

Awful Grace

YEAR IN REVIEW 2022-2023

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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

In 2022, Awful Grace emerged from the covid pandemic and forged ahead with programmes that strengthened our collaboration with existing and new partners such as the Singapore Prison Service (SPS) and Methodist Welfare Service (MWS).

Throughout the year, we also took the opportunity to equip our volunteers with the necessary skills to make all of us more effective contributors. The completion of ISO9000 certification was a testimony to how determined we were to ensure that our internal processes are robust. The list of activities that we ran in 2022 is long as detailed in the following pages.

We continue strengthen links with our partners, both current and new. For example, we have been invited to be part of the recently launched Desistor Network programme, a throughcare initiative to strengthen post prison support in the community. We recognised that involvement in these programmes would not have been possible if not for the commitment and dedication of our volunteers, donors and partners. We are indeed thankful for your continued support and generosity.

Grace and peace,



Christine Tan
Founder

Awful Grace is a not-for-profit organisation that seeks to reach marginalised and disenfranchised communities in Singapore and around the world.

Our efforts focus on social inclusion, restorative justice and sustainable community development for at-risk and in-risk children, prisoners and the elderly.

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2022 + 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Last year was really the "coming out of covid" year. With minor disruptions, we forged ahead with various programmes. Among them:

Toki Formation and Kintsugi Transformation

- ❖ We completed our 2022 run of Toki Formation in two institutions and have started the 2023 run in July.
- ❖ We were also involved in a prison pilot programme, "Dads Do Care", which provided inmates a year-long curriculum on parenting. The programme culminated in a bonding day where fathers in prison spent half a day with their children and caregivers. The fathers taught their children what they had learnt and discovered. In 2023, we will be running our programme for a second year with more than 20 incarcerated fathers.
- ❖ Toki Formation has also started running at the Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Girls' Residence from July this year.
- ❖ In 2023, Toki Formation and Kintsugi Transformation will be introduced as part of the Empathy movement in the Singapore Prison.

The pottery pieces in this document were created jointly by inmates and volunteers.

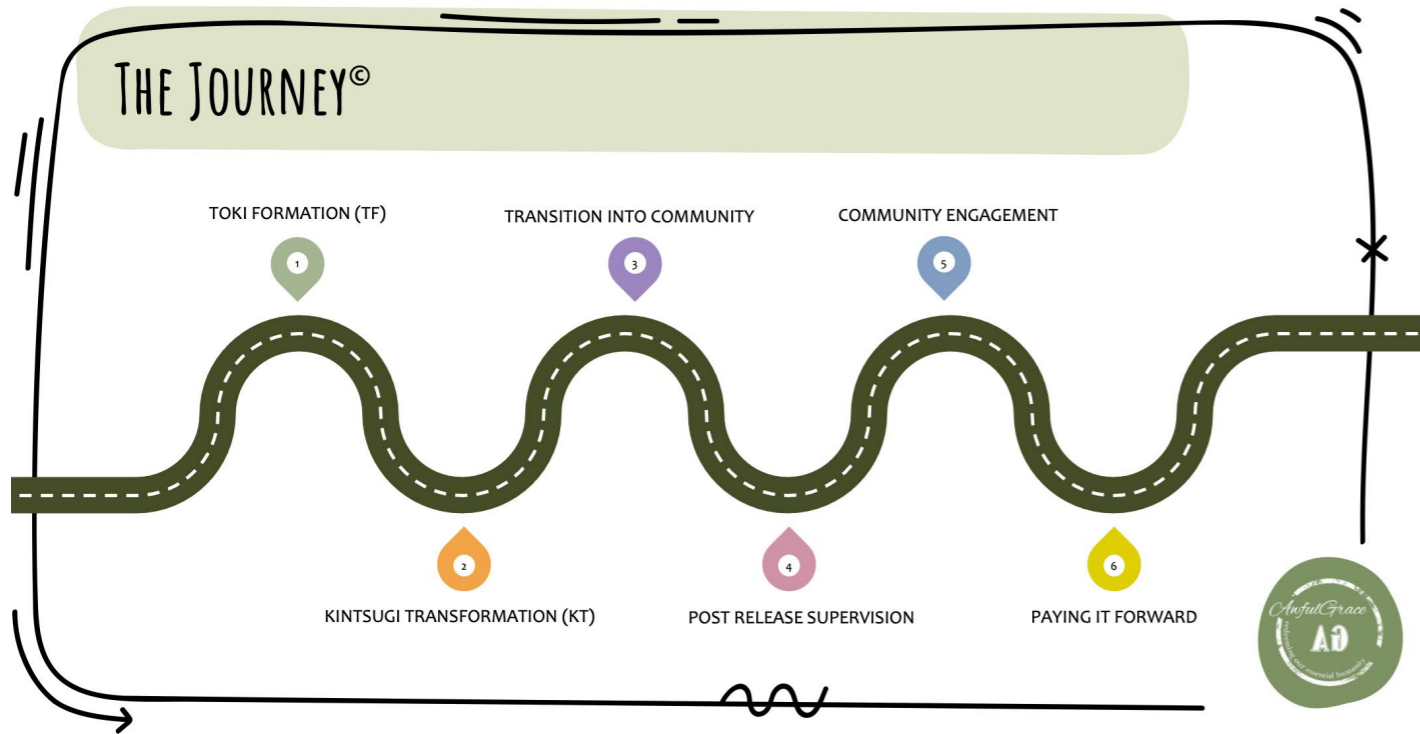
2022 + 2023 HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

The Journey

As a Throughcare Volunteer Framework (TVF) partner of Singapore Prison Service, we developed our framework known as *The Journey* which is represented in the opposite page. This framework which was developed in 2019 depicts the fundamentals of the Awful Grace throughcare process and determines how we develop and deliver our services.

