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Five ways to give back in Hong Kong and Macau this Christmas and New Year

Take some time out to think of others in your community with these fun events that could help change the lives of your fellow Hongkongers (and their furry friends) and Macau's underprivileged

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When you're in a mad rush to finalise your Christmas preparations, it can be hard to stop and make time for others, but when giving back can be as easy and fun as dancing or buying a toy, then why wouldn't you?



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Here's a list of five charity events that are being held around Hong Kong over the holidays and into the new year, because we all know the best present is the gift of giving.



Paws for thought

Nordic lifestyle boutique squarestreet, has joined paws with the Hong Kong Dog Rescue (HKDR) to create an interactive miniature winter village at its store in Sheung Wan until January 15. Called Dogtown, the fun exhibit has been painstakingly made, mixing Hong Kong and Scandinavian features including a miniature HKDR house, a model railway, European buildings, a milk shed and a number of food stalls.

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Members of the public can purchase a dog or human miniature figure for HK\$50 to help populate Dogtown (you can even name your dog/human character). Funds raised will go to HKDR to help rehome abandoned dogs.

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Time to do Something

In 2016, the number of impoverished Hongkongers hit a record high, with one in five people living below the poverty line. Local charity ImpactHK has organised 'Something' to help the homeless in Sham Shui Po, one of the city's poorest districts.

Something will be held on December 24 starting at 10.30am. Participants will hand out drinks, food, hygiene products and free laundry tickets, as well as clothing, towels and bedding, to people in need. The meeting place is Nam Cheong MTR, Exit A.



Charity ceramics

Tung Yao Ceramics is holding a Christmas charity sale on December 22-23 with all donations going to the Child Development Centre, an NGO with the mantra, "a Hong Kong where all children have equal rights to education irrespective of their race, language, cultural or socioeconomic background". Funds raised will pay for ceramic workshops for the children at the centre, so they all can have a chance to create.

Angels get their Zumba on

Local charity Angels for Orphans is all about raising awareness and funds for charities in Hong Kong, Cambodia and Indonesia (Po Leung Kuk in Hong Kong, Sunrise Children's Village in Cambodia, and Bali Kids in Indonesia).

One of its most popular fundraisers is the [Angels Zumbathon](#), that this year aims to attract 500 participants; pretty impressive considering the first event held in 2012 had only 70 participants. The four-hour event will be held at the Hong Kong Football Club on February 3 from 4pm.

For tickets contact Emilie on zumba@angelsfororphans.co.uk and to start fundraising, donate or set up a page visit [Simply Giving](#).





Helping Macau's less fortunate

If you're in Macau and fancy spreading some charitable cheer, then head to the Din Dong x Taipa Village Charity Carnival, which is held to raise awareness about Macau's underprivileged. A joint effort of the Taipa Village Cultural Association and Hong Kong comic character Din Dong, the carnival features gourmet and handicraft booths showcasing made-in-Macau products as well as a string of Din Dong-themed interactive games.

A Salvation Army donation centre where you can drop off second-hand books and clothing to help underprivileged children has also been set up. Until December 26.

2pm-6pm. Venue: Pak Tai Temple Front. Admission: Free