

**“She’s 100 but I’m only 3!” – St Joseph’s Home on the Night Chat with Susan Ng**  
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(from left: Sr Geraldine Tan, Executive Director of St Joseph’s Home (STJH); Susan Ng, Host of Night Chat on 938 NOW and Frances Yap, STJH Infant and Childcare Principal)

For the first time on 23 May, St Joseph’s Home’s Sr Geraldine and Frances Yap took to the airwaves to share more about one thing close to their hearts – the setting up of an infant and childcare centre in a nursing home.

For about an hour, they delved into the why, how and what of building the childcare – why do it? How has it impacted residents and children? And is this the way forward?



Host Susan Ng had the guests recalling fond memories of children celebrating birthdays with residents more than 30 times their age and how this will likely affect the way they view ageing and seniors in future.

The deeper question of how we could better support older adults was also raised, prompting Sr Geraldine to share her gem of a quote “It’s easy to house a person, but not easy to house a heart.” Having children spend time with the older folks is one way to inject life into their lives, thus offering some, if not all of them, meaning and purpose.

Infant and childcare principal Frances Yap explained that going forward, she and her team of teachers and educarers are developing a suite of intergenerational programmes to enable more structured interaction among the young and older. Putting them together in the same space won't guarantee interaction, let alone the benefits that come with it. It takes work and intention.

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