

Care Haven

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Care Haven was established in 2003, and since then has been providing care and assistance to less fortunate children, as well as tending to the needs of women seeking shelter from abusive homes. On the 20th of September, Christina and I visited Care Haven, located in Masai, Johor Bahru.



The home currently takes care of forty-two children, their ages ranging from three years to twenty one years old. The children at the home are there for a variety of reasons; some are orphans, some are handicapped and thus abandoned by family, some come from abusive homes and others have come from extreme poverty. The home has seven permanent staff members who are mostly volunteers.



Care Haven has a 'Ladies Care and Protection Centre' for women seventeen to fifty years old. These women are often those who have been physically or emotionally abused or have been in extreme poverty as a result of divorce, disease or family disintegration. Care Haven also provides aid to single mothers and their children, including a range of services from counseling, to skills training and guidance.

Care Haven's purpose is to restore the self confidence and self-respect of all the individuals in its care, and enable them to become responsible and self-sustaining members of society when they are able to leave the home. Education is provided for the school age children at a tuition center, and some of the kids attend public school. A few of the teenagers are preparing to take the SAT college entrance examination and move on to higher education.



Care Haven does not receive any regular funding, and seeks donations in the form of money, food and recyclable products from Churches, Corporations and the public. If you wish to donate, please contact any of the IWA Welfare members.

