

Outstanding Leadership Awardee

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I believe many people have tried to be a volunteer, but why would you want to be? Is it because of the share of satisfaction? Is it because of the compulsory voluntary service hours? Or maybe because of the peers' influence? The first time I try to volunteer is mainly because of my friends, but gradually I find happiness in it, and I gained far more than I expected.

I still remember the reason of joining Red Cross, which is just because of the impact of my peers, I don't have any strong feelings in helping the others. However, in my first duty in Athletic Meet, a student got hurt in a competition. A Red Cross member immediately took her to the First Aid station and asked her what happened. After that, she took an ointment, and said to me "Your turn! Try to give her a massage!" I was shocked but I still tried my best to do it since this is an invitation from the others. Finally I finished my service successfully and the student smiled and said thank you to me. I was very happy to hear that and it is an encouragement to push me to do more services.

When I was in F.3, I joined Red Cross community care team. We will visit solitary elder monthly. At the very first time I went to the visit, I was afraid to talk to them. But when I went to visit them for a few more times. I started to talk with them and I found that they really look forward to our visit each month. They are willing to share their daily life to us because they treat us as their friends. We can establish an enduring friendship with them and we are no longer in an aloof relationship.

In F.5, I participated in a group of social services of YMCA of Hong Kong. We serve some mentally disabled people this year. Many people have a negative view in them, which causing them unwilling to serve the mentally disabled, but I have a different opinion. Mentally disable is divided into mild, moderate and severe, and each of them is having different characteristics. However, they still need our care. When I serve them, I can feel their happiness and I was enjoyable in each service.

Many service providers are having an attitude of 'I'm lending a helping hand to the others' when doing services. However, I don't think that we should care too much about who is giving and who is taking since we can actually learn a lot through services. And these 'gain' cannot be replaced by anything else.

