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I Love Volunteering as Much as I Love Playing the Guitar



Armed with her electric guitar, Mary Ho or Grandma Mary can blow your mind with her renditions of songs by Carlos Santana and other guitar legends but when not rocking the stage, did you know that she volunteers with our very own IT Hub? We managed to sneak in a short interview with the coolest grandma rocker in Singapore to tell you more about it.

“In 2008, I was here taking computer courses as a student then after that they asked me if I would like to be a Committee Member as they were looking for people to join and I said yes, I would love to! Being a volunteer [enables me] to help people and in another way, they too help me because it gives me a sense of satisfaction from seeing people happy. I feel good and it keeps my spirits high.”

Being an outgoing individual made Grandma Mary’s volunteering experience with IT Hub very enjoyable as she got to meet a lot of people that share the same passion in helping and contributing to the society. “I love what I am doing – the passion is there. If you love something, you won’t find it difficult. In fact, you’ll just keep on loving to do it over and over again.”

Grandma Mary likened her passion for guitar and volunteering “*I love volunteering as much as I love playing the guitar. Both bring me happiness in life and when I’m happy, I am healthy.*” Other than volunteering for IT Hub, Grandma Mary performs for charities and other deserving cases. Other times, the proceeds from her album, Grandma Mary’s Latin Rock, go to charities. In this way, she contributes to the society while sharing her passion for music at the same time.

Without a doubt, Grandma Mary serves as a model, especially to the students in IT Hub, that you can achieve greater things as long as you have the passion and dedication. She constantly advises and encourages the students and tutors of IT Hub to “*find what you really love and go ahead and do it but you must find the time to practice. [Allotting] time is very important. You must have time, passion, and [determination] in order to succeed.*”
