that he brings.

Despite the pressure, Ah Kit finishes work joyfully knowing that he helped to provide 950 meals to the underprivileged.



### **Ah Kit's Morning Route**

Hong Kong Island 8:00AM to 12:00PM

- 1. Hong Kong Parkview
- 2. Repulse Bay Limited Staff Club
- 3. Aberdeen Marina Club
- 4. L'hotel Island South
- 5. The Hong Kong Country Club
- 6. Eric Kayser Pacific Place 3

- 7. Eric Kayser Wan Chai
- 8. Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong
- 9. Street Sleepers' Shelter Society
- 10. Diocesan Pastoral Centre for Workers
- 11. New Wine Ministry

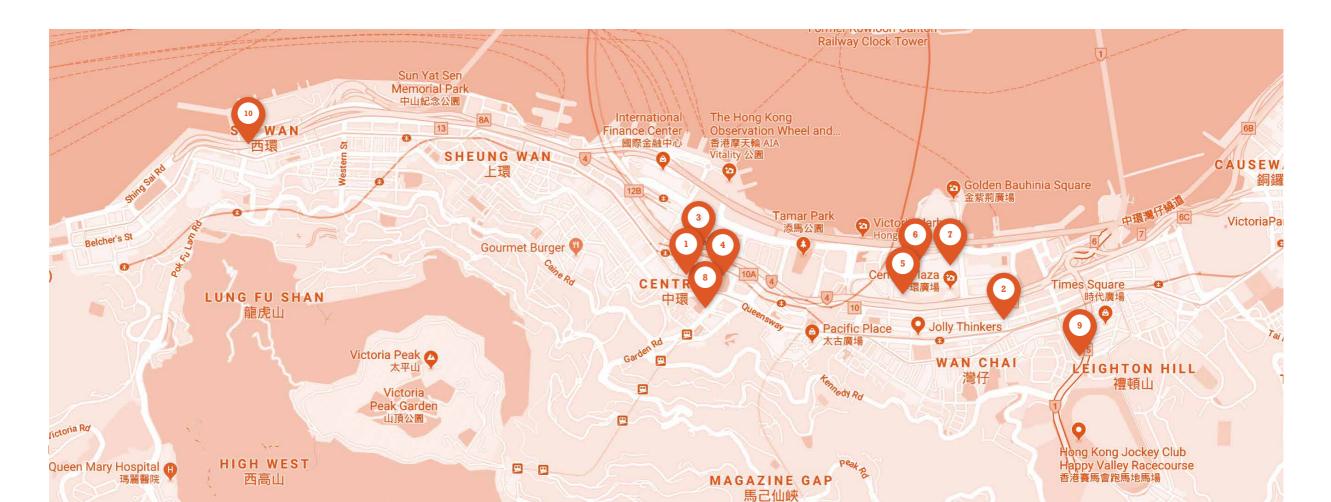


### **Ah Kit's Afternoon Route**

Hong Kong Island 12:00PM to 5:00PM

- 1. Sift Patisserie
- 2. Novotel Century Hong Kong
- 3. Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong
- 4. The Hong Kong Club
- 5. The Harbourview

- 6. Grand Hyatt Hong Kong
- 7. Renaissance Hong Kong Harbour View
- 8. Bloomber L.P.
- 9. Best Western Causeway Bay
- 10. St. Barnabas Society and Home



# THE FUTURE FOODLINK KITCHEN

The prestigious Hong Kong University of Science and Technology MBA course challenges its students to work with an NGO each year in teams to compete for the annual Yeh Family Philanthropy award of \$250,000. Foodlink was selected as one of the NGOs by the university and our stellar team of students successfully presented our business case on our behalf to a highly critical panel of judges for our eligibility to win the award. We are pleased to announce that we were the proud recipients of the 2017-18 Yeh Family Philanthropy.

The monetary prize will be used to finance our much-needed kitchen where we will be able to host more corporate events as well as reaching out to the underprivileged.



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# Thank you to our incredible team of students!

Susana Soo Winnie Mak Mariano G.Villarreal Jackie Zhang Lawrence Lau Tokay Zeynalov Michelle Queiroz Lucy Choi

(from left to right)



- 1. Ms Coco Lee confirmed a deal @Bloomberg Tradebook Charity Day
- 2. A group of Girl Guides showed their big hearts as Bread Runners
- 3. Bread rescued from being dumped to landfill

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# SUSTAINING OUR BUSINESS

### **FOOD RESCUE**

The Bread Run is Foodlink's signature activity. Corporate volunteers are invited to collect spare bread from our food partners, Maxim's, Arome Bakeries and Maison Eric Kayser at individual branches across Hong Kong within one evening. The bread is brought back to our office where our team sorts out deliveries to our beneficiaries.

A shout of thanks to our volunteers from AIG, Hong Kong Disneyland, Ralph Lauren and Bloomberg.

