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MR SHAWN HUANG
Adviser to Jurong GRC GROs
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NATIONAL DAY AWARDS 2021

Congratulations to recipients
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Dear friends,

Education empowers, uplifts and prepares the young for the future. The COVID-19 pandemic has, however, disrupted many aspects of life, including our children’s studies. Home-based learning has added new pressures and roles to students, educators and parents. Both the young and old have had to adjust and adapt to new models of learning.

While technology has enabled learning to take place wherever and whenever, it has also created a digital divide for those without the means to afford digital devices for online learning. It is therefore heartening that our community has stepped forward to assist underprivileged children with the resources they need for home-based learning.

South West CDC partnered CrimsonLogic Pte Ltd and PSA Singapore to distribute digital resources to 557 underprivileged students in our district. This effort ensures that these children can continue their studies online without disruption. The CDC also joined hands with Mitsubishi Chemical and Singapore Polytechnic to present some 400 less-fortunate households with care packs to help them tide through the pandemic.

These outreach efforts show an active and caring community lifting up our residents in need. It is with this united and inclusive spirit that we can all help ensure no one is left behind.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our exemplary and deserving District Councillors and Grassroots Leaders who received the National Day Awards this year. We thank them for their generous contributions to our community and nation. They are great examples of how Singaporeans are making a difference to those around them in whatever way they can.

Let us keep up our *gotong royong* spirit by continuing to help each other, especially in times like this.




MS LOW YEN LING
Mayor of
South West District

அன்பார்ந்த நண்பர்களே,

கல்வி இளையர்களுக்கு அதிகாரமளிக்கிறது, உயர்வை தருகிறது, மேலும் எதிர்காலத்திற்காக அவர்களைத் தயார்படுத்துகிறது. இருப்பினும், உலகளாவிய கொவிட்-19 பெருந்தொற்று நம் குழந்தைகளின் கல்வி உட்பட வாழ்க்கையின் பல அம்சங்களை சீர்குலைத்துள்ளது. வீட்டை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட கற்றலானது மாணவர்கள், கல்வியாளர்கள் மற்றும் பெற்றோர்களுக்குப் புதிய அழுத்தங்களையும் பணிப் பொறுப்புகளையும் கூடுதலாக சேர்த்துள்ளது. இளையர்களும் பெரியவர்களும் புதிய கற்றல் முறைகளுக்குத் தங்களைச் சரிசெய்து கொள்ளவும், தழுவித் கொள்ளவும் வேண்டியிருந்தது.

எந்த இடத்திலும், எந்த நேரத்திலும் கல்வி கற்பதற்கான வசதியை தொழில்நுட்பம் உருவாக்கியிருந்தாலும், இணையவழிக் கற்றலுக்கான மின்னிலக்கச் சாதனங்களை வாங்குவதற்கு வசதி இல்லாதவர்களுக்கு அது ஒரு மின்னிலக்கத் தலைமுறை இடைவெளியையும் உருவாக்கியுள்ளது. அதனால், நமது சமூகம் வீட்டை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட கற்றலுக்குத் தேவையான வளஆதாரங்களை பொருளாதாரத்தில் பின்தங்கிய குழந்தைகளுக்கு வழங்கி உதவ முன்வந்துள்ளது மகிழ்ச்சியளிக்கிறது.

நமது மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள 557 பொருளாதாரத்தில் பின்தங்கிய மாணவர்களுக்கு மின்னிலக்க வளஆதாரங்களை விநியோகிக்க தென்மேற்கு சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம் (சிடிசி) CrimsonLogic Pte Ltd மற்றும் PSA Singapore ஆகியோருடன் கூட்டுசேர்ந்துள்ளது. இந்தக் குழந்தைகள் தங்கள் படிப்பை இணையத்தில் தடையின்றி தொடர் முடியும் என்பதை இந்த முயற்சி உறுதி செய்கிறது. உலகளாவிய பெருந்தொற்றை எதிர்கொள்ள உதவுவதற்கு 400 பொருளாதாரத்தில் பின்தங்கிய குடும்பங்களுக்குப் பராமரிப்புப் பொட்டலங்கள் வழங்க, Mitsubishi Chemical மற்றும் சிங்கப்பூர் பலதுறைத் தொழில்நுட்பக் கல்லூரி ஆகியவற்றுடனும் சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம் கைகோர்த்துள்ளது.

செயலாக்கமும், அக்கறையும் உள்ள சமூகம், தேவைப்படும் போது நமது குடியிருப்பாளர்களின் வாழ்க்கையை உயர்த்த முன்வருவதை இந்த மக்களை எட்டும் முயற்சிகள் வெளிப்படுத்துகின்றன. இந்த ஒன்றிணைந்த மற்றும் அனைத்தையும் உள்ளடக்கிய மனப்பான்மையால் எவரும் வாழ்க்கையில் பின்தங்கவில்லை என்பதை உறுதிசெய்ய நம் அனைவராலும் உதவ முடியும்.

இந்த ஆண்டு தேசிய தின விருதுகளைப் பெற்ற நமது முன்மாதிரியான மற்றும் தகுதியான மாவட்ட கவுன்சிலர்கள் மற்றும் அடித்தளத் தலைவர்களை வாழ்த்துவதற்கு இந்த வாய்ப்பைப் பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்கிறேன். நமது சமூகத்திற்கும் தேசத்திற்கும் அவர்கள் தாராளமாக அளித்த பங்களிப்புகளுக்கு நாங்கள் நன்றி கூறுகிறோம். சிங்கப்பூரர்கள் தங்களைச் சுற்றியுள்ளவர்களுக்குத் தங்களால் இயன்ற விதத்தில் வித்தியாசத்தை ஏற்படுத்துகிறார்கள் என்பதற்கு அவர்கள் சிறந்த உதாரணங்களாகும்.

குறிப்பாக இது போன்ற நேரங்களில், ஒருவருக்கொருவர் உதவி செய்துகொள்வதன் மூலம் நமது கோட்டோங் ரோயோங் (பரஸ்பரஉதவி) மனப்பான்மையை நாம் தக்கவைத்துக் கொள்வோம்.

