



2nd

Anniversary Celebratory Booklet

THE FRIEND SPACE

"A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE COMMUNITY"

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Our Story

The Friend Space opened its doors to the community in Tampines and beyond in October 2023. Our vision is to be a safe haven for the community, a place where people can connect, learn, play, and find comfort and support in today's stressful and often disconnected world.

Started as a community initiative of St Andrew's Community Chapel, the leadership and team behind The Friend Space wanted this space to be one for the community, welcoming the young, adults, families, and seniors, regardless of race, language, or religion. It is heartening to see, over time, more neighbours and friends coming together to learn, connect, and encourage one another.

*"Blessed shall you be when you
come in, and blessed shall you be
when you go out."
Deuteronomy 28:6*

Fast forward to our 2nd anniversary today, we are indeed in awe of how far we have come - the friends we have made and the events that we have organised to bring people together. This book is a celebration that compiles our milestones and the stories of our dear friends; it delves into how the community has inspired our efforts and is a driving force to keep at what we are doing, and to continue this good work that we have started.



First Music Workshop for Youths
at The Friend Space
March 2024



Cooking and feasting at The Friend Space!

STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY - “A SAFE SPACE FOR MY SON”

“Running a stall at Tampines Mart means working seven days a week, from morning till evening. The busy nature of my work left me with little time to be present for my youngest son, J, who is now in Secondary 1. I worried constantly about him. He often spent his afternoons idling and running around. I hardly saw him, and he was not focused on his schoolwork.

One day, J chanced upon The Friends Space (TFS). What began as a one-time visit slowly grew into something more—he started going there regularly. After school, he would go there to do his homework. He enjoyed the place and became more focused.

“At TFS, my son learns values, receives good advice, and picks up important life skills. For me as a mother, it is a safe space where I know he is well cared for and guided by positive role models. Over time, I saw positive changes in him. He became less playful, more disciplined, and even showed improvement in his results.

I am very thankful to the staff, youth workers, and counsellors at TFS. Their support has made a big difference for J and for me. TFS is more than just a centre — it is a place of care, encouragement, and growth.”

♡ Winnie



An inviting space do homework
in the company of friends.
Yes, you may eat too as long as you keep the
place clean



A safe space to chill with friends and have fun

STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY - “A PLACE LIKE HOME”

One afternoon, while strolling through Tampines Mart, Ms Jacqueline came across a little corner that caught her attention. The sign read The Friends Space (TFS). Out of curiosity, she stepped in.

What greeted her was more than just a space — it was a feeling. “It felt like going back to my mother’s house,” she recalled with a smile. “I felt so welcomed, so at home.”

At that time, Ms Jacqueline was caring for her husband who was unwell. Life was heavy, and she often found herself drained. TFS became her refuge — a place where she could recharge and find comfort away from her daily struggles.

In TFS, Ms Jacqueline discovered more than just activities. Through line dancing, ukulele sessions, and crafting workshops, she not only picked up new skills but also found laughter, joy, and precious friendships. The community rallied around her, offering support that felt genuine and heartfelt. “I really love the place and the people,” she shared. “This is a place where I can trust people and feel safe.”

Cooking has always been Ms Jacqueline’s way of showing love, and she found joy in bringing her dishes to TFS to share with the community. Each meal she shared was more than food — it was a reflection of her gratitude and the bonds she had built.

For Ms Jacqueline, TFS is not just a centre. It is a second home and a safe haven, a place where she has found a family of friends who now walk alongside her through life’s challenges.



Tuesday is a time for exercising the body and the brain. Breakfast is a bonus!



Wednesdays are a joy with music and singing, followed by a hearty breakfast chit chat

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STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY - “A PLACE TO TEACH AND GROW”

Ms. Sharon from SACC has been volunteering as a crochet teacher at The Friends Space (TFS) for the past two years. Every Thursday, you can catch her in action patiently guiding her students through stitches and patterns.

When asked what has motivated her to keep teaching, Ms. Sharon explained that it is her students who inspire her. She feels a deep sense of achievement watching them progress — from having no knowledge of crochet to confidently creating their own handmade items. Along the way, many of her students have also become her friends, something she is very thankful for.



