

23 Jul Garden Festival at the Garden By The Bay with the GYM group

We arrived Garden By the Bay and met up with the 75th GB group. We were told to partner with 2 GB girls to a senior (that was rather unexpected an arrangement). Mdm Chin, my mum is on wheelchair thus I need to take care of her personally. 3 GB girls were with us Potato & Tomato & Angel (their nicknames). The younger girl, Tomato was quick to take her role of wheeling my mum. Initially, I was a bit apprehensive but relented as she shown eagerness to learn to maneuver the wheelchair. Mum has great fun and laughter with these girls even though they may be rather noisy and energetically “fighting” to wheel my mum. At one point, I had to design “jobs” so as to appease all ie 1 person to wheel, 1 person to be a tour guide & another to carry umbrella if needed. They were quick to fall into their respectively roles & could make plan for turn-taking! Mdm Chin, felt like an “Empresses”, she was touch by their enthusiasm and earnestness to take on the roles. Potato made a great tour guide! She would engage dialogue with Mdm Chin as to what flowers she would like to see. She would also recommend what will be nice to view by instructing Tomato to move alongside with her. Angel, the quietest one will assume her role without much complains but steadfastness.

Mdm Chin has learnt from both Potato & Tomato that their grannies have since passed away. Mdm Chin was truly thankful for this unexpected experience of these little girls chaperoning her. She felt wanted by these little girls’ attention. She has great fun sharing with these girls. Indeed, it was truly memorable for her ! I am not sure whether her focus was on the garden festival or these girls !

Thank you for organizing this programme of intergenerational get together !

Thank you GB girls for the good works !

Yours sincerely

Ms Shirley Chong (daughter of Mdm Chin)

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Nicknames :

- ANGEL : IVY SOON
- TOMATO :BETHANY
- POTATO : YU HAN