



HIV Settlement and Shelter Program

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The rehabilitated sometimes need to be separated from their primary environment to prevent them from coming into contact with crime incentives and recidivism. Some rehabilitated ex-offenders have no home to return to upon release and need a temporary shelter and assistance with re-entry, guiding them toward reintegration with the society. Therefore, Taiwan After-care Association cooperates with religious groups and social welfare organizations to organize short-term

temporary settlement and shelter programs—halfway houses—to help them with employment, skills training, and psychological counselling.

“Halfway houses” provide the rehabilitated who are adults and have no home to return to with a shelter upon release from prison. Necessary assistance in daily life and psychological counselling are also provided, helping them to develop a healthy lifestyle, facilitate development of character, assist their

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re-entry into family and social life, and provide direct protection. This ensures that the rehabilitated can return onto the right track in life, while also ensuring security in society.

As for halfway houses for the rehabilitated who are HIV-positive, currently the society has a greater fear of them than former drug convicts, and most institutions do not accept those who are in need of shelter. Settlement and shelter are important measures for the rehabilitated' reintegration, and therefore, the Association targets the HIV and AIDS rehabilitated ex-offenders, as well as the rehabilitated who are HIV-positive and have drug addictions. In collaboration with Taiwan Lourdes Association, "Grace Halfway House," and "Love and Support Village," we established "Lourdes Halfway House" to prevent loopholes in security and health education indirectly resulting from insufficient shelter service for the rehabilitated who are HIV-positive. In addition to providing shelter, the half-

way houses also provide the rehabilitated with professional guidance in accordance to their needs, in aim to further improve and perfect existing shelter service.

Also, the Branch collaborated with stores in Ximen District and charity groups to raise funds for halfway houses, jointly launching the "Hope in Our Hands, Give Them a Warm Home" Halfway House Fundraising Concert. Taipei Mayor Ma Ying-Jeou, and Mr. Sun Yueh were invited to be the spokespersons and host a charity auction for autographed T-shirts. Furthermore, singer Wang Meng-Lin, who was also the rehabilitated, shared his own experience, while singer Mavis Fan hosted Koji pottery auction to raised funds for "New Hope Halfway House" for the rehabilitated who are adult males. The Branch also held the "New Hope Workshop" in collaboration with Top-Church from New Taipei City Xindian district to provide the rehabilitated with employment guidance, enabling them to learn pro-



Right: The rehabilitated with drug addiction presents own painting to the Branch
 Upper left: Staff members visit the rehabilitated every month
 Lower left: Placement Case Meeting



fessional skills and thus enjoy stability in life.

The halfway houses are not positioned as asylum; instead, their aim is to rekindle spirit and reshape values. To further help the rehabilitated, we have extended halfway houses for different population (at the moment, there are halfway

houses for youths, adults, drug-addicts, and AIDS patients), and the Branch hopes that in the future, the rehabilitated with depression, mental illness and those who have been abused or victims of domestic violence can all be covered.



Grace Halfway House

Grace Halfway House shelters the rehabilitated who are AIDS male adults, who are in need of professional care because their families refuse or cannot take care of them. The Branch cooperates with Taipei Garden of Mercy Foundation to establish the "Grace Halfway House" on January 1, 2005, providing medical care services to terminal AIDS patients, AIDS patients who need caregiving after release from the hospital, and AIDS patients with short-term or temporary needs. The program helps relieve some burden from the patients' families.

Lourdes Halfway House

The Branch cooperates with Taiwan Lourdes Association to launch a program targeting the rehabilitated who are HIV male and female adults and capable of working. They are offered a heart-warming and comfortable living environment so that they may settle down and focus on treatment. The halfway house provides the following services: 1. Day-to-day care; 2. Life guidance; 3. Vocational training and employment preparation; 4. Building of family support system; 5. Personal health education and counselling.





Love and Support Village

To enable the rehabilitated who are HIV-positive, have been released from prison and have a history of drug-related offences to thoroughly free themselves from the influences and harms of drug addiction on body, mind, and soul, the Branch cooperates with Operation Dawn to establish the “Love and Support Village”. Through group support and guidance, as well as proper care, religious guidance, psychological counselling, and skill training, the rehabilitated could have properly develop their character and recidivism rate may be reduced. The establishment also assists the rehabilitated with medical care to manage their AIDS conditions and helps them re-adapt to society and face the public, realizing the function of direct protection of the rehabilitated.



31 Jul., 2013 Organic vegetables planted by the rehabilitated at Love and Support Village

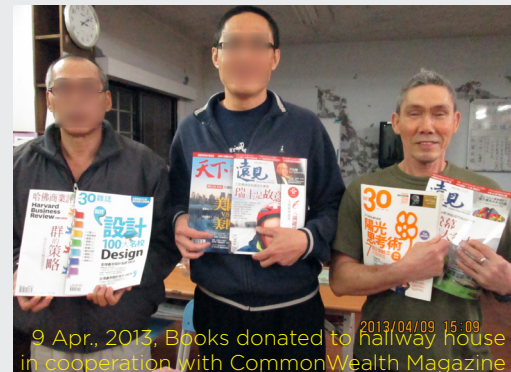


12 Oct., 2013, Birthday of the rehabilitated at the Love and Support Village

Donation of Resources by the Society



Intel supplies donated by Taipei Lion club



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