亲爱的朋友们，

教育使年轻人能提升技能并赋予他们迎接及把握未来挑战的能力。然而，2019冠病疫情对人们生活的方方面面都产生了巨大影响，包括孩子们的学习。居家学习对学生、教育工作者和家长带来了新的压力，也让他们不得不承担新的责任。学生和老师及家长都必须作出调整，以适应这种新的学习模式。

虽然如今科技的发展让学习可以随时随地进行，但这也为那些没有经济能力负担数码设备以进行线上学习的家庭造成了巨大的困扰。在这种情况下，我们的社区积极伸出援手，帮助贫困家庭的儿童，向他们提供居家学习所需的资源，这些善举实在令人深受鼓舞。

西南社区发展理事会携手CrimsonLogic Pte Ltd和PSA Singapore，向本区的557名贫困学生赠送数码设备。这一捐赠活动确保这些学生能够安心无忧地继续学业。此外，社区发展理事会还与三菱化学及新加坡理工学院合作，向约400个有需要的家庭赠送关怀礼包，帮助他们度过疫情。

这些社区活动彰显了我们作为一个积极活跃与充满关爱的社区，致力于帮助有需要的居民。正是本着这种团结和包容的精神，我们才能确保不落下任何人。

与此同时，我也希望借此机会，向今年获颁国庆奖章的社理会理事与基层领袖献上祝贺。对于他们为本社区和国家做出的无私贡献，我们十分地感谢。这些人士均是彰显国人如何尽其所能帮助并影响身边人的最佳榜样。

让我们继续保持团结互助的精神，向他人伸出援手，尤其在现在这种艰难时期，将温暖带给社区里的每个人。

Rakan-rakan yang dihormati,

Pendidikan memperkasa, mempertingkat dan mempersiapkan golongan muda untuk masa hadapan. Bagaimanapun, pandemik COVID-19 telah mengganggu berbagai aspek kehidupan, termasuk persekolahan anak-anak kita. Pembelajaran di rumah telah menambah tekanan dan peranan baru kepada pelajar, pendidik serta ibu bapa. Golongan muda dan juga tua harus menyesuaikan diri dengan model pembelajaran baru.

Meskipun teknologi telah membolehkan pembelajaran diikuti di mana sahaja dan pada bila-bila masa, ia juga telah mewujudkan jurang digital bagi mereka yang tidak berkemampuan untuk membeli peranti digital bagi pembelajaran dalam talian. Oleh sebab yang demikian, amat menggemirakan bahawa masyarakat kita telah tampil ke hadapan untuk membantu kanak-kanak yang kurang bernasib baik dengan sumber-sumber yang mereka perlukan untuk pembelajaran di rumah.

CDC Barat Daya bekerjasama dengan CrimsonLogic Pte Ltd dan PSA Singapore untuk mengedarkan sumber digital kepada 557 orang pelajar kurang bernasib baik di kawasan kita. Usaha ini memastikan bahawa kanak-kanak ini dapat melanjutkan pelajaran dalam talian tanpa gangguan. CDC juga bekerjasama dengan Mitsubishi Chemical dan Politeknik Singapura untuk menyampaikan pek penjagaan kepada sekitar 400 keluarga yang kurang berkemampuan untuk membantu mereka menharungi tempoh pandemik ini.

Usaha mendekati golongan ini mempamerkan sebuah masyarakat yang aktif dan prihatin membantu para penduduk kita yang memerlukan. Dengan semangat yang bersatu padu dan inklusif inilah kita semua dapat membantu memastikan tiada yang ketinggalan.

Saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan tahniah kepada Anggota Majlis Kawasan dan Pemimpin Akar Umbi yang telah menunjukkan sikap teladan dan layak menerima Anugerah Hari Kebangsaan pada tahun ini. Kami mengucapkan terima kasih atas sumbangan murah hati mereka kepada masyarakat dan negara kita. Mereka merupakan contoh yang hebat bagaimana rakyat Singapura membuat perubahan positif kepada masyarakat di sekeliling mereka dalam apa cara sekali pun yang dapat mereka lakukan.

Ayuh kita kekalkan semangat gotong royong kita dengan terus membantu satu sama lain, lebih-lebih lagi dalam masa-masa seperti ini.



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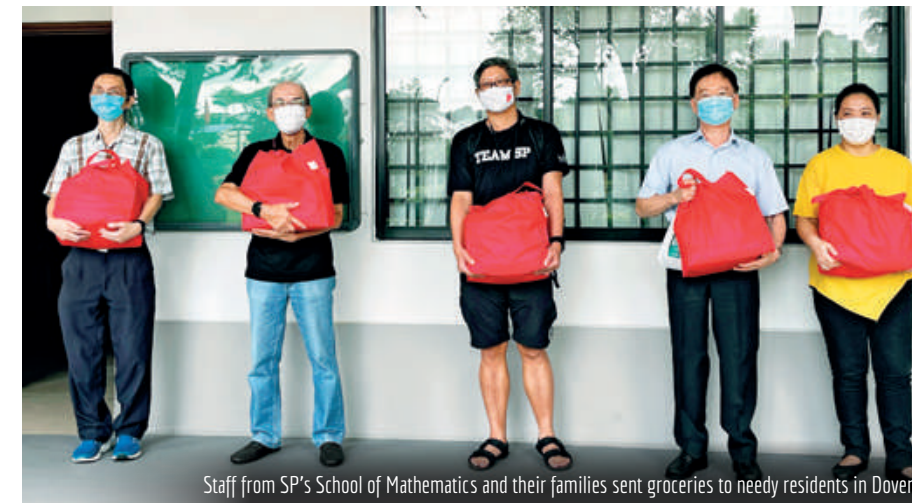
FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING HOME-BASED LEARNING, laptops alone may not be enough for conducive learning, says Mdm Shama Begum, Head of Chua Chu Kang Primary School's Information and Communications Technology department. "The laptops ensure they can attend the class but sometimes, there may be distracting noises at home that prevent them from fully engaging with the lessons." Mdm Shama was pleased to learn that more than 550 needy students from both her school and Teck Whye Primary School each received a headset with a microphone, a thumb drive and a USB mouse. "These make it easier for students to interact with their classmates and take their learning to the next level."



Representatives from CrimsonLogic and PSA Singapore donated equipment to support students from Chua Chu Kang Primary School in their e-learning.

In good Company

SUPPORT FROM PARTNERS TO UPLIFT THE COMMUNITY REMAIN STRONG AMID COVID-19.



Staff from SP's School of Mathematics and their families sent groceries to needy residents in Dover.

Worth more than \$24,000 in total, these aids were sponsored by CrimsonLogic and PSA Singapore to make learning more accessible during the COVID-19 pandemic. They were distributed as part of Adopt @ South West, a South West Community Development Council (CDC) programme to support vulnerable residents. Said representatives from CrimsonLogic and PSA Singapore, "This might be a challenging and disruptive period, but we will always be alongside our communities and make a positive impact on their lives and wellbeing."

Their efforts were positively received by students and teachers alike. "I would like to express my earnest gratitude to CrimsonLogic and PSA Singapore, together with South West CDC, for partnering the school to sponsor our needy students with these learning resources," said Mr Narayanan Muralidharan, Vice Principal (Administration) at Teck Whye Primary School. "The headsets that the students received will benefit them greatly."

MATCHING NEEDS

Adopt @ South West, which marks its 15th anniversary in 2022, benefits every segment of the community, pairing corporate sponsors with its varied needs. Take the partnership between Singapore Polytechnic and South West CDC for instance. It has been going strong for more than a decade and has benefitted residents in areas such as Chua Chu Kang, Jurong and Boon Lay. On 10 September 2021, some 45 staff from the polytechnic's School of Mathematics and Science and their families distributed household staples like rice, coffee and canned foods to 200 residents in Dover. "Contributing to the needy has always been in our culture," said Mr Chuah Ban Keat, Deputy Director of the faculty. "It is something we want to do every year with our colleagues and family members."

