

Family photo shoots – in photos

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In 2008, celebrity photographer Jeremy Cowart had a brilliant idea – for communities of photographers around the world to band together to give back to society.

That gem of an idea led to the setting up of Help-Portrait, and last December, its Singapore chapter generously provided – totally pro-bono – 20 of our Star PALS children and their families the chance to have professional-quality family portraits taken. ♥



About Star PALS

Star PALS, an initiative of HCA Hospice Care, is a paediatrics palliative care service that provides holistic home care for young patients aged 19 years and below, and extends support to their families. Multidisciplinary care is provided by doctors, nurses, medical social workers, counsellors and allied health specialists like art therapists. Star PALS also actively engages the help of trained respite caregivers, known as Medi-Minders. Find out more about our paediatric palliative care services on www.starpals.sg.



Then came the make-up and hairstyling by volunteer professional make-up artists, and finally, the photo-taking itself.



The first batch of Star PALS families arriving bright and early on the morning of 7 December 2013 at Jurong Bird Park, greeted by our volunteers.



Next, professional studio photographers touched up the photos to perfection.



Meanwhile Senior Minister of State for Health, Amy Khor, graciously dropped in for lunch. She mingled happily with the participants, especially the children.



Our wonderful emcees, and performances by Lin Si Tong, Myla and Friends, the Caring Clowns, and Edwin the Magician, kept us entertained throughout the event.



Tadaaaa – the unexpected, sometimes hilarious but always pleasing outcome of family portraits – something for the families to cherish for posterity.



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