



**YPK BALI**

Rehabilitation for Physically Disabled

Yayasan Peduli Kemanusiaan Bali - Bali Humanity Care Foundation

Newsletter

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## Introduction

Dear friends and family of YPK.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in our work. We're continuing to work hard across all our programs to serve Balinese people with disabilities.

You can find out more about our work for the last three months below. Highlights include a community primary care day, expansion of our mobile therapy program and lots of special events and excursions.

With your help we can do more. Financial support, as well as the donation of goods and services, can go a long way to helping some of Bali's most vulnerable people. Read on to find out more.

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From the YPK Bali team

## YPK's collaboration

YPK has been working with Valencia Dendios Foundation to locate and assist children with disabilities who live between Denpasar and Nusa Dua. With their assistance we have found several children with a range of disabilities who were not receiving treatment. Several of these children are now attending our centre to receive support and rehabilitation.

Recently we also began collaborating with YAKKUM, another disability organisation in Bali, to distribute wheelchairs. This is a valuable partnership, achieving great results for our clients.

In September, Yayasan Rama Sesana (YRS), a local organisation working in the areas of women's and reproductive health, came to YPK to share information about reproductive health for patients. Through the education and support from YRS, staff can share this information with our clients to give them better health outcomes.

We will be working more closely with both YAKKUM and YRS in the future as we join together as part of the Annika Linden Centre partnership. For more information go to <http://www.alfoundation.org/>

## Free medical examinations

To celebrate the Indonesian Independence Day, YPK provided free medical checkups for the community at Kesiman Kertalangu village. Medications were provided free of charge and those who needed further treatment were referred to Sanglah hospital. This event was supported by staff of Kesiman Kertalangu village,

a team of volunteer doctors, junior doctors from Udayana University and the Public Health Centers of East Denpasar and Tagana province, and Disaster Relief cadets.

This activity provided a valuable service for the local community and helped promote our work at the village and government levels.



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## A patient's hopes

Reta Resita is an intelligent young girl who came to YPK in 2010. She was born with a club hand and foot and webbed hand. Because of her disability, she found it difficult to be independent and she could not access public school.

Reta had began attending therapy in Singaraja, but was

referred to YPK because it is closer to her home.

Since she began attending YPK she has made great progress with her education and improved her independence. She is now happier because she can learn like her peers and have lots of friends through the YPK education programs.



## Social outings and events

To celebrate Indonesian Children's Day, in July YPK staff, volunteers and clients attended a show in Denpasar. The event was filled with performances by talented children, including some of YPK's young clients.

The children in YPK's education program were also invited to launch Mr. Gusti Ngurah Anom's biography. Mr Ngurah Anom is a well known local businessman, and has generously supported YPK in the past.

The children showed their talent by performing with jembe drums and had a great evening socializing with children from Denpasar orphanages and the Senang Hati Foundation.

In September, the YPK community went on an outing to Segara beach in Sanur. The patients, children, family, staff, board and volunteers all participated in the event. The staff, patients and their families greatly enjoyed the variety of games and activities.



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## Continued donations and support

Thanks to a generous scholarship from the Annika Linden Foundation, Lely, our Finance Officer, has been given the opportunity to return to university to study accounting. She has also been given the opportunity to learn English with the generous support of an Indonesia Australia Language Foundation scholarship.

YPK was also fortunate to re-

ceive the generous donation of a set of jembe drums from Mr. Ed A. Balma from CV Bali Treasures (the Drum Factory) in Ubud. The jembe's will form the basis of music therapy for the education students.

Ms Pirkko Eskola also donated a laptop to YPK in September for use in the education program.



## New mobile therapy in Karangasem

This quarter, the mobile therapy program extended into a new regency: Karangasem. Here, therapists are attending the Happy Bridge Foundation, a school for children with disabilities, to provide therapy for some of the students and community. This is an-

other valuable partnership for YPK.

A highlight from mobile therapy has been the work of our therapists in Badung who have been training families to care for family members who have a disability and do exercises in the home.





## Visits from our international guests

Teachers and students from John Septimus Roe Community School in Perth, Australia, visited YPK for the second time. They came to see YPK activities, and also invited Gung Opah, one of the child patients to join them at Bali Safari and Marine.

In July Matty and Tiffany from the United States visited YPK to introduce the Feldenkrais therapy

method and do some demonstrations. It was a great opportunity for therapists and staff to learn about different forms of therapy.

In August Sayaka Yazawa and Negoro Hidenori from Japan also visited YPK to see our activities and programs. They also gave donated pens, note pads and money to buy food for a children patient lunch.



## Volunteer news

Sarah Jones, who volunteered at YPK through the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) program, finished her year-long assignment at YPK in July. We are grateful for her tremendous

contribution and we wish her success in her future endeavours.

We welcome a new AYAD volunteer, Clare Chandler, who joined YPK in August and will work as a Community Awareness Officer for 1 year.



## A new initiative for used laptops

Computers open up educational possibilities for children with disabilities. They can help improve coordination, enable communication and make learning fun.

The donation of used but good-quality laptop computers can support this initiative. Please go to our website to find out how you can help.

## How you can help

YPK relies on the generous donations of supporters to keep its programs running. By making a financial donation, you can help support more of Bali's most vulnerable people. You can also help by providing 'in-kind' donations of goods and services. Visit our website to find out more.

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