



Thank you for making it "Big" in A Big Day Out 2010

SINGAPORE – The rain did not stop over 2,000 people from enjoying and ready from parishes.

Held at Boys' Town Singapore, the carnival saw the involvement of the broader Catholic community who, together with their friends and families, generously stepped forward to offer their time and culinary skills to host 56 stalls dishing out free food, and 14 game stalls.

Activities lined up for the day included face painting, balloon sculpting, a bouncy castle and an instant photo booth where beneficiaries took an instant photograph against the event backdrop to remember the day. There was also a roaming magician who entertained the elderly folks who were less mobile and unable to visit the game stalls.

One of the highlights was the free haircut services provided by a group of professional hairstylists. Sam Tan, who organised the haircut services, said: "Initially I found three friends to help with the haircut services, but when I heard that more than 2,000 beneficiaries were expected at the event, I roped in another two more friends." This was a good move, he said, as the team worked non-stop throughout the event and together, they gave new hairstyles to over 100 people.

Another crowd-pleaser was Amazing Bosco, who showed off his fire-eating skills and magic acts. Other entertaining acts included the "Social Circus" and the "Percussion" performances by the children from the Canossaville Children's Home. The students from the St. Anthony Canossian Secondary School's Concert Band also welcomed the participants to

the carnival with their music.

Stallholder Jacqueline who set stallholders were non-Catholics and amongst them were the staff from Premier Eco-Care who wanted to do their part to help those less fortunate when they learnt about the event from their colleague.

Those who came had a wonderful time at "A Big Day Out". Nine-year-old Daphne Chew from Canossaville Children's Home said: "I collected so many stickers from playing the games which I exchanged for prizes. I made many new friends and I had so much fun!"

"It was indeed heartwarming to see so many families and friends coming together to organise this day of fun and games," said Paul Foo, Chairman of "A Big Day Out 2010" organising committee. Paul and his team were also responsible for the previous event held in 2008. □



(Clockwise from above, left) Carnival-goers enjoying a game of flying darters; Children enjoying a water sponge game despite the rain; Volunteer hairstylists trimming the hair of the beneficiaries. Photos by Kelvin Khoo