Through *The Journey*, we have been engaging with those in prison through Toki Formation and Kintsugi Transformation. The journey continues for the remainder of their sentence and after they are released. This year, our involvement will include working directly with families of those incarcerated through a new initiative that will be launched in the last quarter of 2023.

We will be enhancing and extending our framework to include relevant Restorative Principles as part of what we are and what we do. Our programmes will be further enhanced through the data that we have gathered in our research.



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ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Volunteer Training

To better equip our volunteers with the right tools to contribute effectively, Awful Grace, throughout 2022 and into 2023, organised various training programmes. Some programmes were organised in partnership with the Singapore Prison Service. Among them:

- * Motivation Interviewing
- * Working with offenders and their families in the community
- * Addictions and the Recovery Journey
- * Working with Different Offending Profiles
- * Correctional Landscape and Rehabilitation Approaches
- * Trauma Workshop

ISO9000 Certification

In October 2022, we were awarded the ISO 9001 certification for our management system. This is testimony to our commitment towards a strong and sustainable organisation.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

In the seven years since its inception, Awful Grace has been diligently taking strides that have positioned us as a key partner with Singapore Prison Service (SPS), earning their trust and respect to be included in new and exciting initiatives. In 2023, we can look forward to a deepening of our partnership with SPS with the following programmes:

Desistor Network

In 2023, Awful Grace will be part of the Desistor Network, a new initiative to strengthen our throughcare role, by providing support in the community for ex-offenders who have completed our programmes in prison. The outreach will also extend to their families.

Research Project

In 2023, we will embark on a research project to study the efficacy of our programmes (i.e. Toki Formation and Kintsugi Transformation). The study is a collaboration with the College of Alice & Peter Tan, National University of Singapore and will involve a series of interviews with ex-offenders and inmates.

To find out more about our prison work, please contact us at awed@awfulgrace.org



This whole Toki Formation by Awful Grace has opened up New Opportunities 4 me in the last 10 weeks. Where it has opened up Unlock doors 4 me where first & foremost I'm able 2 give Myself and others, also 2 discard any excess ~~bonanza~~ little by little.

The road that I will be travelling ~~soon~~ soon may not b smooth but I know that God has send many of his beautiful angel to hold ^(my) our hands & walk with us. (me)





I feel so very privileged to have been able to undertake Tokii Formation and cannot speak highly enough of Christine, Timothy and all the volunteers at Awful Grace. A sincere, big hearted and dedicated team who made Sundays the favourite part of my week. During a year of huge personal growth I felt support, guidance and empathy from a team who built ^{the} rapport by being vulnerable themselves and sharing openly. I feel refreshed and inspired after finishing the course and will be looking for opportunities to pay it forward to a community in need in my homeland, Australia.

Jess [redacted] and other volunteers of Awful Grace.

Since March 2022, TOKI-Formation has been walking with me on my journey of recovery. Along the way, I am firstly grateful for having been selected to participate in this course.

I am grateful that the course has helped me to realize that I can learn to accept the challenges and "brokenness" in life and that I can through with my determination to mend my "brokenness" and regain control of my life. And who knows it may even be a better version of my ~~past~~ previous self.

Your passion has made a deep impact in my life. When I return to my home country, I hope that I will learn from all of you to devote my time and effort in guiding and being patient with my loved ones and even my society.

Even though I may be miles away, I hope that I can continue my learning journey with all of you through social media and email.

I hope and pray that you all can continue to inspire and touch the lives of many others after me.

Kintsugi Transformation and all of you helping me find purpose in life. Thank you for all the words of encouragement! I really want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the guidance, patient and devotion that each of you put into our weekly lessons.

I now have a goal to look forward to and it's because of all of you! From the bottom of my heart, "THANK YOU" once again. 謝謝!!!

[redacted]
27/08/22





Joining Toki Foundation, seriously I felt that it was the beginning of happy, fruitful ten good sessions with fellow counsellors that are kind and very understanding. The support, care and concern that shown ^{by} them are very valuable to us as in whole, I strongly believe it will benefited the inmates for ~~at~~ sure.

Dear AG

Apart from learning the necessary skill for making each individual pieces of our own, thank you for taking your time out of your busy schedule especially in the midst of ~~the~~ the nation on-going battle with COVID-19. Thank you Christin for your excellent mentorship and guiding me during each session, you open or rather boarden up my mind that behind each skill or method, ~~there is a lot~~ ^{you} teaches me the value of building my individual character, and that is probably the most fruitful takeaway from my experience with AG, thank you





Before Toki Foundation, everything in my life is about 3 ppl, namely ME, MYSELF & I, but Toki Foundation has taught me to see things more to that. Most important it has taught me discipline ^{myself} to forgive others (allowing) - re getting rid of baggage. I have learnt to mould things better both physically & emotional and henceforth swallowed my pride and ask for forgiveness ^{with} from ppl I hurt and rebuild my relationship ~~as~~ just as being baked in a ¹ my journey with Toki Foundation ^{has} increased my optimism ^{to} level 2 to level 9. I will definitely continue my journey with Toki Foundation even after my incarceration and I hope to share ^{with} my positive experience with others, so as to make things better and not ¹ Double thumbs-up to Awful Grace for introducing Toki to me.

Throughout the course from Toki Foundation; I have learnt how to eliminate my bad habits, and forgive those who have hurt me in any way.

This would be my first time to learn the art of making pottery. Once I'm released, I'd like to make my own design of clay pottery for my mom.

Lastly, I'd like to thank everyone in Toki Foundation for giving me this chance to learn plenty of skills from the counsellors. Thank you.





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