



ORDER OF MALTA
HONG KONG

VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOU !



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Are you looking for inspiration in your life? Would you like to make a meaningful contribution by helping others? Do you want to discover a different pathway to giving?

Join our **Hospitaller Projects** as a **VOLUNTEER** and you will experience all this and more!

The Order of Malta Hong Kong volunteer activities aim to support the children of single-parent and economically disadvantaged families.

We are accepting volunteer applications for The Flying Young Program - Horizon Club events that are held 5 late afternoons per week (Monday - Friday) and Sunday evenings online.

Our Hospitaller* Projects

The Hospitaller mission of the Order of Malta Hong Kong is to care for people in need - the excluded, the isolated and the sick- while preserving human dignity.

Our Hospitaller volunteers take their duty of care seriously and give thoughtful consideration on how to address the special needs of the vulnerable. We create a safe environment where both volunteers and participants proactively engage in fun and meaningful activities.

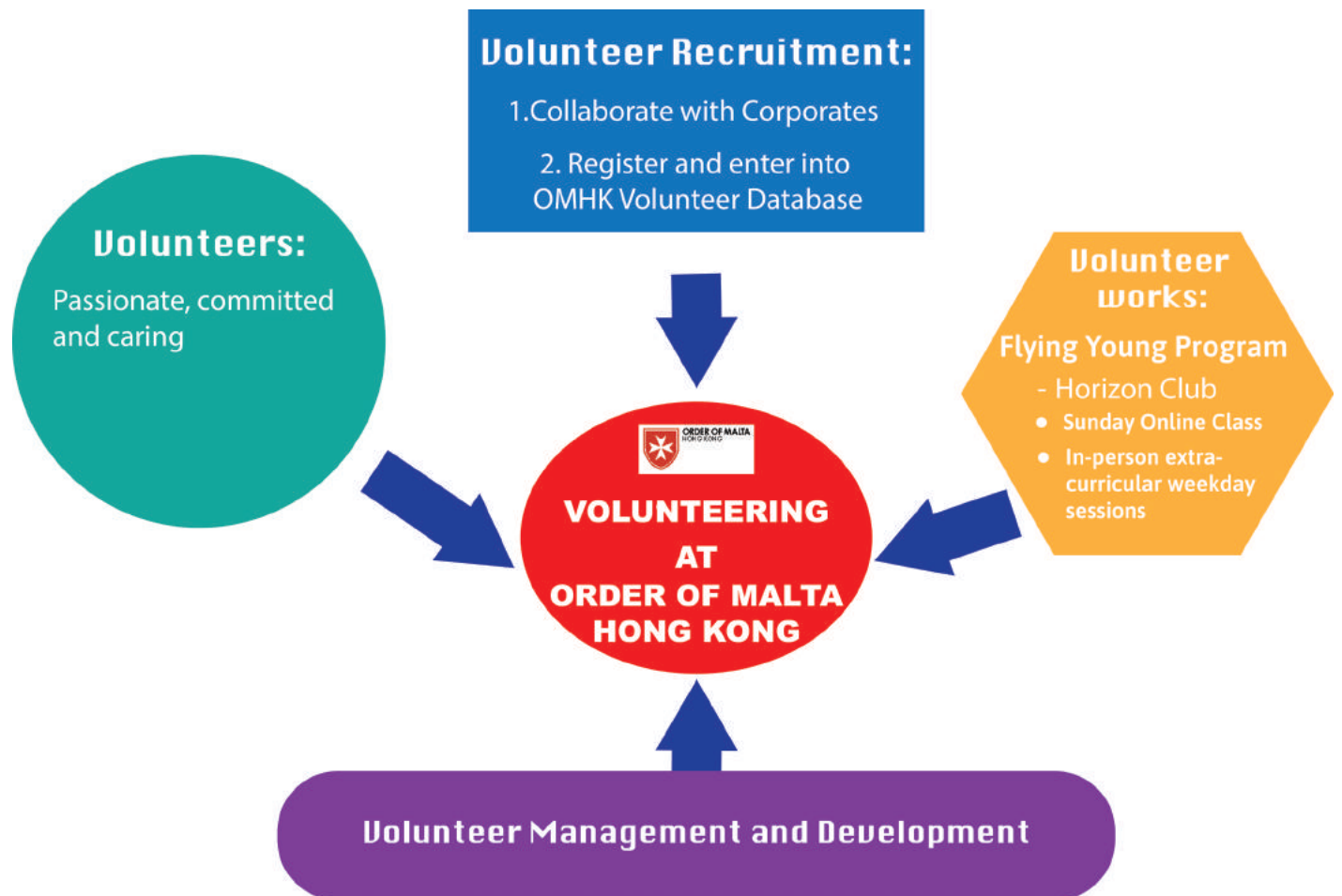
Our Hospitaller projects aim:

1. to **create** quality and responsible volunteer opportunities that develop an empathetic connection between volunteers and the communities that they serve.
2. to **empower** volunteers to volunteer responsibly in three ways: by expanding their scope of experiences, by connecting them with people of various cultures and by offering them challenges that stir their passion.
3. to **encourage** volunteers to offer their time and professional skills to people and organisations in need.

