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HOSTS

Dr. Adrian Cheng Chi-Kong

Mr. Rafael Nadal



MESSAGE FROM HOST



The WEMP Foundation brings joy and optimism to our entire community. Every day, we work to strengthen children's welfare through innovative programs that nurture their mental and emotional well-being.

At the heart of every child's journey is **Total Well-being**— a true harmony of **physical health and emotional resilience**. It is the energy that sends children running and playing, paired with the quiet strength to face challenges and express emotions.

At The WEMP Foundation, we know physical activity is not just exercise—it is a lifeline for mental wellness. When children move—hitting a great shot, scoring a goal, swinging high, or dancing—they discover joy, confidence and resilience.

All too often, however, play is treated as a privilege, not a right—and children's potential dimmed by stigma or pressure. This is why The WEMP Foundation and the **Rafa Nadal Foundation** stand united: to ensure every child feels whole, seen, and free to imagine and thrive.

Thank you to our valued sponsors and donors whose trust and generosity are making the important work of The WEMP Foundation possible. And to everyone here tonight—thank you. Together, at **The Children Ball**, we are creating a future where every child can thrive and also dream.

—Dr. Adrian Cheng Chi-Kong



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More than a decade ago, we began a journey that, from the very first day, has been filled with commitment, hope, and responsibility. At the **Rafa Nadal Foundation**, we firmly believe in the transformative power of **sport and education**. That's why, since 2010, we have worked to ensure that children and young people in vulnerable situations have access to real opportunities that allow them to build a better future.

Over the years, we have learned that meaningful change begins when someone believes in you—when you are given tools to grow and a safe space where you feel valued. That is exactly what we strive to create in every one of our projects: a place where each child can fully develop, regardless of their background or personal circumstances.

Our work is focused in two countries: Spain and India. All of our programs are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those related to health and well-being, quality education, reduced inequalities, and partnerships for sustainable progress. We believe that impact grows when we work together—joining forces and building networks

We look to the future with the same conviction we had at the beginning: with the certainty that investing in childhood and youth is a commitment to a more just, inclusive, and compassionate society. We want to continue growing, reaching more places and more people, always with the same goal in mind: that no child is left behind.

-María Francisca Perelló & Rafael Nadal





The WEMP Foundation was established in 2021 with Dr. Adrian Cheng's vision to promote children's mental health. The Foundation has been supporting children aged below 12, as well as helping adolescents aged 12–18 build positive thinking mindset. In particular, the Foundation supports children and families from underserved backgrounds, i.e. economically underprivileged, single parents etc.

At the heart of **The WEMP Foundation**'s mission lies a simple truth: **strengthening families transforms lives**. Working hand-in-hand with schools, dedicated mental health professionals, and community partners across Hong Kong, the Foundation had the profound privilege of **supporting over 147,000** parents and **students on their journeys towards greater well-being**. Together, **The WEMP Foundation** builds resilience through both prevention and healing.

Our prevention work starts with connection. We use relatable films and media to gently introduce positive education for parents and positive thinking for young minds. One particularly moving initiative is our film tailored for Hong Kong families. It is more than just a movie; it is a mirror reflecting shared experiences of the 7 million people in Hong Kong. We have seen parents underwent these screenings with tears in their eyes, moved to reach out and hug their children, sparked by newfound understanding and hope. This is followed by ongoing support, like talks from our partner psychologists and psychiatrists, helping parents nurture their families. Through efforts like our city-wide **18-District Positive** Education Program, we empower parents with practical tools, making professional guidance feel like a supportive conversation. For youths, after an atypical tailored youth-led musical, we offer workshops and

seed-funding for their dreams—tangible ways to help them flourish. Youths are particularly grateful to a courageous content willing to bring fresh eyes to them, and a series of initiatives that they feel truly benefited.

For curative measures, The WEMP Foundation collaborates with The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China to provide holistic support for families who are caring young children with significant psychosocial factors. The Foundation empowers the mothers for preserving the mental health of their children by engaging with crisis intervention, improvement in the home environment for

children care and safety facilitation, achieving basic physical needs for the children, child protection, empowerment of parents in parenting and life-skills for independence, and mental psychological or psychiatric counselling.

The collaboration with the **Rafa Nadal Foundation** proves that well-being is a team effort. We empower children and adolescents, especially the underserved, to flourish in every way. Our **shared values amplify the impact, transforming limited resources into boundless hope.**







The Rafa Nadal Foundation works with the strong belief that sport and education are powerful tools for transformation, capable of building a better world. The Foundation supports children and young people on their path toward a quality future, providing guidance, care, and real opportunities to grow.

It creates **safe and supportive environments** where every child feels valued, protected, and encouraged. Spaces where effort becomes a driving force for personal development and a key to new opportunities. To achieve this, the Foundation teams up with outstanding professionals, organizations, and partners, all working together to ensure the comprehensive

well-being of children and to reduce inequalities—contributing meaningfully to their happiness.

Its projects are developed in both **Spain and India**, and are aligned with four of the **I7 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, which form the Foundation's **four main pillars of impact**:

SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being:

The Foundation promotes regular physical activity as a core element of all its programs. It encourages healthy lifestyles, hygiene, and proper nutrition, and advocates for the physical, psychological, and social benefits of sport.

SDG 4 - Quality Education:

Education goes beyond academics.
The Foundation also focuses on values education, emotional education, physical education, and non-formal learning—always using sport as the driving force.

SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities:

Its mission is to offer equal opportunities to all beneficiaries, regardless of their background or circumstances, fostering their inclusion and full participation in society.

SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals:

The Foundation's model is built on collaboration with institutions, organizations, and professionals. Working in networks strengthens its reach and impact.

This system of action comes to life through several active programs:

Social Integration of Vulnerable Children:

- ♦ Rafa Nadal Foundation Center Palma
- ◆ Rafa Nadal Foundation Center Valencia
- ◆ Rafa Nadal Foundation Center Madrid
- → NETS (Nadal Educational Tennis School) in Anantapur (India)
- → Play All in Barcelona

Intellectual Disabilities:

→ Más que Tenis (More than Tennis)

Support for the Third Sector:

♦ Rafa Nadal Foundation Awards

Through these initiatives, the
Rafa Nadal Foundation reaffirms its
commitment to a fairer, more inclusive
world for children and youth—
where sport and education become true
engines of transformation.



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