Another partner that has provided care packs for vulnerable residents is Mitsubishi Chemical Methacrylates Singapore Pte Ltd. The distribution on 4 September 2021 supported residents in Telok Blangah. This marked the first time the company has partnered South West CDC to do good for the community. "It is a meaningful activity for our staff to engage in, especially as we go through a challenging time together," said the company's Safety, Health and Environment Manager Mr Tan Soo Hong. **B**

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Telok Blangah 'Blangah Square' RC Chairman Mr A R Dinesh (left) and Vice-Chairman Mr Mohideen Pitchay, PBM (right), receiving care packs donated by Mitsubishi Chemical Methacrylates Singapore Pte Ltd from the company's Safety, Health and Environment Manager.



To date, Adopt @ South West has supported nearly 8,000 needy households in 29 rental blocks across 24 Adopt @ South West precincts.

Bring home a job with greater ease

FOR NEIGHBOURS MS FLORENCE YE, 45, AND MS TAN AI LAY, 44, THE TIME IS RIGHT TO RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE.

They both left their careers some 15 years ago to take care of their children. “Now that my daughter has grown up, I am confident about re-joining the workforce,” said Ms Ye, who has one child. Ms Tan, a mother of four, agreed, adding that she would like to support her family financially. “My husband’s company will be winding up by the end of the year, so I want to supplement our household income as our kids prepare for higher education.”

To better understand the current job market and the jobs available, the pair of Jurong West residents attended the South West Community Job Fair at Jurong Spring Community Club. Co-organised by the South West Community Development Council (CDC), Maybank Singapore and good Pte Ltd, the two-day job fair is the first of three to be held in the South West District in the coming months. More than 7,000 jobs from 400 employers were offered at this job fair.

MAKING THE CONNECTION

Job fair attendees like Ms Ye and Ms Tan used the good job portal — an online platform developed by local digital enterprise solutions firm good Pte Ltd — to conveniently browse and apply for jobs. Launched during the job fair by Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Adviser to Jurong GRC GROs (Taman Jurong) Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Mayor Low Yen Ling and Adviser to Jurong GRC GROs (Jurong Spring) Mr Shawn Huang, the portal complements recruitment fairs by streamlining the job search processes. For example, Ms Ye and Ms Tan only had to key in their information into the portal once. This can then be accessed securely by the employers present at the job fair as well as those attending remotely. Employers can also retrieve information of potential applicants after the physical job fairs are over.

This feature is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic. “Due to Safe Management

RESIDENTS CAN TAP ON THE FREE GOOD JOB PORTAL LAUNCHED AT THE SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY JOB FAIR TO ACCESS THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.



Left to right: Mr Eric Lue, Executive Director of good Pte Ltd; Mayor Low Yen Ling; Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam; Adviser to Jurong GRC GROs (Jurong Spring) Mr Shawn Huang; and Dr John Lee, Country CEO and CEO of Maybank, launching the good portal at the South West Community Job Fair.

Measures, we are unable to bring all the employers here to talk to our jobseekers. Thanks to good, employers and jobseekers who are not physically present can connect with each other anytime, anywhere through the job portal,” explained Mayor Low. Available to all for free, the portal allows employers to list job vacancies, while jobseekers can look for jobs that match their requirements. “This job portal also helps reduce physical interaction amid the pandemic to keep our residents safe,” added Mayor Low. She said that the job portal is a sustainable tool that can boost jobseekers’ chances of finding a suitable job among the diverse offerings.

One of the portal’s key features allows residents to filter jobs by the distance from their homes. “This is something that we appreciate because we have



Senior Minister Tharman and Mayor Low engaging a job fair attendee.



Senior Minister Tharman, Mayor Low and Mr Huang speaking to a representative from Uniqlo.



Mr Eric Lue and good Community Outreach Adviser and South West District Councillor Ms Jenny Wee, PBM, showing how a virtual interview was conducted.

family responsibilities and want to work close to home,” said Ms Tan. Employers can use this feature to make their job postings more appealing to potential applicants. “This digital platform allows us to have a wider reach and helps attract residents who are keen to work in the west, where most of our member companies are located,” said Mrs Chua Li Tzer, Deputy Director, Corporate Services and Human Capital Development, Singapore Logistics Association. Some 1,200 face-to-face and virtual interviews were conducted over two days of the fair.

A VARIETY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The employers present at the job fair and on the good portal represent a range of sectors such as shipping, logistics, hospitality and insurance. Mr Eric Lue, Executive Director of good Pte Ltd, shared why this was important: “The current COVID-19 situation requires all of us to work together to find a solution for employment challenges. MNCs, SMEs and even micro-SMEs must come together. good believes in the power of aggregated strength. This is why we work closely with South West CDC, public agencies, associations, institutes of higher learning, social service agencies and grassroots organisations.” The good portal lists diverse roles, such as those in marketing, talent acquisition and administration, from hundreds of organisations.

The variety of roles and employers offered on good appealed to Ms Ye and Ms Tan, who were uncertain of the industries and roles suitable for them. “Having been out of the workforce for so long, we are not sure what skills we need — and we have also not prepared our resumes,” explained Ms Tan. Fortunately, they could tap on good’s social partner, The Social Equity, which can help residents with writing their resumes. **B**

SCAN THE QR CODE to watch the story of another resident who found a job through good.



NEED HELP WITH YOUR RESUME?

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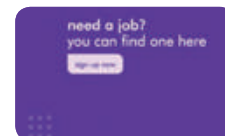
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Home to a variety of jobs from diverse sectors

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Job applicants were interviewed on the spot by participating employers such as the National University Health System.



A good staff guiding a job fair attendee through the online application process on the good portal.



Ms Florence Ye (left) and Ms Tan Ai Lay (right) attended the job fair as they were keen to re-enter the workforce.



INSIGHTS FROM EMPLOYERS

>> What's the appeal of a job fair?

“Job fairs allow us to interview more candidates at a go. Applicants sometimes feel they are not suitable for a role because they do not meet all the listed criteria. But after further discussion with us at the job fair, they may feel otherwise and land their ideal role.”

>> Describe the candidates you are looking for.

“Aside from educational requirements, we are also hiring for coachability and looking for people who are a good culture fit with our organisation.”

Mr Marcus Seet,
Team Lead (Talent Acquisition), Qiren Organisation

>> What is a misconception about the furniture industry?

“That it is a very manual industry. Actually, that is not true. We have embraced digitalisation and adopted automation across the board. Potential applicants can look forward to being part of a modern and future-ready sector.”

>> Why should people consider a career in the furniture industry?

“We are a lifestyle industry that seeks to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of consumers. It is an exciting space to be in, with room for progress and job satisfaction.”

Mr Phua Boon Huat,
President, Singapore Furniture Industries Council

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National Day Awards 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECIPIENTS IN THE
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ADVISER TO JURONG GRC GROs (JURONG SPRING) **MR SHAWN HUANG** AIMS TO BUILD A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY IN HIS DIVISION.

The Bonds That Bind

PARENTHOOD CAN CHANGE LONG-HELD HABITS IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE. JUST ASK MR SHAWN HUANG.

The Adviser to Jurong GRC GROs (Jurong Spring) tells *BRIDGE* that he has become more of a morning person after the birth of his two children, aged six and four. "When you are a young parent, you find whatever pockets of time you can to spend with your kids," says the 39-year-old. "For me, that is early in the morning, before they head to school. Just sitting down, reading a book or playing a puzzle with them. That is something I look forward to every day."

