



## SHAM VAN BOONSTRA-NASUTION

Sham has always wanted to be a humanitarian and follow her father's footsteps since she was a child. Since her UNSW days, she kept herself very active in various voluntary organisations. Since her father's death from cancer, she's been an active member of CANTEEN, an Australian organisation for young people living with cancer as an Event & Psychosocial Volunteer. She's also been active as a UN Youth Group Member and UNHCR.

Despite running a full-time business, job, university studies and doing voluntary work; always vibrant and full of energy, she was the President of the UNSW Singapore Students Association 2004-2005, organising numerous weekly or fortnightly events for the students. During her term as President of UNSW SSA, Sham was diagnosed with Breast Cancer Stage 3B. Not allowing cancer to stop her, she continued her social & volunteer work, university studies, her presidential duties of SSA, business and to add on top of that, her battle with cancer. After being diagnosed, she worked closely with the Sydney Cancer Council to raise funds for breast cancer research. While in the USA working for a charity event - NSYNC's Celebrity For The Children All-Star Weekend in Miami & Chicago, she went to Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Centre NYC for lumpectomy, sentinel lymph node biopsy, axillary lymph node dissection and radiation. Back in Sydney, she went for chemotherapy and her response to chemotherapy was unsuccessful. Her worldwide search for a cure began and finally a Phase 1 clinical trial in London worked.

Sham is a recent Stage 4 breast cancer patient survivor. During her battle with breast cancer, she has organised numerous Breast Cancer Fundraisers & Pink Ribbon events in New York, London & Sydney. Currently she's planning a 2 month stay in AIDS and poverty stricken Ghana, Africa, early next year and co-writing a book on the battle with breast cancer with her doctor.

Sham has been in the Entertainment & Events Management sector since 1998 and through her business, social, voluntary skills and passion to fight for life, Sham founded Pure Charity Foundation in Malaysia recently capitalising on her vast expertise in organising small to large scale events as well as in fundraisers. Pure Charity Foundation's 1<sup>st</sup> event is Pure Pink Breast Cancer Fundraiser 2006 in November, whereby funds will be raised to purchase 100 goodie bags for 100 chemotherapy breast cancer patients in 2 hospitals. Knowing the experience of chemotherapy and the difficulties many face during chemo, these goodie bags contain items to help these women ease the pain they may go through. With excess funds raised, prosthetic breasts will be purchased for women in need of them. Pure Charity Foundation aims to assist people in need directly and with many events planned ahead Pure Red (AIDS), Pure Blue (Children Abuse), Pure Grey (Diabetes), Sham is confident that she will be able to help these people directly. She hopes to bring this Foundation internationally.