World Food Day, a day for celebrating food, occurs on October 16th each year. Our team together with staff from Ralph Lauren volunteered as Zero Hunger Runners this year, collecting surplus food at several points from Admiralty to Sai Wan, and delivered it directly to our beneficiaries. The contributions from our food donors, AquaGreen. Maison Eric Kayser and Island Shangri-La Hong Kong are highly appreciated.

Raw rice is often too heavy for elderly to carry home, and most of the elderly we serve cannot consume an entire bag before the contents expire. Thanks to our volunteers, we break down big bags into smaller packs for distribution. Our two great partners, AIG and Bloomberg continuously send us teams each year to carry out this important task.

### **SERVICES IN KIND**

From charity sales to yoga classes, we make sure that the public know about our work. Special thanks to Kalacove Rooftop Republic Urban Farming Lan Kwai Fong HK, SpiceBox Organics, the Iyengar Yoga Centre of Hong Kong, Lemon Drop Studio and Hong Kong Disneyland for "Marvel 10K Weekend - Presented by AIA Vitality -Leadership 3K" for their support and generous sponsorship.

Ms Coco Lee, our Foodlink celebrity, took time out of her busy schedule to support us on Bloomberg's TradeBook Day event, which is dedicated to raising funds for selected charities. Coco sat at the trading desk and was speaking in person to donors over the phone. What a great surprise for the lucky callers! Thank you Coco, you are wonderful!



- Grand Hyatt Executive
   Chinese Chef, Li Shu Tim,
   teaching the kids how to make
   delicious spaghetti
- 2. Our perfect Mom & Daughter Disney VoluntEARS joined forces to rescue bread



### **EDUCATION**

Education on food is important to understand the related issues.

Sponsored by Ralph Lauren, Annie Ma, a qualified nutritionist & certified holistic health practitioner, hosted a talk on "Stress Nutrition" to share how stress affects our health, stress triggering foods, and stress buster foods and supplements. We also reached out to HKUST via the kind services of Gerhard Passrugger, Executive Chef of Grand Hyatt Hong Kong to share his insights and experiences in food recycling to brief students on sustainability in the hospitality industry. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank the English Schools Foundation for inviting us to present our work to over 100 students in order for them to have a better understanding of Hong Kong's food waste issue.

Let's all partake to thrive for a better community!

### **COOKING**

We organize cooking classes to show how rescued food can be transformed into nutritious meals. We are grateful to Chef Tony Wong of Patisserie Tony Wong, JCI Yuen Long, German Pool HK, Chef Mike Cecil Lo and Tiffany, Givo and the Bon Appetit Cooking Studio for collaborating with us to host and run classes for our beneficiaries.

### **OUTREACH**

Ever wondered what it would be like to be lonely when you are old? Foodlink reaches out to the elderly to make them still feel loved. Our big thanks to Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, Cornell University Alumni Club, W Hong Kong, New World Millennium HK Hotel, Michael Kors, Bloomberg, Artistes Fund for Charities and YWCA for spending time to touch the lives of these gentle folks who helped make Hong Kong what it is today.

Christmas can be tough if you are a child and poor. Thank you, Disney for organising a wonderful party for our young friends and donating presents. We continued spreading festive cheer by teaming up with a volunteer team of moms and kids to organize a Christmas Party at Saint Barnabas' Society and Home, where the kids sang Christmas carols and we gave out gift bags donated by TVB to the needy.

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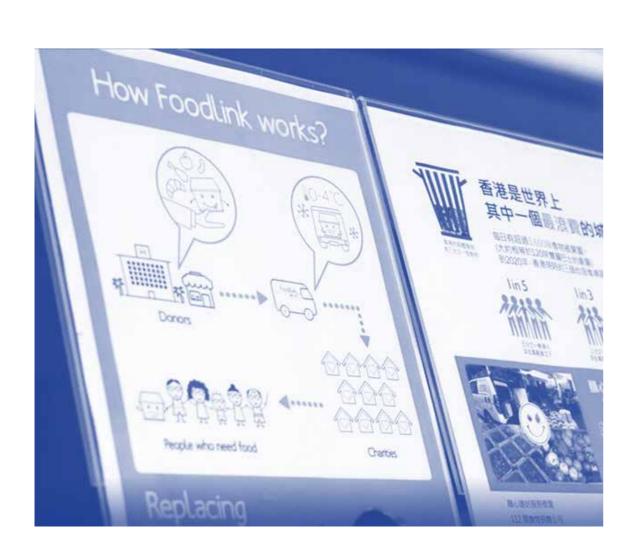






- 2. Ralph Lauren's Zero Hunger Runners rescuing food on World Food Day
- 3. A big thanks to Ryan Sonson, Executive Chef of New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel, and his team for making a super delicious Ginseng Soup for the elderly @St Joseph's Home of the Elderly
- 4. A Por Por from South Kwai Chung Social Service brought home a goody bag filled with food

# FACTS AND FINANCES



### THE ORGANIZATION

Every week, we collected 11 tonnes of food and served 26,000 meals.







