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## 香港小童群益會

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong

## 第五屆香港傑出義工獎得獎者 The Fifth Hong Kong Volunteer Award Winner

前香港足球隊隊員,參與義務工作接近15年。山度士先生於2005年創辦山度士足球學校,以足球運動幫助社區有需要人士,發揮共融精神。於2009年更以伙伴形式與英國「車路士」足球隊合作,在香港開辦車路士足球學校,以非牟利機構形式繼續進行教育工作及行善回饋社會。創校至今,一直為不少弱勢社群如基層家庭、在囚人士、精神病康復者等,提供長期且持久的免費足球訓練,並與多個慈善機構長期合作,為足球課程擔任義務教練和策劃課程內容,服務對象包括過度活躍兒童、退休人士、傷健人士、在囚人士、夜青、長者等。

山度士先生選擇踏上「足球義工」之路回饋社會,乃基於相信在教授足球技術的同時,學員能學會與別人相處的態度,勇於面對困難和保持永不放棄的精神。此外,他亦鼓勵學員課外多參與義工活動,使身心得以成長,並讓受助者成為助人者,延續義工精神。他更主動召集學員、家長及其他合作伙伴聯手舉辦慈善活動,如社區探訪、家居清潔等,帶動身邊不同的人關注社區,凝聚各界義工力量,繼續以生命影響生命。

A former member of the Hong Kong Football Team with near 15 years of volunteer service, Mr Santos set up the Santos Soccer School in 2005. Through football, he helped people in need and spread the spirit of social harmony and integration. To better deliver the school mission: Supporting and Serving the Community, the school is under formal registration as a non-profit making organization in 2009, named as Chelsea Foundation HK Ltd. Since the setting up of the school, he has been providing free football training lessons regularly to the underprivileged such as grassroots families, offenders, the mentally challenged under rehabilitation, etc. In partnership with a number of non-profit organizations on a long term basis, Mr Santos also served as Honorary Coach and tailored football programmes for the hyper active children, retirees, the physically disabled, the offenders and the young night drifters.

Mr Santos chose to be a "football volunteer" as he believes that teaching football skills and techniques can, at the same time, nurture students' social skills, and the spirit of "never give up", and give them the courage to face difficulties. He not only encouraged his students to volunteer, but also his business partners and their family members to organize charitable activities such as paying visits to the needy and doing household chores for them. In this manner, he managed to motivate people around him to care about the community and to pull together the volunteer force from different sectors to make a difference to others life.