## Private Kindness Walk

Volunteer with ImpactHK and serve people experiencing homelessness



## About ImpactHK

We believe in the power of kindness in tackling the pressing problem of homelessness in Hong Kong. ImpactHK started with the simple aim of doing one act of kindness per month for people experiencing homelessness- a group of friends going for a walk on the streets and delivering food. We have grown significantly since then and together we have evolved into a powerful humanitarian movement that is making a positive impact on the issue of homelessness; in just three years we have provided shelter to more than 200 people.

But we know that providing homes and jobs is simply not enough; a holistic approach is crucial in helping these individuals. Our friends also participate in classes, which include counselling, mentoring, nutrition and sports. By attending classes and coming to our centres everyday, we get to know each individual as a friend and can tailor-make a plan for them. Even when they graduate from the programme, they remain part of the ImpactHK community.

## Volunteer with us

Our Kindness Walks form the bedrock of ImpactHK's charitable work and everyday our volunteers go out on the streets to distribute food necessities. We now run close to 20 Kindness Walks all across Hong Kong every week, serving roughly 1,000 meals on the streets each week. It is through this outreach that we make the initial friendships with people experiencing homelessness and tell them about our services. We couldn't do this without the contribution of our volunteers who play a vital role in helping to build trust on the streets by showing kindness.



# How it works

The maximum group size is 20. You will begin at one of our centres:

**1ofaKind** is our newest outpost and is a second hand shop selling clothing and homewares in **Yau Ma Tei**. It employs people experiencing homelessness as both full time and part time staff and anyone can come for free coffee, tea and snacks. This new location and social venture enables us to employ more individuals, giving them a chance to do meaningful work.

1ofaKind, ImpactHK, 18 Man Wai Street, G/F Man Wai Building, Jordan, Kowloon, Hong Kong

**29** is a safe place for people experiencing homelessness to visit – here, they can get new clothing, wash their clothes, get haircuts or just relax. Located in Tai Kok Tsui, the GuestRoom serves and shows kindness to the 400+ people in the surrounding area. The Guestroom fosters a sense of pride in the local homeless community and helps their rehabilitation.

Guestroom, ImpactHK, 29 Oak Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong

## On the day

Our CSR programme can be tailor-made to suit your group's needs, but here is a sample itinerary for inspiration:

6pm - meet at ImpactHK centre

6-6:30 - sharing session about ImpactHK and the homeless situation in Hong Kong

6:30-6:45 - explanation of Kindness Walk and preparation of materials

6:45-8:00 - Kindness Walk serving people experiencing homelessness, street cleaners and elderly

We are told time and time again by volunteers who join us that this is a truly meaningful experience for those who participate. It will allow members of your organisation to help those in need and to offer kindness to a community of Hong Kong that is so often forgotten.

"It was a great
volunteering experience
- we all enjoyed being
able to get hands-on
and wished that we
could have stayed on to
do more. I personally
had not been to
anything similar before"
Kindness Walk volunteer
from Credit Suisse

### Walk schedule

We can arrange your Kindness Walk to start between the following times (Please ensure the whole group arrive at the same time):

Wednesday 2-7pm Friday 2-7pm Saturday 12-5pm

Please allow two hours to complete the walk

## Making payment to ImpactHK

We require a minimum donation of \$8,000. If you are a non-profit or an educational institution, such as a school, church, NGO or a group of friends, we can offer a 50 per cent discount - a minimum donation of \$4,000.

To confirm your booking for a private Kindness Walk, please transfer funds to ImpactHK **a week before the date of your walk**. You can donate in the following ways:

#### 1. Cheque

- Please make payable to "ImpactHK Limited"
- Please post a crossed cheque to Amy Mak, Room A, 5/F, Splendid Centre, 100 Larch Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- For e-cheque, please send to <u>hello@impacthk.org</u>
- Direct bank transfer ImpactHK Limited

HSBC Account No.: 582354155838

FPS ID: 167010875

3. PayMe

https://gr.payme.hsbc.com.hk/2/2Zh8MW5ZZ6sEntcZ3OD45T

Please mark "Private Kindness Walk" under the transaction message

We would appreciate it if you could transfer funds to ImpactHK a week before our arranged walk and send a screenshot of the transfer details to confirm your booking. If you would like a receipt, please follow this link to enter your details and our accountant will send you a digital copy.

Once the booking is confirmed, funds transferred are non-refundable. If you wish to postpone the walk, please try to inform us **48 hours** in advance.

#### Get in touch

For more information or to organise your Kindness Walk, please contact me on <a href="mailto:charlotte@impacthk.org">charlotte@impacthk.org</a> - I look forward to hearing from you!

## FAQ

#### What shall I wear?

Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes as we will be walking for at least an hour. Bringing a backpack is good for the walk as you can leave your hands free to carry walk materials.

#### What happens if it rains?

Please keep an eye on the announcements from Hong Kong Observatory on the day of your walk if the weather looks unstable. The walk will be cancelled if Typhoon Signal No.8 or above, or a Red Rainstorm Signal or above is issued within three hours prior to the meeting time.

#### Do we need to bring the food and drink items that we will serve?

No. Our staff will get all the items ready before the walk and you just need to turn up.



"The Kindness Walks have sown a deeper understanding and been meaningful to all of the students, teachers and parents who have joined the walk around Tai Kok Tsui. Knowing the story behind the people in need and hearing their struggles and challenges in surviving loneliness in the streets made it real for every single person who took the walk. It was an experience of connection, realization and ultimately a decision to take the step further, making lives a little better." Hong Kong Academy