

# Move for Mobility



So it was not long before the two different projects saw their similarities and strengths and they decided to collaborate and start a mobility aids class for the Central Singapore CDC volunteers. The class passes on relevant skills for the volunteers and at the same time recycles mobility aids.

"I think the skills are useful," said Mr Wong Kai Jiun, a national servicemen and volunteer for Central Singapore CDC. "I didn't quite expect to take apart the wheelchair but now that I have, I roughly know what fits where."

Recently, Pass It On and MARSC banded together with the Society for the Physically Disabled, Singapore International Foundation and the Keppel FMO to collect wheelchairs and other mobility aids. These items will be refurbished by the Mobility Aids Repair volunteers and be given to local disabled who are in need. A portion of the collection will also be sent to Bandar Aceh in aid of the tsunami victims crippled or disabled by the calamity. 🌿

**"Why** not throw them away? They look like they are in a very bad condition."

That was the first thought that Mrs Jenny Wong, 46, had when she first laid eyes on several old, rusty wheelchairs that had been collected for refurbishing. She changed her mind completely after, together with other trainees, going through four intense hours of tearing a wheelchair apart.

Mrs Wong realized that throwing the entire old faulty wheelchair away would be a terrible waste as usable parts can be salvaged as spare parts for other wheelchairs.

She was one of the volunteers who turned up at a Mobility Aids Repair familiarization course co-organised by Pass It On, a project by Central Singapore Community Development Council (CDC) and Mobility Aids Repair & Services Centre (MARSC). In fact, she even brought along her husband, Mr Charles Wong, to participate in the course.

Pass It On is a programme which has as one of its objectives the recycling and passing on of useful, second-hand household items or appliances to the less fortunate in the community.

MARSC is made up of a group of volunteers who are dedicated to the recycling and refurbishment of mobility aids such as wheelchairs, walking frames, etc. and other items such as commodes, to pass on to the needy.