

I was keen to be part of my daughter's CHIJ journey, so I decided to sign up as a parent volunteer (PV). Being an IJ girl myself, I was eager to be part of the IJ family and feel the IJ spirit again. I have volunteered for a few events in 2019 but the one that left the biggest impression on me was the Teachers' Appreciation Lunch. Being a former teacher, I know how good it feels to be

shown appreciation for dedication to the especially significant to blessed with very good

28 August 2019 was the Appreciation Lunch, but weeks before that. The (CPC) members and PVs



your hard work and students. It was me as my daughter is teachers in P1 Lily.

day of the Teachers' the preparation began Central Parent Council worked together to

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prepare the gifts and food for the teachers. Gifts were sourced from The Art Faculty, a social enterprise that celebrates the abilities of people with autism and related challenges. Thus the gifts were not just for the teachers but were for a good cause as well.





A menu was drawn up by the CPC and it was heartening to see parents generously contributing the items. Some parents volunteered to cook their specialties and others ordered food from well known stores and delivered the food personally. Everyone worked well together to ensure a scrumptious spread that day.

On the day itself, the CPC members and some PVs gathered early to set up the venue. The place was beautifully decorated with balloons, banners and paper flowers. Some were even hand-made by a talented CPC member, Cara.

The teachers enjoyed the lunch tremendously and many of them came to thank the PVs personally. It was a joy for the PVs and it made all the hard work worthwhile. Kudos to the CPC for such a well organised and meaningful event! I hope I can be part of this event again next year.

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