Spending time with his loved ones at the start of the day allows Mr Huang to concentrate on his community work in the evenings. When we caught up with him at the newly refurbished Jurong Spring Community Club (CC), it was a weekday evening and

the place was a hive of activity. Some vulnerable residents, many of whom recognised and greeted Mr Huang, were queuing up to collect food and other essentials. "This is part of our Jurong Spring Cares initiative," he shares. "What is happening here is more than just a food distribution drive. We are also helping neighbours get to know one another better. Whenever a resident does not turn up for a week or two, someone would notice and we would then check in on the person."

These neighbourly bonds did not peter out when COVID-19 hit. In fact, they were strengthened. In the critical period of the pandemic last year, neighbours spent time together on WhatsApp and Zoom video calls, passing the days together in cyberspace. "Some of them met each other by chance online but these chance encounters have blossomed into lasting friendships."

MR HUANG STARTS THE DAY WITH DRINKING A LOT OF WATER, AFTER WHICH HE DECIDES WHAT TO EAT FOR BREAKFAST. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, IT IS A BOWL OF NOODLES. "MEE SIAM, MEE REBUS, WANTON ME... YOU NAME IT, I LOVE IT."

MR HUANG WAS A FORMER FIGHTER JET PILOT. IN 2018, HE SERVED AS THE PARADE COMMANDER FOR SINGAPORE'S 53RD NATIONAL DAY PARADE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AIR FORCE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

ONE OF MR HUANG'S FONDEST CHILDHOOD MEMORIES IS OF THE ANNUAL DRAGONBOAT FESTIVAL. "I LOVED THE COLOURS OF THE BOATS, THE MOOD OF THE FESTIVAL, THE SOUNDS OF DRUMS AND, ABOVE ALL, THE SPIRIT OF THE TEAMS."

FINDING A SPACE TO WORK FROM HOME CAN BE CHALLENGING FOR MANY, INCLUDING MR HUANG. SOMETIMES, HE WORKS AT THE DINING TABLE, ESPECIALLY IF HE HAS A CALL OR A MEETING TO TAKE.



GETTING TO KNOW MR HUANG BETTER



Mr Huang joining a family in celebrating Singapore's birthday at Jurong Spring Zone A RC's National Day celebration.

SATURDAYS THAT COUNT

Saturday Night Lights (SNL) takes underprivileged and at-risk youth off the streets on Saturday nights to give them formal football training and a community of support — without charge. Seven years since it started, SNL has grown from a football programme to a development programme. Many SNL youth have gone beyond participating in just football training to regular community volunteering and even leadership courses. SNL is now run by Sports Singapore.

Mr Huang felt Jurong Spring's neighbourly spirit almost immediately after being appointed Adviser to the division. Before this, he served in nearby Taman Jurong and says that the two precincts share similar demographics. "But one thing that is unique about this estate is just how many food outlets there are," he explains. These are not limited to the 505 Jurong West Street 52 Market and Food Centre, one of the biggest in Singapore. The four coffeeshops in the area serve up equally affordable and authentic local fare, including *satay*, carrot cake and *tutu kueh*.

With so much good food around us, we could not help but sit down for a meal to learn more about Mr Huang's unique journey into community service.

How did you get involved in serving the community?

My previous job brought me out of Singapore for many years. When I came back, I wanted to volunteer and since I live near Taman Jurong, I went there to help out. Another reason I got interested in volunteering has to do with what I found out from speaking to a local grassroots leader. It was about two primary school students who had broken into a bus at a heavy vehicle carpark — all because they had nowhere to go after school. That really stirred something in me. There were kids who were fortunate to have after-school activities like piano and swimming lessons, but not everyone had the luxury of such pursuits.

With the help of two friends, I started a simple after-school programme at a void deck in Taman Jurong. When I say simple, I really mean simple — it was literally just a table for them to hang out at. We wanted the kids to want to be there because it would be fun. To do that, we bought them lunch and played football with them. It grew quite quickly in three months: from four students once a week, it increased to 30 kids every day. That was how Saturday Night Lights started (see sidebar for more).

You started the programme with your friends. Why get them involved?

Community service can be draining if you are doing it by yourself. And as you get older, you have less time for friends as family and professional commitments grow. I figured involving my friends would be a good way of spending time with them and also helping to build a more sustainable programme. Both turned out as I had hoped they would!

Why did you choose sports for your programme?

It goes without saying that playing sports, be it dancing or soccer, will tire you out, so kids who play sports are less likely to fall into bad company and pick up bad habits. I quite enjoy playing sports myself — I used to swim, play tennis and play football regularly. It is a harder to find time for it nowadays though, but I do try to whenever I can. **B**



独特之处，就是这里的许多餐饮场所。”裕泉社区不仅有新加坡最大的巴刹与熟食中心之一——裕廊西52街第505座巴刹与熟食中心——还有四家咖啡店提供经济实惠的在地美食如沙爹、萝卜糕和嘟嘟糕等。

美食当前，我们也忍不住坐下来一边品尝美食，一边了解黄伟中先生独特的社区服务旅程。

您是怎么想到要投身与社区服务的？

我之前因为工作被派到国外多年，回国后想要做义工，就在住家附近的达曼裕廊开始帮忙。我志愿想为社区服务的另一个原因，跟我从一位本地基层领袖口中得知的一件事有关。根据报道，有两名小学生因为放学后无处可去，非法闯入了一辆停泊在重型车辆停车场的巴士。这件事真的让我感触良多，因为有些孩子很幸运能在放学后参加钢琴、游泳等课外活动，但对其他些孩子来说，这反而是一种奢侈。

在两个朋友的帮助下，我在达曼裕廊一座组屋楼下举办了简单的课后活动——虽然活动空间只不过是一张简单的桌子，但我们希望它成为孩子们能够聚集，玩乐的地方。所以，我们为他们准备午餐，并和他们一起踢足球。来这里的学生在三个月内，从每周4名学生增加到每天30名学生。这也就是“周六夜之光”（Saturday Night Lights）活动的开始。这项活动在周六晚上为弱势青年提供免费的足球训练，并给予他们一个可以辅助他们群体。

这项活动是您与朋友一起创办的。当初为什么决定与他们一起参与？

社区服务通常相当耗时耗力，如果只有一个人执行，很容易筋疲力尽。随着年龄的增长，我的家庭和工作负担越来越重，和朋友相处的时间也越来越少。我决定邀请几个好友帮忙，不仅想让这个活动更有持续性，同时也希望可以与他们共享一些有意义的时光。我很庆幸结果正是如我预期的！

您为什么选择把体育运动作为课后活动？

参与各种体育活动，无论是舞蹈还是踢球，都会消耗相当多体力。所以，经常参加体育活动的孩子，也比较不会结交损友或养成不良习惯。我自己也喜欢运动，以前还经常游泳、打网球和踢足球。虽然现在比较忙，但我会尽量抽空做运动。B

