

Press Release for Mensa Awards

Mensa Singapore is pleased to announce the launch of the “Mensa Singapore Awards for Inspiring Art” and the “Mensa Singapore CARE Awards” to support the “NorthLight School (NLS)” and “Children-At-Risk Empowerment Association (CARE Singapore)”, respectively.

Mensa Singapore Awards for Inspiring Art

Mensa Singapore has been supporting the artistic expression of NLS students since 2009. This year, we are pleased to take our collaboration with NLS one step further with the launch of the Mensa Singapore Awards for Inspiring Art. The Aesthetics Department in NLS will select three works of art produced by their students deserving of the award. In return for the rights to use the art work on greeting cards that we will produce, we will donate a token amount of \$300 to the NorthLight School’s student’s assistance fund. The three students will each receive a certificate and token vouchers from Mensa Singapore in recognition for their artistic talents.

Mensa Singapore CARE Awards

To extend our effort in helping those in need, Mensa Singapore started to collaborate with CARE Singapore in 2011 where our members volunteer their time on mentoring the students. On top of offering services, the society decided to reward deserving students at CARE Singapore with a barbeque every four months. Students who have improved in their school work, behavior, and attitude will be invited for the exclusive get together. The barbeque not only acts as a positive reinforcement for good behavior but is also an opportunity where our volunteers mingle and share their life experiences with the students.

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About Mensa Singapore

Mensa “provides a forum for intellectual exchange among members. Its activities include the exchange of ideas by lectures, discussions, journals, special-interest groups, and local, regional, national, and international gatherings; the investigations of members’ opinions and attitudes; and assistance to researchers, inside and outside Mensa in projects dealing with intelligence or Mensa.” [Mensa Constitution]

Mensa has three stated purposes:

1. to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity;
2. to encourage research in the nature, characteristics and uses of intelligence; and
3. to promote stimulating intellectual and social opportunities for its members.

Mensa Singapore was registered in 1989 and is recognized by Mensa International to be one of only twenty countries worldwide to qualify for full National Mensa status. There are currently over 3,000 Mensans in Singapore, and growing.

About NorthLight School

The **NorthLight** School aims to provide an engaging education for youth and prepare them for lifelong learning and employability. The school adopts an experiential approach in teaching and learning. Emphasis is given to nurturing the students' socio-emotional development by recognising their achievements, encouraging peer support, and creating conditions to promote self-esteem. At NorthLight School, every student is **SPECIAL**, has **TALENTS, ASPIRATION and RESILIENCE**. A choice school to prepare youth for life and living, NorthLight School seeks to nurture confident, motivated and morally upright students. Graduates of the school will be dynamic and enterprising, enjoy lifelong learning, and make positive contributions to the community.

About Care Singapore

Children-At-Risk Empowerment Association (CARE Singapore) is a registered charity dedicated to helping at-risk youths. Initiated in 1997 by a group of concerned professionals, CARE is built on the premise that ***“It is far easier to build strong children than to repair broken men”***.

CARE is also an NCSS-appointed **Centre of Specialisation for Youth Empowerment**. Besides recognition of our expertise and experience, we are tasked with developing service quality and standards for youth work practitioners working with at-risk youths in Singapore.

CARE’s approach is **upstream preventive** and works with schools to reach out to youths at risk of academic failure, who display behaviour problems, emotional maladjustment, suicidal tendencies and juvenile delinquency. We re-direct young people from destructive choices and lifestyles by motivating, training and providing them with necessary life skills. Our speciality is in helping challenging youths turn their lives around.



All children can succeed, and by being there for those who need a little more support, we help them **create a future with hope.**

CARE's Vision: *to raise RIPE young people who are:*

- Resilient: Will thrive despite setbacks or disadvantages
- Involved: Will give back and contribute to the community
- Purposeful: With a sense of direction and hope
- Empowered: With life skills to turn dreams to reality