



MEDIA RELEASE

## Community Chest awards stalwart partners in social service

**Singapore, 26 September 2016** – At the Community Chest Awards 2016, a record 422 awards, the highest number in recent years, will be presented to recipients comprising individuals, government agencies, foundations and corporates to recognise their outstanding contributions to social service.

Guest-of-Honour, President Tony Tan Keng Yam and Mr Phillip Tan, Chairman of Community Chest, will be presenting the awards on Wednesday, 28 September 2016 at the Istana, in recognition of how award recipients have created sustainable collective impact through their giving. They have rallied their employees to contribute through SHARE, Community Chest's monthly giving programme, stepped up in their giving to co-develop and kick-start pioneering projects to meet emerging and underserved needs, and increased their efforts in volunteering for the sector.

Several organisations have obtained a 100% participation rate in Community Chest's SHARE programme, which provides sustainable support to critical social services to help those in need. Dim Sum Pte Ltd, a recipient of the SHARE Corporate Platinum Award, is a Small Medium Enterprise (SME) and among the successful companies.

"Our employees take pride in the company's values and culture. We make an effort to hire people who share the same mindset, values and beliefs. One of the values is being socially responsible. Therefore, achieving a 100% SHARE participation rate is within our grasp," said Ms Janice Chng, Administrative Director, Dim Sum Pte Ltd.

Partnering with the National Council of Social Service and Community Chest, organisations have also stepped up in their corporate giving to support pioneering projects that aim to meet emerging and underserved needs. Examples of such

projects include the Hour Glass Kitchen Programme, Singtel Enabling Innovation Centre and the UOB Ability Hub at the Enabling Village.

Community Chest has also seen a boost in corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives and volunteerism efforts by organisations. A record 116 volunteering initiatives facilitated by Community Chest were organised in the past financial year. Among them is National University Hospital (NUH), recipient of SHARE Gold Award and Corporate Bronze Award. The NUH employees have participated in the Community Chest Fu Dai initiative since its launch in 2014, with close to 400 employees involved in packing and distributing festive packs to the needy during the Chinese New year period. It plans to encourage its employees to volunteer regularly with social service organisations through Community Chest.

The SHARE as One programme, launched in April 2016, will help bolster the efforts of organisations that wish to do more to support the social service sector. For any increase in SHARE donations, over and above the amount donated in FY 2015, a matching grant from the government of up to \$10,000 annually will be made available to companies to organise CSR or volunteering activities, for employees to better connect with the causes that they donate to.

“The Community Chest Awards recognises the strong commitment of the Award recipients in supporting the social service sector through their giving and volunteerism. We hope that corporates will build on the momentum of the Care & Share Movement to nurture a caring and inclusive society, where sustained giving and volunteerism is an integral part of life,” said Mr Phillip Tan, Chairman of Community Chest.

### **The Pinnacle Award**

The Pinnacle Award is the highest honour given by Community Chest to acknowledge an organisation’s or an individual’s unwavering commitment to Community Chest.

- **SHARE Pinnacle Award - Singapore Technologies Kinetics Ltd**

Singapore Technologies Kinetics Ltd (ST Kinetics) is committed to caring for people, communities and the environment. Since its founding in 1967, the company has been actively involved in community service initiatives. It has

been championing the SHARE programme for more than 20 years. Today, about 75% of their staff give regularly through SHARE.

- **Corporate Pinnacle Award - United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB)**

A role model in corporate social responsibility efforts, UOB creates programmes that provide meaningful support in the lives of its stakeholders and the communities in which the Bank operates. Testimony to this is the more than 23,500 hours volunteered by their staff in 2015 to help charitable causes. UOB also champions a more inclusive workplace by hiring people with disabilities without compromising quality and productivity. In November 2015, UOB set up the UOB Ability Hub at the Enabling Village, a learning and development centre in Singapore for people with disabilities.

The Community Chest Awards will be supported by the time and talents of volunteers – the Orchestra of the Music Makers, a volunteer orchestra with members from all walks of life, which seeks to continuously engage the community through its initiatives. A young classical singer, Miss Lauren Yeo, will also be presenting two songs during the event.

An annual event, the Community Chest Awards recognises the contributions of individuals and organisations in helping social service organisations supported by Community Chest, since 1984.

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## About Community Chest

For over 30 years, Community Chest has been engaging the community to support people in need through fund-raising and volunteering. Community Chest supports about 80 charities in Singapore, allowing them to focus on caring for the disadvantaged. As Community Chest's fund-raising and operating costs are covered mainly by Tote Board and Singapore Pools, 100% of your donations will go towards helping:

- Children with special needs and youths-at-risk to reach their potential
- Adults with disabilities to integrate into society
- Relationships of families in difficulty to stay resilient
- Elderly to age graciously in the community
- Persons with mental health issues to integrate into society

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**Annex A**

**COMMUNITY CHEST AWARDS  
Wednesday, 28 September 2016  
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**PROGRAMME**

- 3.30pm      Media Registration
- 3:55pm      Guests to be seated
- 4:00pm      Welcome Address by Mr Phillip Tan  
Appreciation for Sustained Giving through SHARE and Presentation of Awards by Mr Phillip Tan
- 4:45pm      Arrival of Guest-of-Honour President Tony Tan  
Appreciation for Corporate Giving and Presentation of Awards by President  
Closing Performance by Orchestra of the Music Makers and 13-year-old singer Miss Lauren Yeo
- 5:00pm      Cocktail Reception