维系的纽带

裕廊集选区（裕泉）基层组织顾问
黄伟中先生的目标是将他的辖区打造成一个紧密团结的社区。

为人父母可在一夜间改变长期以来养成的习惯，这一点黄伟中先生深有体会。裕廊集选区（裕泉）基层组织顾问黄伟中先生告诉 BRIDGE，在他的两个分别为4岁和6岁的孩子出生后，他变得更喜欢早起了。39岁的他说道：“有了小孩后，你会尽量抽出时间和他们相处。我会在孩子们上学前早起陪伴他们。我每天最期待的，就是跟他们坐在一起阅读或者玩拼字游戏。”

黄先生花时间在早上与家人共享天伦之乐，好让他在晚上能有专注与社区工作。我们采访黄先生当天是一个平日的晚上，翻新后的裕泉民众俱乐部正热闹非凡。一些弱势家庭的居民正在排队领取食物和其他必需品，而其中很多人认出了黄先生并向他打招呼。黄先生分享道：“这是我们裕泉关怀倡议活动的一部分。我们在这里不仅仅是分发食物。也是在帮助居民更认识彼此。如果某位居民一两个星期没来，一定会有人注意到，而我们会亲自上门查看。”

当2019冠病疫情爆发时，这些邻里关系不仅没有减弱，反而变得更坚固了。去年疫情的关键时期，邻居们通过WhatsApp和Zoom视频通话在线上继续保持联系。“他们当中有些人是在线上认识的，而这些巧遇也逐渐发展成持久的友谊。”

在被委任为裕泉基层组织顾问后，黄先生很快就感受到社区里睦邻的精神。曾经服务于达曼裕廊区的他认为这两个选区的人口结构很相似。他解释道：“这个住宅区的



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REPORT FY 2020/2021

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends,

FY2020/2021 was a particularly challenging year. As a nation, we faced unprecedented challenges due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Yet in the face of this battle, we witnessed inspiring resilience, optimism and amazing solidarity of Singaporeans from all walks of life.

Amid this difficult period, the CDC's "ABC" mission is more urgent than ever. We continue to intensify our efforts in aggregating resources, building capabilities as well as connecting and meeting needs in the community. The strong SGUnited spirit displayed was encouraging as corporates and individuals stepped up to partner us in various initiatives to brighten and enrich the lives of those around them. We are grateful to all our partners for their contributions, both in cash and in-kind, that enabled us to channel the best resources and expertise to uplift the community. At the same time, these contributions also helped strengthen our social safety net and foster community resilience.

In the last FY, South West CDC reached out to about 600,000 residents, an increase of 75% from the year before. National schemes such as the \$40 million CDC Vouchers Scheme, \$8 million COVID-19 Relief Fund and CDC Student Meals Scheme were rolled out to help residents in need. At the district level, the CDC introduced the SWCDC-KKL Graduate Relief & Individual Training Fund to equip young graduates with relevant skills to enhance their employability and provide them with some financial relief and online training. We also rallied our partners and presented specially curated South West Care Packs to vulnerable residents, migrant workers and healthcare frontliners in the district.

We are greatly heartened by the strong solidarity demonstrated by our caring and resilient communities. Our unity and persevering spirit will see us through the days ahead. We will overcome this crisis and emerge stronger together, leaving no one behind.

Ms Low Yen Ling
Mayor of South
West District



亲爱的朋友们，

2020/2021财政年度是具挑战性的一年。全球冠病疫情给我们和整个国家都带来了前所未有的影响。然而，正是这场疫情，让我们看到了新加坡各行各业的人民令人鼓舞的坚韧、乐观精神和惊人的团结力量。

在这段困难时期，西南社区发展理事会的“ABC”使命比以往任何时候都更为紧迫。我们继续地加大力度整合资源，提升能力，连接和满足社群的需求。许多企业和个人前来伸出援手与我们密切合作，共同执行各项措施，照亮并丰富了周围人的生活，他们以实际行动体现出强大的“新心相连(SGUnited)”精神，这些都振奋人心。感谢所有合作伙伴捐赠的现金与物资，使我们能够运用最好的资源和专业知识的帮助有需要的居民。同时，各方捐助也有助于加强我们的社会安全网建设，以及增强社会的凝聚力和坚韧性。

在上一个财政年度，西南社理会帮助了约60万居民，较前一年增加了75%。总值4000万新元的社理会生活补助券计划、总值800万新元的社理会疫情基金和社理会学生膳食计划，这些全国性计划帮助到了许多有需要的居民。在西南区，社理会推出了SWCDC-KKL毕业生援助及个人培训基金，帮助年轻的毕业生掌握相关技能，从而提高他们的就业能力，以及为他们提供一些经济援助和在线培训。同时，我们还召集合作伙伴共同向本区的弱势居民、外来务工人员 and 医疗保健前线人员赠送了特别设计的西南社区关怀礼包。

我们社区充满爱心与活力，展现出强大的团结精神，这让我们深受鼓舞。这种团结与坚韧的精神将引领我们克服未来任何挑战。我们将携手跨过难关，不让任何人被落下，共同打造更加强大的西南区。

Rakan-rakan yang dihormati,

Tahun Kewangan 2020/2021 ialah tahun yang sangat mencabar. Sebagai sebuah negara, kita menghadapi cabaran yang belum pernah terjadi sebelum ini disebabkan pandemik COVID-19 yang telah menjejaskan seluruh dunia. Namun, meski berdepan dengan cabaran yang sukar ini, kita menyaksikan ketabahan, sikap optimis dan perpaduan yang sangat luar biasa dan menginspirasi oleh rakyat Singapura dari semua lapisan masyarakat.

Di pertengahan masa yang sukar ini, misi "ABC" CDC menjadi lebih mendesak berbanding dengan sebelumnya. Kami terus mempertingkatkan usaha untuk mengumpulkan sumber-sumber, membangunkan kemampuan serta menghubungkan dan memenuhi keperluan masyarakat. Semangat kukuh SGUnited yang dipamerkan amat menggalakkan sambil badan-badan korporat dan individu tampil ke hadapan untuk bekerjasama dengan kami dalam pelbagai inisiatif bagi menceriakan dan mempertingkatkan kehidupan masyarakat di sekeliling mereka. Kami berterima kasih kepada semua rakan kongsi atas sumbangan mereka, baik dalam bentuk wang tunai mahupun dalam bentuk barangan, yang telah membolehkan kami menyalurkan sumber dan kepakaran yang terbaik bagi meningkatkan taraf kehidupan masyarakat. Pada masa yang sama, sumbangan ini juga membantu memperkasakan jaring keselamatan sosial kami dan memupuk daya tahan masyarakat.

Dalam Tahun Kewangan yang lalu, CDC Barat Daya telah membantu sekitar 600,000 orang penduduk, peningkatan sebanyak 75% dari tahun sebelumnya. Skim nasional seperti Skim Baucar CDC bernilai \$40 juta, Dana Bantuan Kewangan COVID-19 bernilai \$8 juta dan Skim Makanan Pelajar CDC telah dilancarkan untuk membantu para penduduk yang memerlukan. Di peringkat daerah, CDC memperkenalkan Dana Bantuan Siswazah & Latihan Individu SWCDC-KKL untuk melengkapkan para siswazah muda dengan kemahiran yang relevan untuk mempertingkatkan peluang pekerjaan mereka dan memberi mereka sedikit bantuan kewangan dan latihan dalam talian. Kami juga mengumpulkan rakan kongsi kami dan menyampaikan Pek Penjagaan Barat Daya yang disediakan khas untuk penduduk yang memerlukan, pekerja migran dan pekerja penjagaan kesihatan barisan hadapan di daerah ini.

