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# HE MAKES A SPLASH

## ... for kids and community

**AS A boy, he had seen his neighbour drown after the man fell into a pond.**

At that time, no one knew how to save the man. The incident was what made Mr George Lee, who was then only 7, determined to impart swimming and life-saving skills to as many people as possible.

Mr Lee, 55, is today in charge of conducting swimming and life-saving training programmes in schools.

Said the licensed lifeguard, of the incident that changed his life: "I remembered thinking that there must be a correct way to save people's lives. So I made up my mind to learn how to do that."

Over the years, he has been known to give free swimming lessons to those who cannot afford to pay.

"Usually, out of a class of 20, there will be two or three who cannot afford to pay, so I usually tell them, 'No need to pay,'" he said.

When he is not conducting swimming lessons on weekdays, he volunteers at the Yio Chu Kang Community Constituency Sports Club.

He coaches a group of representatives for the National Life Saving Championship.

"I spend more time in the water than out of it," he said.

"But this job will never tire me out. I enjoy it very much." Mr Lee first attained a bronze medallion in life-saving in 1977 and also won a medal at the First National Life Saving Competition.

In 1978, he was appointed the chief swimming instructor at the Singapore Armed Forces School of Basic Military Training at Nee Soon Camp.

Besides being a lifeguard and swimming instructor, Mr Lee is also an active volunteer with various non-profit organisations.

Recently, he was awarded a certificate of commendation for 25 years of long service with the Singapore Sports Council.

He has also organised mass swims and water sports carnivals for the citizens living in Yio Chu Kang.

But all these achievements come at a price.

Mr Lee said he spent less time with his family during his children's formative years.

But he is thankful that they understand his passion for sharing his expertise with others.

In fact, it was his son who nominated him for the POSB Everyday Champion award.

He said: "When I received the award, I was very happy, knowing that I am recognised for my efforts. I want to urge everyone out there to nominate someone so that these volunteers will receive the recognition they deserve."



# The search is on for you new champion for sport

Know anyone like George? Give them the recognition they deserve! What's more, nominate them and they could even win tickets to the inaugural Singapore Youth Olympic Games 2010!

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