



**Zonta Singapore -Project Pari Fund  
(UEN-T10CC0004L)**

**Annual Report - 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2013**

Zonta Singapore-Project Pari Fund ("the Fund") was set up by the Zonta Club of Singapore in Dec 2009. It is a registered charity since 21 April 2011 with an IPC status for 2 years from 1 May 2010. The IPC status has been extended for another 2 years from 1 May 2012.

The Fund is a service project of the Zonta Club of Singapore. A Management Committee comprising 2 Zonta members and 3 non-Zontians form the trustees of the Fund. The committee members were appointed in Dec 2009 and served from 1 May 2010 for a 2-year term. All the members were re-appointed for another 2-year term from 1 May 2012

**Committee members:**

Cheong Swee Ying	- Chairperson
Kon Mei Leen	- Hon Secretary
Caroline Loy	- Hon Treasurer
Julie Kwong	- Member
Yolyn Sim	-Member

**Objectives of the Fund:**

- a) to improve the status of women through the field of education, community involvement, culture and sports;
- b) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them provided that nothing shall be done for commercial reasons or solely for profit. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Fund may exercise the powers:
  - i) to provide financial assistance to needy female students;

- ii) to conduct life skills programs such as personal hygiene and financial literacy;
- iii) to organise personal enrichment activities such as outings to museums and nature parks;
- iv) to provide mentoring
- v) to actively work with other like-minded organizations which subscribe to similar aims and objects

### **Nature of Award**

To carry out the objectives, the Project Pari Fund granted awards of financial assistance to secondary school girls from Secondary 1 to 5 who were in need of financial assistance. Project Pari is open to young girls of all races and religion. We selected candidates in close collaboration with the schools based on the students' financial background, positive attitude and willingness to learn.

The Project Pari Committee identified schools to participate in the Award. Participating schools submitted a list of deserving needy students from Secondary 1 or 2 for consideration.

Under the Award each student received a monthly pocket allowance of \$50. Financial assistance for the secondary school girls is for the duration of their 4-5 years of secondary school education, provided that they gain a 50% pass in the school's final examinations each year. Other than financial assistance, enrichment programmes for the girls were also organised.

### **Key policies and financial state of the charity during the financial year**

The financial policy is to work within our financial capacity. We must ensure that there are enough funds for each of the recipients of the Award for the 4/5 years of her secondary school education and sufficient funds to finance the enrichment programmes for the 4/5-year duration. Projections are done on this basis to enable us to determine if we can enrol more students into the programme.

During the year under review, the funds from reserves and donations/pledges were sufficient to fund the programme. The donations/pledges received were used to fulfil current obligations, i.e. the monthly allowance of the girls selected for the programme and the 2

yearly enrichment programmes, ad-hoc activities as well as to fund obligations to new students identified during the year. Other than bookkeeping and record keeping/issuance of tax deductible donation receipts, there were no other administrative expenses.

### **Number of beneficiaries**

During the year under review, a total of 44 girls from 9 schools were granted the Award.

### **Enrichment programmes –**

- 1) Annual events
  - i) Life skills workshop to impart skills and to help instil in the teenagers a sense of self-worth
  - ii) Year-end social get-together
- 2) Ad Hoc activities such as attending musicals, visits and attending forums.

### **Activities organised for period 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2013**

#### **1) Life skills Workshop - 26 May 2012**

This was a one-day workshop and included talk on Stages of Learning by Steve Huang, talk on Self Awareness by Saleema Ismail, a talk on Mt Everest climb by Sim Yi Hui, skit on Underage sex and consequences by NUS Law Pro-bono team, and Self Defence talk and demo by Nick Goh's team

#### **2) Year- End event - 17 Nov 2012**

Dance lessons (Zumba, Gangnam) by Mosaic Dance Studio instructors followed by talk on choreographing dance steps. The girls were then asked to break up into groups to come up with a dance routine each.

#### **3) Ad Hoc events**

##### **(i) 13 July 2012**

Visit to At-Sunrice Global Chef Academy – Presentations on opportunities in F&B industry; demonstration by instructors on preparation of Coffee and Cocktails

##### **(ii) 9 Mar 2013**

Attended the National Young Leaders' Forum-Women's Edition, organised by Halogen Foundation and Singapore Council of Women's Organisation, as part of International Women's Day celebrations. The

objective of the Forum was to sow seeds of inspiration and encouragement to our youths through stories of passion, goals, challenges, failures told by the Forum speakers, who are leaders in their own fields.

**(iii)Nov 2012 to Feb 2013**

Girls in O level and N level were invited by At-Sunrice Academy to attend a 3-month F&B course. The 3-month course included part time work at an F&B outlet. The Course was supported from grants by WDA and sponsorship by the Far East Organisation. 3 of the Project Pari girls were accepted for the Course. The 3 graduated on 15 Feb 2013 and were awarded the Certificate in Food & Beverage Service.

**Funding for the project**

The funds came from pledges/donations from members, friends and other charitable organisations.

Pledges/Contributions by Zonta members	\$21,200
Donations/gifts from friends	\$12,365

**Our supporters**

**A big thank you to our kind and generous supporters**

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