Kami rasa berbesar hati dengan semangat perpaduan yang dipamerkan oleh masyarakat kami yang prihatin dan berdaya tahan. Perpaduan dan semangat tekun kita akan memastikan kita dapat melalui hari-hari yang mendatang dengan lebih mudah. Tanpa meninggalkan sesiapa pun, kita akan mengatasi krisis ini dan muncul lebih kuat sebagai sebuah masyarakat.

அன்பார்ந்த நண்பர்களே,

நிதியாண்டு 2020/2021 மிகவும் சவால்மிக்க ஆண்டாக அமைந்தது. உலகெங்கிலும் பரவிய கொவிட்-19 கிருமித்தொற்றின் காரணமாக, நாம் எதிர்பாராத சவால்களை எதிர்நோக்கினோம். ஆயினும் இந்தப் போராட்டத்திற்கு இடையிலும், அனைத்து பின்னணிகளைச் சேர்ந்த சிங்கப்பூரர்களும் வெளிக்காட்டிய மீள்திறன், நம்பிக்கை, அற்புதமான ஒருமைப்பாடு ஆகியவற்றைக் கண்டு நாம் ஊக்கம் அடைந்தோம்.

இந்த இக்கட்டான காலகட்டத்தில், சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றத்தின் “ஏ-பி-சி” திட்டம் முன்பைவிட அவசரமாகிறது. வளங்களை ஒன்றுதிரட்டி, ஆற்றலை வளர்த்து, சமூகத்தின் தேவைகளை நிறைவேற்றும் முயற்சிகளை நாங்கள் தொடர்ந்து தீவிரப்படுத்தி வருகிறோம். நிறுவனங்களும் தனிநபர்களும் மக்களின் வாழ்க்கையை வளப்படுத்தும் பல்வேறு திட்டங்களில் எங்களுடன் கூட்டிணைந்து செயல்பட முன்வந்தனர். அந்த வலுவான எஸ்ஜி ஒற்றுமை உணர்வு எங்களுக்கு ஊக்கமளித்தது. பொருளாகவும் பணமாகவும் பங்களித்த எங்கள் பங்காளிகள் அனைவருக்கும் எங்களின் நன்றி. அவர்களின் உதவியுடன், சமூகத்திற்குக் கைகொடுத்து உதவ எங்களின் நன்றி. அவர்களின் உதவியுடன், சமூகத்திற்குக் கைகொடுத்து உதவ ஆகச்சிறந்த வளங்களையும் நிபுணத்துவத் திறனையும் எங்களால் ஒருங்கிணைக்க முடிந்தது. அதே சமயத்தில், அந்தப் பங்களிப்புகள் நமது சமூகப் பாதுகாப்பு வலையை வலுப்படுத்தவும், சமூக மீள்திறனை வளர்க்கவும் உதவின.

கடந்த நிதியாண்டில், தென் மேற்கு சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம் கிட்டத்தட்ட 600,000 குடியிருப்பாளர்களைச் சென்றடைந்தது. இது முந்திய ஆண்டைவிட 75% அதிகம். தேவையுள்ள குடியிருப்பாளர்களுக்கு உதவி புரிய, \$40 மில்லியன் சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றப் பற்றுச்சீட்டுகள் திட்டம், \$8 மில்லியன் கொவிட்-19 நிவாரண நிதி, சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்ற மாணவர் உணவுத் திட்டம் போன்ற தேசிய திட்டங்கள் அமலாக்கப்பட்டன. மாவட்ட நிலையில், தேவையான திறன்கள் உள்ள இளம் பட்டதாரிகளின் வேலைத்தகுதியை மேம்படுத்தவும், ஓரளவு நிதி உதவியும் இணையவழி பயிற்சியும் அளிக்கவும், SWCDC-KKL பட்டதாரி நிவாரணம் மற்றும் தனிப்பட்ட பயிற்சி நிதியை சமூக மேம்பாட்டு மன்றம் அறிமுகப்படுத்தியது. அதோடு, எங்கள் பங்காளிகளை ஒன்றுதிரட்டி, நமது மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள எளிதில் பாதிக்கப்படக்கூடிய குடியிருப்பாளர்கள், குடிபெயர்ந்த ஊழியர்கள், சுகாதாரப் பராமரிப்புத் துறையின் முன்னிலை ஊழியர்கள் ஆகியோருக்கு, சிறப்பாகத் தயாரிக்கப்பட்ட தென் மேற்கு பராமரிப்புத் தொகுப்புகளையும் வழங்கினோம்.

பரிவும் மீள்திறனும் கொண்ட நமது சமூகங்கள் வெளிக்காட்டிய வலுவான ஒருமைப்பாட்டைக் கண்டு நாங்கள் மனம் நெகிழ்கிறோம். நமது ஒற்றுமையும் விடாமுயற்சியும் எதிர்வரும் காலத்தை நாம் கடந்துசெல்ல துணைபுரியும். நாம் ஒருவரையும் கைவிட்டுச் செல்லாமல், இந்த நெருக்கடியிலிருந்து கண்டிப்பாக வலுவூடன் மீண்டெழுவோம்.



Statistics in a Nutshell

400,000 residents benefitted from **25** local assistance schemes and programmes



360 community interest groups with **27,000** members



5,000 volunteers rallied to serve the community through partnerships with **680** corporate and community partners



55 programmes reaching **600,000** residents



\$10.2 million received in cash & in-kind donations



100 pro-bono lawyers served **300** residents at **Community Legal Clinic @South West**



1,400 SMEs are assisted through one-to-one Business Advisory and Capability



Workshops by **SME Centre @ South West**

180 SkillsFuture Advice workshops were conducted for **4,000** participants



350,000 residents assisted in **50** COVID-19-related schemes



DONATIONS

27 SMEs assisted in **2** COVID-19-related schemes

7 new programmes and initiatives



PA Community Spirit Awards 2020

Excellence Award

ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd
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SHATEC
Koh Kock Leong Enterprise Pte Ltd