**DEVELOPMENT** \$109,000

3%

**PROGRAM** \$1,935,400

**52**%

EXPENSES TOTAL

\$3,699,800

## THE FUTURE



- 1. Bringing food and happiness to kids at a ZS Hospitality Group sponsored party
- 2. Wishful Tree which is filled with wishes of 50 children to help others



### **OUR NEXT STEPS**

Whilst 2017-2018 has been a challenging year, we have managed to resolve our adversities and at the same time emerge stronger and better. But that does not mean we can stand still. Our future depends on accomplishing the following strategic goals:

Financially, we need to raise more funds and seek new patrons to secure more reserves to ensure the sustainability of our operations. To achieve this, we must design and implement new and innovative programmes to meet the expectations of our partner organizations and individual supporters.

We will engage further with our corporate partners through quality corporate engagement activities to help them fulfill their social responsibility obligations and to become leaders in their communities and in doing so, we can achieve common goals together.

Education on food resources is paramount in our work. We will reach out to the younger generations to discourage food wastage and promote good eating habits and, at the same time, make them aware of the physical and social challenges that the underprivileged face in Hong Kong.

We will continue to ascertain food safety and apply stringent standards to maintain freshness of our food collection. We will expand our food rescue operations to untapped markets, such as cruise ship liners, and public and private institutions such as schools and centres.

We will apply technology to enhance efficiency and productivity in our work through automation of data collection processes and the adoption of a more user friendly website platform that interested parties can readily access to see what we are doing and to join in our activities..

Lastly, our team continues to grow from strength to strength. We will maintain this trend by enhancing staff training and job enrichment to establish a strong cohesive team and to nurture top-class performers for our organization.

## **MAJOR FOOD DONORS**

7-Eleven Hong Kong AIA Staff Cafeteria Arome Bakery

Australian International School Hong

Kong Canteen

Best Western Hotel Causeway Bay Best Western Hotel Harbour View

Bloomberg

Canadian International School Canteen

Central and Western District Saint

Anthony's School Circle K Hong Kong Citi Tower Staff Canteen City Garden Hotel Hong Kong

Classic Fine Foods Conrad Hong Kong Cordis, Hong Kong

Courtyard by Marriott Hong Kong Courtyard by Marriott Sha Tin Deutsche Bank Staff Canteen

EAST Hong Kong Eaton, Hong Kong

Etak International Limited Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong

Gateway, Hong Kong

Gloucester Luk Kwok Hong Kong

Gold Coast Hotel

Gold Coast Yacht Country Club Grand City Hotel Hong Kong

Grand Hyatt Hong Kong

Hoixe Cake Shop Homie Cookies

Hong Kong Academy

Hong Kong Adventist Hospital

Hong Kong Club

Hong Kong Disneyland Resort

Hong Kong Parkview

Hotel ICON

Hotel Jen Hong Kong HSBC Staff Canteen

Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Tsim Sha

Independent Schools Foundation

Academy Canteen

InterContinental Hong Kong

International Christian School Canteen

Island Pacific Hotel Hong Kong

Island School

Island Shangri-La Hong Kong

Italian Tomato

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

Kee Wah Bakery

Kellett School (Kowloon Bay) Canteen

Kerry Hotel, Hong Kong King George V School Canteen Kowloon Shangri-La Hong Kong Lactalis Hong Kong Limited Le Méridien Cyberport

L'hotel Causeway Bay Harbour View

L'hotel élan

L'hotel Island South

L'hotel Nina Et Convention Centre

Li Po Chun United World College of

Hong Kong Canteen Lidl Hong Kong Limited Maison Eric Kayser Hong Kong Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel

Marks and Spencer Maxim's Cakes

Morgan Stanley Staff Canteen New World Millennium Hong Kong

Hotel

Novotel Century Hong Kong Novotel Citygate Hong Kong Novotel Hong Kong Nathan Road

Kowloon

Pentahotel Hong Kong, Kowloon

Prince, Hong Kong Regal Airport Hotel Regal Hongkong Hotel Regal Kowloon Hotel Regal Riverside Hotel Renaissance College

Renaissance Harbour View Hotel Hong

Repulse Bay Company Limited Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Saint Honore Cake Shop

Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers

Sift Bakery

Singapore International School Hong

Kong Canteen South Island School

Stamford American International School

The Aberdeen Marina Club

The Charterhouse Causeway Bay Hong

Kong

The Cityview

The French International School of HK

The Harbourview

The Hong Kong Country Club The Langham Hong Kong The Mira Hong Kong The Peninsula Hong Kong The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong

The Royal Garden

The Royal Pacific Hotel and Towers

W Hong Kong West Island School Yamazaki Baking Co. Ltd.

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# DONATIONS & GRANTS OF OVER \$10,000



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