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Olympic Champion Joseph Schooling Leads “Champion for a Good Cause” In Partnership with Community Chest

SINGAPORE 11 September 2018 – Fresh off a victorious outing at the recent Asian Games 2018, Singapore’s first and only Olympic champion Joseph Schooling went back to the pool, this time for a good cause. In an inaugural partnership with Community Chest, Joseph Schooling led a swim clinic “**Champion for a Good Cause**”, with children from CARE Singapore, a social service organisation supported by Community Chest at the Temasek Club. Supported by six other swim coaches from his own swim school, Swim Schooling and SportCares, Schooling spent around an hour sharing his experiences as an athlete with 12 social service users, aged 12 to 14 years old, from CARE Singapore.



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Joseph Schooling shares his experiences and encourages 12 young social service users from CARE Singapore, a social service organisation supported by Community Chest.

Beyond the swim clinic, Schooling was joined by Guest of Honour Mr Sam Tan, Minister of State for Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of Social and Family Development to host a dinner reception for social service users, community partners and donors. Children from other social service organisations supported by Community Chest such as AWWA School and Pathlight School, an autism-focused school run by Autism Resource Centre (Singapore), also had the opportunity to meet the Olympic champion.



Guest of Honour, Mr Sam Tan, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of Social and Family Development (left) and Mr Phillip Tan, Chairman, Community Chest (right) presented a token of appreciation to Joseph Schooling (middle).

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At the dinner reception, different donors and partners were also recognised for their efforts and support for the Community Chest. As part of the **Champion for a Good Cause** swim clinic, more than \$258,000 was raised for three social service organisations supported by Community Chest, specifically Autism Resource Centre (Singapore), Montfort Care and CARE Singapore to help children with special needs and youth-at-risk.



Guest of Honour Mr Sam Tan, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of Social and Family Development (far right) is joined on stage by Joseph Schooling and Mr Phillip Tan, Chairman, Community Chest (far left) as well as the social service users from CARE Singapore.

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Schooling's partnership with Community Chest underscores his longstanding belief in giving back to the community and supporting the dreams of others. Schooling said, "I have always believed in giving back to the community, having personally received so much support and help from the community that helped me achieve my dreams. It is important for us to recognise that every individual can make a difference in the lives of others. The **Champion for a Good Cause** event is about rallying every person to be a champion for a cause, supporting causes that matter to you whether it's through your time, resources or skills."

This inaugural partnership with Schooling is part of Community Chest's 35th Anniversary celebrations this year.

Ms Charmaine Leung, Managing Director of Community Chest, said, "We're thankful to Joseph Schooling and his family for taking time to share their skills and inspire the future generation of children, to not only achieve their dreams but think of how they can be champions for good causes. We hope that more people will be encouraged to join us in our journey to becoming a more caring and inclusive Singapore."

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About Community Chest

This year marks 35 years since Community Chest first set out to empower lives with care and unite the community in trust, to serve those in need. With the aim to enable every individual to live with

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dignity within a caring and inclusive society, Community Chest supports about 80 social service organisations to meet underserved, critical social needs. As Community Chest's fundraising and operating costs are covered mainly by Tote Board Group, 100% of your contributions goes towards empowering the lives of:

- Children with special needs and youth-at-risk
- Adults with disabilities
- Families in need
- Vulnerable seniors
- Persons with mental health issues

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National Council of Social Service (NCSS)

NCSS is the umbrella body for over 450-member social service organisations in Singapore. Its mission is to provide leadership and direction in enhancing the capabilities and capacity of our members, advocating for social service needs and strengthening strategic partnerships, for an effective social service ecosystem. Community Chest is the fundraising and engagement arm of NCSS and Social Service Institute (SSI) is the human capital development arm of NCSS.

About SG Cares

SG Cares is a national movement dedicated to building a more caring and inclusive home for all. The movement invites all who live in Singapore to put values into action through active volunteerism, ground-up efforts and everyday acts of care. It also aims to build capability across various sectors and organisations to grow opportunities for volunteering. By inspiring and supporting one another, we can show the world that we are a nation with a big heart.

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