Merit Award

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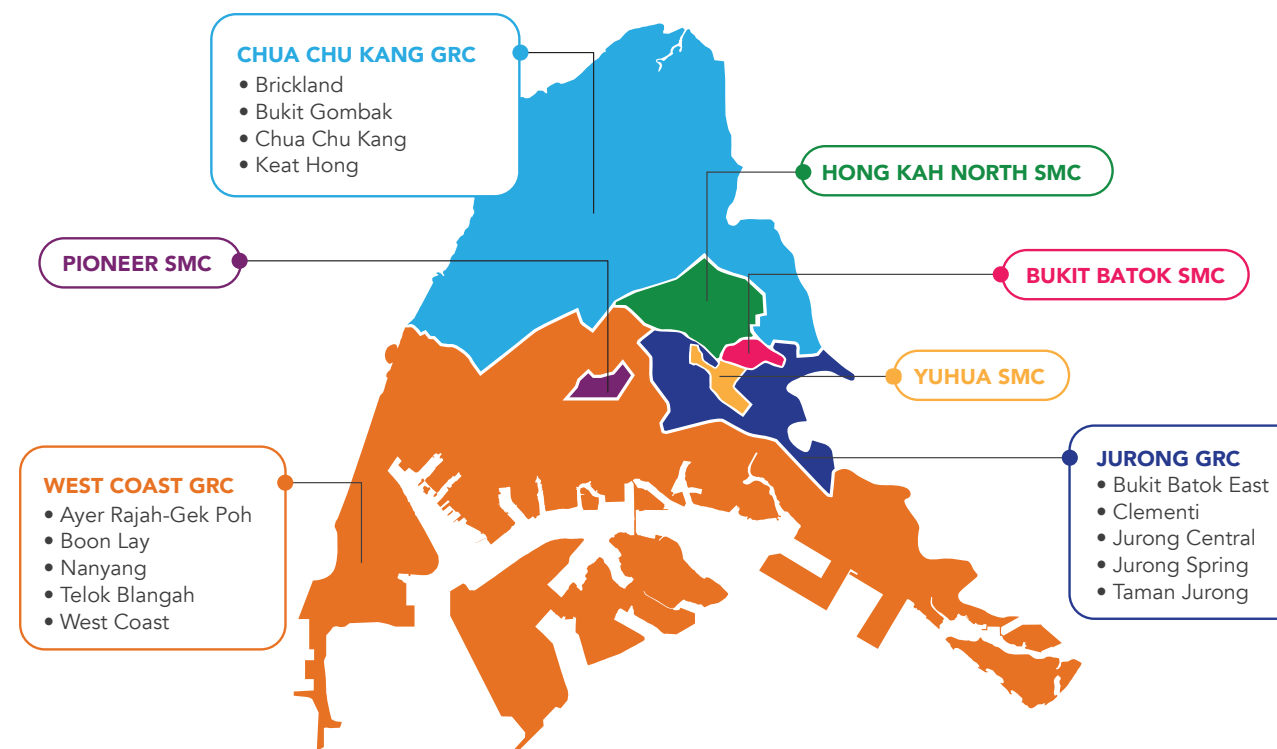


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Our South West, Our Home



About South West CDC

The Community Development Councils (CDCs) were established under the People's Association Act in 1997. Subsequently, the South West Community Development Council (CDC) was formed on 24 November 2001 with the mission to Assist the Needy, Bond the People and Connect the Community.

The CDC brings together government agencies, grassroots organisations (GROs), social service agencies (SSAs) and the private sector to strengthen the social fabric of Singapore. Through our programmes and initiatives, the CDC promotes social cohesion and encourages community ownership among residents, community and corporate partners.



Vision

"Owning Your Community"

The South West District is envisioned to be a place where people care for one another, where the strong looks after the weak and where community ties are warm and resilient.

Mission

Our mission is to Assist, Bond and Connect through the following functions:

- Aggregator of Needs and Resources
- Builder of Capability / Capacity in Partners
- Connector of Communities

Aggregating

Festive Cheers @ South West (Distribution of South West Care Packs)

A record number of 5,000 volunteers and 105 corporate and community partners — with first-time participation from 25 online businesses — stepped up to help 8,000 vulnerable households in the community. Running from November 2020 to February 2021, Festive Cheers @ South West saw a 100% increase in donations from the previous year, at \$600,000. One of the many initiatives included professional photography sessions for underprivileged households, with the portraits presented alongside Festive Cheers packs.



Corporate partners such as Procter & Gamble, Koh Kok Leong Enterprise Pte Ltd are strong supporters of Festive Cheers @ South West.

Nur Misha Qaireen Binte Abdullah received puzzles and books from Minister Gan Kim Yong, Mayor Low and Mr Agrawal.



SkillsFuture@CDC 2020



The launch of SkillsFuture@CDC 2020 was held online for the first time.



Participants got to learn various skills from the local celebrities.

Held entirely online, SkillsFuture@CDC 2020 was jointly organised by the five CDCs and brought useful career and training-related resources to Singaporeans. Highlights included Facebook Live sessions with sharing and lessons from the five mayors, celebrities, and industry experts. The programme's success saw its original one-week run in August 2020 being extended.

South West Sustainability Job Discovery Fair

The district held its inaugural eco-jobs discovery drive in October 2020, with over 200 job openings in the areas of solar energy, clean energy, water management, and waste management being offered.



Jobseekers were given the opportunity to have job interviews on site.

South West Sustainability Job Discovery Fair was jointly organised by South West CDC, NTUC's e2i (Employment and Employability Institute) and Sembcorp Industries.



SkillsFuture Advice (SFA) Workshops

Over 6,300 participants benefitted from 198 SFA workshops conducted over the course of FY2020/2021. The online seminars (webinars) enabled continued learning during the COVID-19 pandemic and helped residents to plan their careers and find courses matching their developmental needs.



Before the circuit breaker, SFA workshops were regularly conducted in community centres/clubs and libraries.



Even when face-to-face lessons cannot take place, the availability of online courses ensures that learning needs continue to be met.

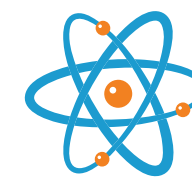


3M Tinkering Headstart @ South West

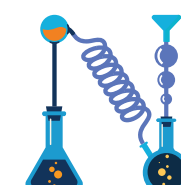
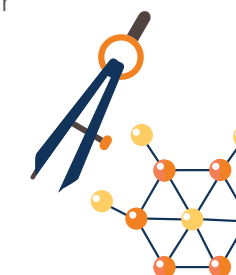


Staff of 3M volunteered to help out at the 3M Tinkering Headstart @ South West.

200 students from underprivileged households in the district were given the opportunity to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) concepts through 15 tinkering workshops held over a year. Aiming to spark curiosity in science through play, exploration, and experimentation, the programme highlighted the importance of having a head start in STEM for South West students.



Ashlynn Chia was fully immersed in making her solar-powered vehicle as a volunteer from 3M guided her along.



Building

Zero Waste Testbed Initiative @ South West

Launched in January 2021, the initiative aims to empower and support youth in the co-creation of innovative solutions towards zero waste and circular economy. Done through test-bedding of Proof-of-Concepts (POCs), it was launched at the CDC's annual environmental event, Clean Up South West!. 933,000 kg of recyclables have been collected since 2006 through the Clean Up South West! drive, which is the equivalent of saving 15,300 trees.



▲ Organised by South West CDC, National University of Singapore and SembWaste, the Zero Waste Testbed initiative was launched in January 2021.



▲ Ms Regina Cheah, a SembWaste recycling ambassador, explaining how recyclables are sorted when they are unloaded at SembWaste's facility.



Love-in-a-Bento @ South West



▲ Corporate partners such as CapitaLand Hope Foundation and Singapore Hotel and Tourism Education Centre (SHATEC) are strong supporters of Love-in-a-Bento @ South West.

