

Bowling to bond new friendships

Children learn about teamwork through CSR programme

DON'T close up the gutters, we can bowl very well, the children exclaimed with excitement and confidence during Ireka's flagship Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme recently.

CSR action committee deputy head Rozita Aziz then briefed everyone on the rules of the bowling game during the Ireka Cares-Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels Bowling Tournament.

Ireka Cares had previously

adopted Lighthouse Children's Welfare Home and Rumah Hope, with yearly themes of Community, Arts, Recreation, Environment and Sports.

This year it was the turn of children from Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels.

Ireka Cares volunteers were teamed up in six groups to compete in three bowling games.

Ireka Cares' mission was to help strengthen bonds and create new friendships.

Teamwork, concentration and support — this was the winning formula for the champion team consisting of the home's founder William Chang, children Wendy Liang, 14 and Celine Wong, 11, as well as volunteers Mohd Fakhzan and Lee Eai Luan.

Celine and Eai Luan, who could hardly bowl, were demoralised but their team-mates did not give up on them.

William and Fakhzan, who were great bowlers, tirelessly pointed

out the right techniques to knock down the pins, and of course how to avoid sending balls down the gutters.

Wendy, on the other hand, proved to be a talented and focused bowler as she amazed the crowd with many strikes.

As exhaustion started to take its toll, the players' performance slowed down.

However, the team-mates gave encouragement by telling each other to stay motivated, to deliver

their best and to never give up.

"Let's just have fun and do our best," the team agreed.

It went on for three good hours as they enjoyed the games and each other's company.

Even when any one of them failed in any of the frames, the team-mates showed their support with comforting smiles and high fives.

The bowling tournament ended with a prize-giving ceremony for the best bowlers Abby Heng (7 – 9

years old category), Leon Heng (10 – 12 years old) and Samantha Chong (13 – 16 years old category).

Wendy and Celine capped off the session with a grin, as they received the prize for the champion team.



Lots of fun: Volunteers and children enjoying comradeship and teamwork at the bowling tournament.



Let's bowl: Volunteers Irene, Airin, Rool having fun together with Michelle, 13, and Leon, 12.