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葉錦輝先生

Mr YIP Kam Fai

葉錦輝先生在五年前決心戒除 20 多年的毒癮，不再因為吸食毒品而經常進出監獄。重投社會後，葉先生積極參與不同類型的義工服務，走訪中小學、大專、安老院及不同機構。他以過來人的身份向青少年、露宿者、更生人士和精神病康復者等分享人生經歷，希望警惕和勸誡別人切勿誤入歧途，珍惜自由。此外，葉先生亦收集他人捐贈的傢俬轉贈有需要人士，推動環保。

2020 年，葉先生與兩位更生人士合資開設更生人士共享家舍「尋回家」。他深明更生人士的需要，所以選擇由基本生活入手，為他們建立一個安居之所。葉先生希望「尋回家」不單是更生人士的宿舍，更可以作為他們重新出發的地方，活出與過去不一樣的人生。因此，葉先生會為更生人士介紹工作，又帶同他們參與義工服務，建立正向思維與價值觀，協助他們融入社區，重獲新生。家舍開設至今半年多，曾入住的更生人士未有再吸食毒品，亦是葉先生所樂見的。

Mr Yip Kam Fai quitted drugs five years ago, moving on from his 20-year long history as an addict and recidivist. Since his reintegration into the society, Mr Yip has been actively involved in different kinds of volunteer services, sharing his stories with audiences from primary and secondary schools, tertiary educational institutions, elderly homes, and various organizations. With his real-life stories, Mr. Yip hopes to resonate with teenagers, street sleepers, rehabilitated persons and ex-mentally ill persons, encouraging them to treasure freedom and not to go astray. In addition, Mr Yip promotes environmental protection by collecting and delivering donated furniture to people in need.

In 2020, Mr Yip co-founded “Rediscovery” hostel project with two rehabilitated persons, creating for fellow rehabilitated persons a co-living space where they could call “home”. Mr Yip hopes that the project acts not only as a hostel but also a basecamp for them to start afresh, leaving the burden of their past behind. Mr Yip provides jobs-matching service for his hostel guests and brings them along to volunteer services, instilling in them a positive mindset and value system to accelerate their reintegration into the community. Mr Yip is glad to see that the hostel project has now been running for more than half a year and no residents have experienced any addiction relapse.