Over 850 homebound seniors received hot bento meals and festive packs through five Love-in-a-Bento @ South West distributions beginning in October 2020. Launched in 2017, the initiative delivers meals to beneficiaries who are unable to cook or buy food due to mobility issues, and rallies stakeholders from all parts of society — including volunteers with special needs — to come together in service.

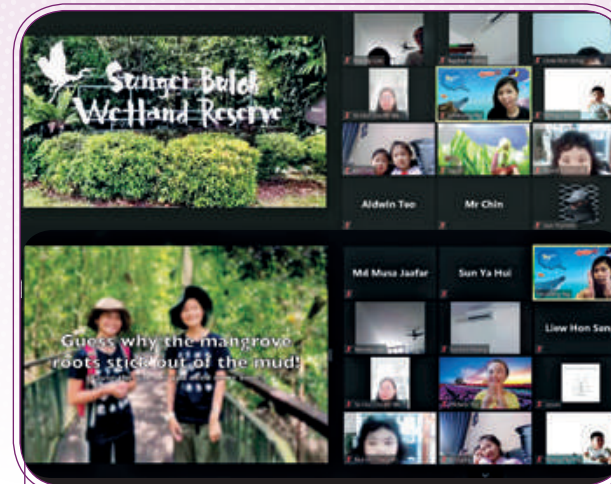


▶ Besides a hot bento meal, residents with mobility issues also received a festive pack.



Connecting

Family Bliss @ South West



▲ South West CDC commemorated the 15th anniversary of Baby Blisscard with a series of online events such as a virtual tour of Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve.

Together with our like-minded partners, Family Bliss @ South West organised events such as virtual terrarium and unique handicraft workshops from December 2020 to March 2021. As part of the Baby Blisscard @ South West programme, Family Bliss @ South West offers parenting tips through workshops, dialogues and events. For the 15th anniversary of Baby Blisscard, members were invited to join a series of online events including a virtual tour of Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve.



▶ A virtual terrarium workshop was held in December 2020, where participants received activity kits delivered to their homes.

Health Qigong @ South West

Club members of Health Qigong @ South West celebrated its 10th anniversary in conjunction with National Day by participating in a fun online qigong flashmob campaign. Health Qigong @ South West encourages physical activity among seniors and promotes a healthy lifestyle.



▲ Ms Alice Ho, PBM, Chairman of Qigong Shi Ba Shi Association (Singapore) practising her moves.



▶ Club members participated in an online qigong flashmob campaign to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Health Qigong @ South West and National Day.



Adopt @ South West

Under this programme that reaches out to needy families and elderly living in rental flats, 1,000 vulnerable households in Boon Lay received grocery packs, while teams of volunteers distributed frozen food items worth \$34,000 to 900 households in Boon Lay and Bukit Batok.



▲ Celebrity Wang Lei and his team distributed frozen food items to households in Boon Lay and Bukit Batok.



▲ Minister Desmond Lee and Mayor Low interacted with Mr Goh when they delivered the grocery pack to his doorstep.

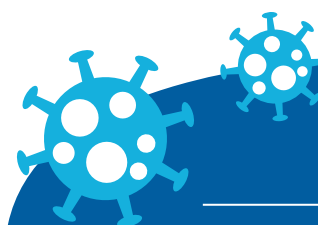
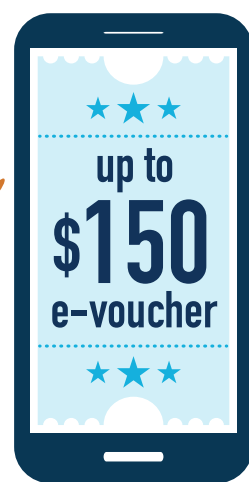


ExxonMobil Transport Bursary

Since 2006, the bursary has helped students from lower-income families defray the costs of transportation with a funding of \$60,000 per year. 1,000 students received e-vouchers worth up to \$150 each.



Bus



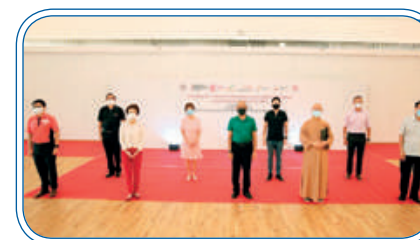
COVID-19 Relief Efforts

The socio-economic impact of COVID-19 was felt across all segments of our society, especially among the vulnerable groups and families in our community. Alongside initiatives and funding support from our government, many individuals as well as our community and corporate partners rose to the occasion, spearheading 'ground-up' initiatives to help those affected by the crisis.

We are glad to report that close to 352,000 residents benefitted from these efforts to mitigate the cost of living, and provided some relief to tide them through this difficult period.



FINANCIAL



◀ The five CDCs together with Ngee Ann Kongsi and Kong Meng San set up \$8 million relief fund.

Together with the five CDCs, **Ngee Ann Kongsi and Kong Meng San** came together to set up \$8 million relief fund supporting Singaporeans who had lost their income due to retrenchment, termination, or non-voluntary no-pay leave. The one-time relief fund of \$500 was offered to households that faced loss of jobs and income from January 2020.

▶ 1,000 fresh tertiary graduates received one-time cash assistance through SWCDC-KKL GRIT Fund.



A fund of \$500,000 was also set up to support 1,000 recent tertiary graduates from low-income families. The **SWCDC-Koh Kock Leong Graduate Relief & Individual Training (KKL GRIT) Fund** offered financial relief for graduates facing increased difficulties in landing a job amid the challenging economic uncertainty brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.



DIGITAL



◀ Students from Jurong Pioneer Junior College expressed their gratitude to HP Inc and South West CDC for donating printers to support their home-based learning.

HP Inc gave away printers to more than 2,000 less-privileged students, helping them with the shift to online home-based learning and the need to print learning resources. **Microsoft Singapore** also supplied \$100,000 worth of laptops and tablets to underprivileged families, equipping them with the hardware to meet multiple needs such as home-based learning and working from home.



◀ Microsoft partnered South West CDC to provide laptops and tablets for families in need.



ENVIRONMENTAL



▲ A Toyogo Singapore representative handing a stall owner a stack of reusable food containers.



▶ A South West resident receiving a reusable food container when purchasing food from a participating stall.

Toyogo Singapore partnered with South West CDC to distribute reusable, air-tight, food-safe containers at hawker centres and coffee shops in the district. This helped address potential shortages of disposable plastic food containers brought on by the spike in takeaway demand, and defrayed the costs of takeaway, while aiding efforts to reduce plastic waste.



HEALTHCARE

The South West CDC worked with partners to keep workplaces clean at the height of the pandemic. **Aste Global Pte Ltd** donated 20,000 disposable non-surgical masks and 2,000 bottles of hand sanitiser to residents in the district, while **VISO Pte Ltd** provided indoor air purifiers to all five polyclinics in the district, helping to enhance the working environment for healthcare workers, as well as for patients and visitors.



◆ Healthcare staff learning how to operate the air purifier.



▲ The donations of air purifiers from VISO Pte Ltd enhanced the indoor environment for healthcare workers.