**A Hospitaller - early 14th century French term - is someone who is devoted to the care of the sick and needy*



Volunteering Framework:





Why Volunteer?

To do good by serving the vulnerable. As a faith based organisation, our unique proposition is to nurture our volunteers and encourage their ideas so that they can better serve our communities and restore human dignity in our beneficiaries.

We incubate volunteer ideas and projects that match the needs of the communities that we serve, and then put a process in place that makes those ideas happen.

This approach has allowed us to grow from one to seven projects in 5 years. We host an average of +50 events annually.

As a volunteer of the Order of Malta Hong Kong, you will have the opportunity to participate in fun and meaningful activities that aim to alleviate the suffering and distress experienced by vulnerable communities in Hong Kong. Our activities are carefully designed to holistically support the physical and mental well-being of single-parent families and special needs youth and their families.



What is the Volunteer Work?

The OMHK works collaboratively with Caritas-Hong Kong in offering programs that enhance family bonds by promoting parent-children interaction that is fundamental to healthy child development.

The Flying Young Program serves families with children aged 18 and below living below the poverty line. This is a parent program to the Horizon Club which offers Sunday Online Classes and In-Person extra-curricular weekday sessions **We are seeking volunteers** for the **Sunday Online Classes** and the **In-Person Extra-Curricular Weekday Sessions**.

The Horizon Club supplies low-income families with laptops initially aiming to offer online access to children who could not afford it. In the 3 years since inception, over 140 children aged 5-13 have joined our weekly online classes. Though the **Sunday Online Class** and the **In-Person Extra-Curricular Weekday Sessions**, our offering has expanded from basic computer to general life skills including computer safety, healthy nutrition, fitness, mental well-being etc.

Sunday Online Class:

Scope of work: a professional teacher creates lesson plans and teaching materials for children aged 8 to 14, and conducts weekly online classes in both English and Cantonese supported by one volunteer. Classes are held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Criteria of volunteer: If you are gentle, patient, kind, proactive and willing to mentor and assist in teaching children, try us! English and/or Cantonese fluency required with dual Cantonese and English skills much sought after.



In-Person Extra-Curricular Weekday Sessions:

These sessions offer 60 minutes of extra-curricular activities from Monday to Friday at 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.. The aim is for children from low income single parent families to spend enjoyable quality time with our volunteers from different countries. Together they play games, sports, stage musical events or relax with story-telling. This is also a rare -and much sought after- opportunity for the children to practice their English with our volunteers in a fun environment. The weekday sessions are very popular and in high demand.

Scope of work: Volunteers will organise and host the extra-curricular activities (sports, fun games, neighbourhood tours, arts and crafts, etc) every Monday to Friday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Criteria of volunteer: Volunteers should be kind, patient, and gentle. They should like to proactively work with children and be willing to be a mentor/teacher to them. Experience in organising children's activities is a big plus. Either English or Cantonese fluency required with dual Cantonese and English skills particularly sought after.

How to Volunteer?

All volunteers are requested to register through our online form which is secured to protect all data. An analysis of the data provided will allow us to identify the interest, language skills, frequency preference etc. of each applicant and to pair them with the project(s) that best matches their interests and skills.

Volunteers will receive e-flyers with details of volunteering opportunities through various communications channels including e-newsletter, emails, social media and WhatsApp.

Scan QR code to
Online Volunteer Registration Form:



About the Order of Malta:

The Order of Malta is a lay religious order of the Catholic Church that has been dedicated to the care and service of the vulnerable and the sick for over 900 years. Today the Order of Malta is active in 120 countries through its medical, social and humanitarian works. The Order of Malta also operates through its worldwide relief agency and its international network including partners, institutions, hospitals and medical centres. It has 13,500 members and a strong volunteer base of over 80,000 that come from all over the world and from different walks of life.

The Order of Malta had been present in Hong Kong since 2007 and was formally established as an Association in 2018 to support the growth in membership and volunteer numbers. We currently have 30 members and 183 volunteers from different countries. The OMHK develops its own signature volunteer programs that serve the local community, while also working collaboratively with other service delivery organisations through its partnership projects.

If you would like to join our volunteer team, please complete the Online Registration Form



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As the Maltese cross, the symbol of the eight beatitudes of Christ's Sermon on the Mount, in refugee camps and on hospitals, on centres for medical research and ambulances, on institutions for civil defence and rehabilitation, on hospital trains for pilgrimages for the sick and on training facilities for nursing personnel, gives an eloquent witness, that the Order of Malta translates its timeless motto „Protection of faith and service to the poor“ into contemporary works of Christian charity, we are reminded of the word of the founder of the Order, Blessed Gerard: “Our brotherhood will be everlasting, because the ground which this plant is rooted in, is the misery of the world – and because, God willing, there will always be people, which want to work towards the alleviation of these sufferings and making this misery more bearable.”

