As an early attempt to provide community family support, this pilot project is an excellent example of adopting a multidisciplinary, community-outreach, person-centered care approach to cater the suggestions for project enhancement and development.

Results
Quantitative and qualitative evaluation was adopted to evaluate the effectiveness of this pilot project. Specifically, secondary data analysis was performed on existing clinical information of patients and was supported by focus group interviews with patients, caregivers, project staff and community members. Qualitative evaluation was conducted via group interviews with patients and caregivers that includes: 1) psychosocial distress; 2) quality of life and; 3) clinical assessments. Qualitative evaluation was based on focus group interviews with patients, caregivers, project staff and community members.

Method

Objective
Cancer is an immensely stressful event which can produce great challenges and disruptions to the lives of patients and their families. Not only do patients and caregivers experience physical sufferings, but also psychological distress.

Background
The first cancer-related Non-Government Organizations is the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society which was established in 1963. Since then, many other organizations and charitable funds have been developed to support cancer patients and their families. Among them, the establishment of the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society in 1963 is a significant milestone in the history of cancer patients' support in Hong Kong. The society has since then been providing various services to cancer patients and their families, while raising funds to provide assistance to needy patients. The society has also served as a platform for cancer patients and their families, as well as a channel for disseminating information on cancer prevention and treatment.

Support to cancer families in crisis complementary to the conventional health care system.

Prizes: She has received the Bronze Bauhinia Star awarded by the HKSAR Government in 2000 and the Rotary Centennial Service Award of Professional Excellence awarded by the HKSAR Government. Mrs. Chu is currently a member of the Family Council of the Social Welfare Department, and was appointed by the HKSAR Government as the Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission. Mrs. Chu is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society, dedicating her professional expertise in addressing the psycho-social needs of the cancer patients and their families, while raising funds to provide assistance to needy patients. She had also served as the Chairperson of the Social Workers Registration Board from June 1998 to May 2000. Mrs. Chu is also a well-known international speaker and author, having presented keynote addresses in major international conferences on social work and health care.

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