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I am a work from home Mum to 2 children aged 8 and 7. Juggling life as a Professional Coach and in a mixed marriage. My husband is Caucasian German and I am Chinese Singaporean. Raising our children in a biracial and multicultural household.

If you had to write a book, what will the title be? Why?

RISE - Resilient, Intuitive, Savvy and Empowered Servant Feminine Leader would be the title of the book I will write. The directive I was brought up with had been to conform with age old traditions that females are better seen, not heard. I want to challenge the narrative and stereotype that females have to raise our voices, be ugly, scheming and ruthless to get to the top. The word "servant" is in great contrast and conflict to the perceived attributes for a leader. The word "servant" had been synonymous with females since the beginning of time. Females are the ones leading the change in the world, if only we know how powerful we are and know how to tap into that power within.



How did you get to know PS and how did you become involved?

In 2018, My husband took me out to a "Date Night with a Twist" dinner event. It was PeopleStories Foundation's 1st anniversary charity dinner. That was where I met Victoria, we bonded there and then. A seed was planted since.

Why PeopleStories?

I wished for a better world for my children to grow up in. I am privileged to be born into a country where equal rights are given to all regardless of gender, religion and beliefs. Education is heavily subsidised in Singapore, my home country. I get to receive world class education with possibilities to dream, to be who I am today.

Knowing that there are children who are deprived of a basic education pains me. I was looking to give back, to serve the community when I was approached to be a council member. A bit of it is for selfish reason: I want to be an example for my children, that they will look back one day after I am gone to say they are proud of their mother for being an agent for change.

You are very generous with your support to PeopleStories. What do you get out of it for yourself?

Aplenty. Cliche as it sounds, serving others allowed me to learn and grow. I accepted my council member role purely from helping a friend in need; from a space of wanting to contribute, with no expectation. The experience allowed me to explore a side of me I wasn't entirely aware of.

If you are granted 3 wishes to make the world a better place, what would those wishes be?

- 1) Diversity and gender equality with no agenda, no political and financial gain for corporations and industry practices.
- 2) Education of the mind and soul be incorporated into schools. Programs and initiatives that goes beyond academic and economic requirements.
- 3) That I will live to witness the change.



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