

The sharing and caring brigade

Hong Kong

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The generation gap melts away as the 260th company of the Boys' Brigade visits elderly people. The company consists of about 60 students from SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School.

One of their biggest projects every year is Sharity, meaning to share charity.

Sharity happens every year from May to December.

The brigade splits into groups, each of which visits an assigned elderly home five times during the project. Over the festive seasons, the brigade also gives presents to the elderly.

To afford the gifts - like blankets, scarves and microwaves - the

How you can give

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TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE VISIT A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

Sharity project receives funding from Operation Santa Claus (OSC), a charity jointly run by the *South China Morning Post* and RTHK. OSC has supported more than 100 different charities over the years.

Tsang Tsz-ho, who took part in this year's event, said he learned so much during every visit. "The elderly often tell stories from their own experience and give advice such as to broaden your horizons," said Tsang. "This is very valuable."

He said sometimes, when the elderly ask him how his week has been, he realises the desire to help goes both ways. This inspired him.

Sophia Leung Lok-sze also

enjoyed hearing stories. "One time, an old lady told me how people raised their kids in her day," said Sophia. "That's really interesting because it is so different."

Wong Ting-hong, officer of the brigade, said Sharity was a chance for students to implement what they learned in class. "Sharity is the time when students can find out what it's really like to help people in need."

OSC will be launched on Monday



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