

**SPEECH BY MR ROBERT CHEW, CHAIRMAN,
COMMUNITY CHEST AWARDS ORGANISING COMMITTEE,
AT COMMUNITY CHEST AWARDS CEREMONY
ON 1 NOVEMBER, 2.10PM AT THE ISTANA**

Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, Speaker of Parliament

Ms Sun Xueling, Minister of State for Social and Family Development
and Home Affairs

Mr Chew Sutat, Chairman, Community Chest

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. Good afternoon and welcome to the Community Chest Awards 2022. I am glad to see so many familiar faces back at the Istana after a two-year hiatus from large-scale events.
2. On behalf of the Community Chest Awards organising committee, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to our donors and partners. The last two years have been challenging but you have remained committed to helping those in need.

3. I am pleased to announce that in FY2021, we raised more than \$61 million to support more than 100 social service agencies and over 200 critical programmes. This is only possible because of the generosity of all our donors like yourself.

4. There are many fine examples but allow me to just share on two of our award recipients:
 - a. ERA is one of the recipients of the SHARE Achiever award, which recognises partners for their high participation in SHARE, Community Chest's monthly giving programme. For over 20 years, the company has rallied its employees to contribute regularly to SHARE. To amplify the impact of its giving, ERA also provides dollar-matching for its employees' donations.

 - b. Next, we have HP Inc., who organised a virtual HP Charity Show for its employees last year. Through this event, funds were raised for programmes that support persons with mental health conditions, adults with disabilities, and children with special needs. HP employees also gave their time and expertise by providing a year-long mentoring programme to primary school children from Life Community Services Society on coding and website design.

5. Today, we also celebrate the resilience of our communities as they continue to strive towards their goals through your support. For example, at APSN Delta Senior School, your support has enabled programmes to develop the passion and talents of their students. Today, some of these students are present and have prepared a very exciting performance for us. I heard that this performance was specially put together for this event, and the students spent months getting ready for it. I'm sure you are looking forward to it as much as I am!
6. Once again, congratulations to all our SHARE and Charity award recipients. Your generous contributions will go a long way towards building a caring and inclusive society for all, and I look forward to meeting all of you during this afternoon's event.
7. Without further ado, let us kickstart the programme for Community Chest Awards 2022. Thank you.