



Families are basic units of society. When we are young, parents/grandparents try to inculcate values and provide us with the best education they can. When we grow older, we should reciprocate by taking care of their daily needs and providing a listening ear even when we may be too busy to do so.

The United Nations has designated 15 May to be [The International Day of Families](#). This Day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting them.

The current COVID-19 situation is changing the way of how families interact and bond these days at home, which may include preparing meals, watching movies on Netflix and playing games on Nintendo Switch. However, in the midst of all these fun activities, there are low-income families, as well as families facing unemployment, that are struggling.

As we mumble and grumble about having to #stayathome, let us take a moment to think about those around us who may not have the luxury of a safe, comfortable space at home and be grateful for what we have.

*Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.*

## ARTICLES & UPDATES

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### Struggling family gives \$5000 to charity

The family of three live in a one-room flat in Bedok and the children's mother was out of a job because of the outbreak. Many readers from The Straits Times has responded with donations and job opportunities for the mother. The family had received more than \$10,000 in donations, but they plan to donate about \$5000 to The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund. Read [more...](#)



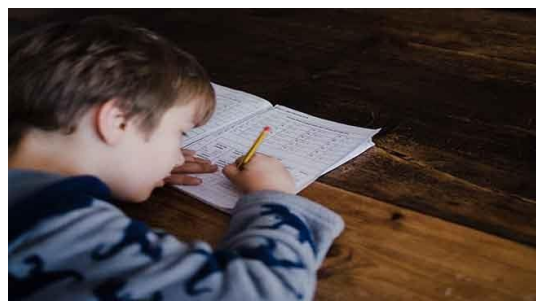
### University students give free tuition

Andy Teo, 25, a final-year NBS student started the Temporary Academic Assistance initiative to gather volunteer tutors for students who might have trouble understanding subject concepts taught via home-based learning. In just over a week, the initiative attracted 250 volunteers (with and without tutoring experience) who were willing to serve. Read [more...](#)



### Online initiative for low-income families

Community groups have joined forces to launch an online initiative, Mind The Gap, to help low-income families who faced issues such as food insecurity, cramped living quarters and low wages. The initiative aims to raise \$50,000 to augment the campaign. Read [more...](#)



### Home learning a challenge for kids with special needs

School closures have thrown up challenges for parents of children with special needs. Superhero Me, a non-profit inclusive arts movement, comes to the rescue by providing help through started a series of Facebook live videos and online workshops. Read [more...](#)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



### Temporary Academic Assistance

Some students might have trouble understanding concepts taught via home-based learning. Some are fortunate to be able to afford tuition while others are not. Volunteer 30 minutes of your time to help tutor these students. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



### Raydy Gives

NTU student Ray Sheng and the team behind Raydy Beehoon stall at NTU Hall 13 will be cooking economical beehoon daily, to help feed the elderly with free breakfast. More donations and food delivery help is needed. Click [here](#) to read more and offer help.



### SG Assist

If you have some time to spare, consider to volunteer as food packers to help in food packing at Foodbank. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



### United Women Singapore

Do you have a talent for creating brand videos? Help to create an exciting brand video for the organisation. Click [here](#) to read more.

## COMPETITIONS & GRANTS

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### Social Impact Internship Stipend

The Stipend provides opportunities for you to explore a meaningful career by creating social impact and shared values while banking on real world experiences. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



### CoLab4Good Fund for Community Projects

The Fund seeks to support meaningful ground-up initiatives and is an opportunity for NTU students to take action and create change. Feel inspired to start a community project or initiative to help those in need, especially during this period? Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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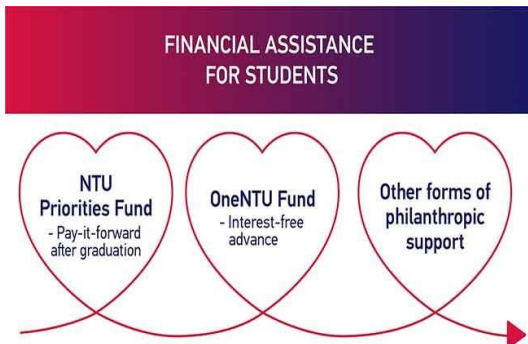
30 April and 5 May 2020

### The Red Box Goes Live

A series of bi-weekly live engagements hosted by fellow youths and the friendly people from The Red Box. Come and learn interesting topics and connect with one another. [Find out more.](#)

# OTHERS

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## Financial Assistance for NTU Students

NTU launched a relief package to help students who may be facing financial difficulties amid the COVID-19 outbreak. If you require any financial assistance or know of anyone who may need it, click [here](#) to find out more and apply.

## COVID-19 Mutual Aid Hub (Singapore)

This hub serves to help connect those who need resources with those who can offer them, by listing initiatives to redistribute items, services, money and opportunities across Singapore. Click [here](#) to see how you can do your part.



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Student Community Engagement aims to empower students to make a difference through positive social actions. We believe that young people have a critical role to play in building a better world for themselves and the community.

We provide students access to opportunities such as grants for their ground-up initiatives and social entrepreneurship efforts, internships at non-profit organisations, and training programmes to develop community leadership skills.

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