

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2006
COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES (INDIVIDUAL)

MS EUNICE ELIZABETH OLSEN



“It should not only be about the achievements you’ve made, but the lives that you’ve made a difference to. For that, is the greatest achievement of all.”

Ms Eunice Elizabeth Olsen has always made time for volunteer work. Actively involved in the community, her voluntary services included performing as a pianist for charity, to conducting grooming lessons for younger girls.

As a counsellor, Eunice worked with “youth-at-risk” viz the Toa Payoh Girls’ Home from 2000 to 2004 and the Andrew and Grace Home for troubled teens since 2002. She also volunteered at the Eurasian Association from 2001 to 2003 and currently serves as a committee member on the Kebun Baru Youth Executive Committee, which is part of the People’s Association Youth Movement (PAYM). She is also actively involved in PAYM’s sister organisation – T-Net Club – that helps teenagers between the ages of 11 and 16 develop their creativity.

In 2005, Eunice spoke and participated at many events such as the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre Conference, and the Singapore Volunteer Corps Camp. She also became ambassador for the Red Cross National Blood Programme, National Library and Beyond Social Services.



In the same year, she started 'Water for Living, Books for Learning' – a humanitarian project to build libraries and provide water-filtration systems to orphanages and schools in Cambodia, Laos and Kalimantan. This has now become the flagship project of 'Knowledge in Developing Societies (KIDS)', an organisation she co-founded.

Eunice also serves as a member on various committees such as the Citibank-YMCA Youth-For-Causes Committee and the Council for Formation of Alumni for Girl's and Boy's Home.



In 2005, as a Nominated MP, Eunice had a national platform to serve the community and reach out to the youth of Singapore.

For her dedication to the community and youth work and being an inspirational role model, Ms Eunice Elizabeth Olsen is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2006.