

# 2017 Project Updates

**BETHUNE HOUSE MIGRANT  
WOMEN'S REFUGE**

# A Holistic Shelter for Foreign Domestic Workers

Bethune House Migrant Women's Refuge is a community-driven temporary shelter providing food and other assistance to help migrant women access justice and achieve empowerment. For more than 31 years, Bethune House (BH) has offered support to foreign domestic workers, responding to their needs effectively through a variety of services.

- **(1) shelter services, (2) provision of three meals per day, (3) case support and other financial and medical assistance, (4) Psycho-social and life skills training (5) Health and sports project**

# PROJECT UPDATES

- Our two shelters have continued to provide shelter services, food provisions, case support and medical assistance to women migrants in crisis. In 2017, we accommodated more than 600 women.
- We have regularly organized activities on Know Your Rights and responsibilities, Reading and studying the Quoran and Interfaith reflection; life skills training (Elderly and Dementia Care training, Bead making) and psycho-social activities (health seminars, Swimming, Yoga, Dance lesson, Chinese New Year and birthday celebrations, Hiking and Picnic at the Peak)
- We ensured provisions for case management and support for bail, visa extensions transportation to attend hearings and assistance to those who are suffering from illness, hospital and prison visits.

**Hospital visit**



**Prison visit**



**Court accompaniment**



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We have provided shelter provisions, 3 meals a day and case support to almost 600 women migrants in crisis from the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and India.

### Nature of Cases

Labor case - 326  
Police case - 96  
Immigration - 32  
Agency - 5  
Health related cases- 15  
Others - 189

### Nationality

Filipino - 327  
Indonesian - 250  
Indian - 12  
Sri Lankan - 4  
Thai - 2

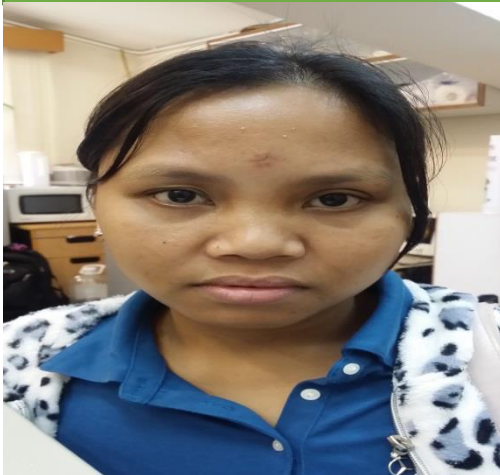
***Note: Some have 2 or more cases***

*Around 70% of the residents won their cases. We were able to help recover \$1,100,000 on behalf of the residents.*

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In addition to this basic assistance, BH provided its residents with guidance and assistance on their cases. This aspect of BH's work is especially critical because many of the women have no knowledge of their civil rights or of the resources available to them in their pursuit of legal justice.

Contract violation-  
sleeps in the kitchen



Window cleaning even  
during typhoon Hato



Health related case- ear  
drum was damaged due  
to beatings



We provide secured place of stay and nourishing food. We partner with other organizations in ensuring that the important work of Bethune House is accessible to those in crisis.

**Meal Time**



**Safe and well maintained shelter**



# We conduct regular Bible studies, Interfaith reflection and other faith-based activities to promote their spiritual welfare

Chinese New Year Sharing with Rev. Phyllis Wong



Interfaith reflections by Rev. Joram Calimutan



Singing at the Steps on Christmas Eve at KUC



Reading and Studying the Quoran



We organized education and training such as psycho – social activities and life and work skills training to cope with their labor and employment problems.

**DANCING LESSON**



**YOGA SESSION**



**DEMENTIA AND ELDERLY CARE**





# EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES



## Handicraft making - Bracelets and Earrings and Artwork



# We have develop a pool of volunteers to assist in the facilitation of our work

Chinese International School



SERVE - A - THON



**We sell handicrafts, organized the Coins for Bethune, Food Drive and Dine, Donate, Duplicate a fund raising projects to raise funds and awareness on our work.**

**Handicraft Sale and Food Drive**



**Coins for Bethune and Dine Donate and Duplicate**



# PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS FOR 2017

- Old Catholic Church/ St. Pauls' Mission Netherlands
- St. James' Place Charitable Foundation, UK
- United Methodist Women, USA
- HK & Far East Masonic Benevolent Trust Fund
- American Women Association
- Sedan Chair Charities Fund
- Philippine Association of HK
- Feeding Hong Kong
- Pret a Manger
- Operation Santa Claus Trust Fund
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation-HK Network
- Church of All Nations
- Kowloon Union Church
- St. Stephen's Chapel
- St. Joseph's Church
- St. John's Cathedral and its daughter churches
- Countless Individual donors
- Migrant organizations

Thank you for being part of the community