Saturday morning board games



Sharon leading weekly crochet sessions



Easter Outreach at The Friend Space

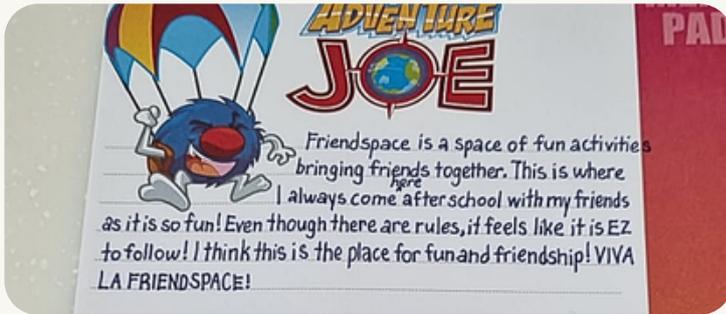
“TFS is a place to forge friendships and bring people together,” she shared with a smile.

Although she describes herself as an introvert, volunteering at TFS has opened new doors for her. She has met students of all ages and backgrounds, and through the experience, has learned to be more patient and accepting.

Reflecting on her journey, she said, “I will continue to serve and teach in this place as long as it is still open.”

Ms. Sharon’s story is a beautiful reminder of how TFS is more than just a centre — it is a community where skills, friendships, and lives are woven together.

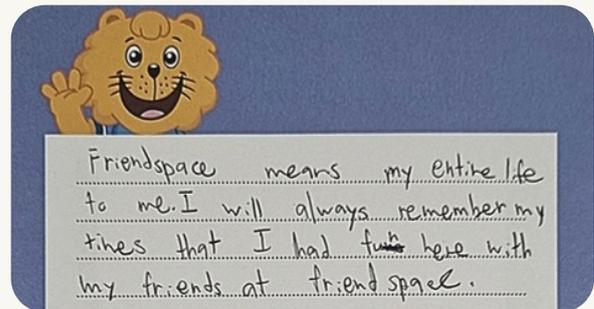
HEARTFELT NOTES FROM OUR FRIENDS



Left: Message from a Primary 5 student who discovered The Friend Space in 2025.

Below: Happy Birthday to The Friend Space! Wishes from an 11 year old who has been visiting regularly for the past 15 months.

The Friend Space 是充满温馨，欢笑和分享的一个地方。我在这里可以认识新朋友，彼此学习，鼓励。希望更多的人知道有这么一个地方。Anonymous



Thank you TSF for providing me and my wife the support and help as well as a safe space for my daughter ❤️

Thanks to Ruby as well for the sessions on parenting and family therapy 🙏🙏🙏

From the parents of a teenager

From a young mother and her P2 daughter: "Happy Anniversary, The Friend Space!!

Thank you for being a blessing to our little community.

To many more years, hopefully!"

The Friend Space is where strings, stories & smiles come together! Every week at The Friend Space feels like a mini festival. We strum our ukuleles, sing at the top of our voices, tell funny stories and of course enjoy yummy food together. The elderly uncles and aunties are so sweet and patient, always teaching us with big smiles and lots of love - it never feels like a class, more like a happy get together.

It's simply a place where friendship comes first, music follows and joy is guaranteed. Truly, The Friend Space is the happiest corner of my week!

From a young mother (Ukulele newbie)



Ukulele friends who celebrated SG60 with Tampines Mart

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Parents Day 2025



Emotionally Healthy Women course

From a pair of adult sisters. Both takes multiple changes of public transport to participate in activities at TFS.

Younger Sister:

“Got to know The Friend Space from my sister. I have attended cooking demos & crochet class. The instructor and volunteers are very friendly, kind, and patient. I have an enjoyable time at The Friend Space.”

Elder Sister (who visited SACC):

“Only \$8 for unlimited lessons on crochet? Unbelievable. So I signed up. I like the cosy environment, patient instructors and friendly staff. Not forgetting the learners and some crochet experts’ warm fellowship. I enjoy the crochet and cooking demo. Got to taste yummy food. Thank you all at The Friend Space.”

“Hello Friend Space! I made a lot of good friends while playing board games. Thanks to your generosity, I now have somewhere to hang out with my favourite people every other week. Happy Two Year Anniversary! ❤️ I hope to spend more years with you guys. Thank you for having me” 😊



Alice teaching basic English conversational skills to migrant workers from the community.



Cooking Demo

“Congratulations to The Friend Space turning two years old.

I love coming to TFS to enjoy the activities crafted for us, especially the Tuesday exercise and line dance sessions. Most of all, I appreciate the friendship that we have developed at TFS. Days when I was injured and was away from TFS, many texted and/or called me to check on me to show concern. I felt so loved. We have since strengthened our relationship from acquaintances to friends. I will continue to be at TFS.”



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