

**WELCOME REMARKS BY MR CHEW KWEE SAN,
VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY CHEST AND
CHAIRMAN OF SHARITY DAY 2016 SUB-COMMITTEE
AT THE COMMUNITY CHEST SHARITY DAY 2016
FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 2.30PM**

Mr Ng Chee Meng
Acting Minister for Education (Schools), and Senior Minister of State,
Ministry of Transport

Mr Mike Barclay
Chief Executive Officer of Wildlife Reserves Singapore

Mr Phillip Tan
Chairman of Community Chest

Distinguished guests, boys and girls,

1. A warm welcome to all of you at today's Community Chest Sharity Day 2016. Thank you to our Guest-of-Honour Minister Ng for taking time off your busy schedule to join us today. We are delighted to have you here on this special day, organised by Community Chest and Wildlife Reserves Singapore Group (WRS), in celebration of Children's Day and Sharity's birthday.
2. We encourage young children to learn to interact with others with different abilities and lend a hand to those who need our help in the community. Sharity Day, as part of Community Chest's efforts to nurture caring and sharing values in our young, is a wonderful

opportunity for many of you from primary and special education schools to learn and have fun together.

3. Community Chest has also prepared a special musical for you. It is a story about Sharity and his animal friends, who are all different, but together, they can overcome challenges to win the jungle race. We will learn that all of us have different strengths, but we can succeed if we work as a team, and care for and share with one another. I hope you will enjoy the musical and learn something valuable from it.
4. With support from the Ministry of Education and schools, Sharity has been able to reach out to all of you more actively since last year, and encourage you to embark on a life-long giving journey. Some of us might have grown up with Sharity when we were younger and remember the lessons imparted during those days. Last year, Sharity has made a comeback in schools with the '**Good Deeds with Sharity**' initiative to encourage our Primary 3 children to be more compassionate by performing good deeds at home that extends to the school and community.
5. From the huge participation, Community Chest is encouraged to roll out a new initiative, '**Family Time with Sharity**', for Primary 1 students on this Children's Day. We believe that the act of caring and sharing should start from the home. You will each receive a Care & Share fun pack with stickers. We encourage you to do simple acts for your family to show how much you love them.
6. I am also pleased to share that Sharity will star in his very own animation series with his cute animal friends this December. In one of

the episodes, you can also learn more about the late Dr Ee Peng Liang, founder of Community Chest, and affectionately known as the 'Father of Charity'.

7. In addition, Sharity will soon have his own website, where you can find more information on the touring school shows, songs and videos, interactive games and collect winning badges. So keep your eyes and ears out for these fun Sharity activities coming your way.
8. Last but not least, we are deeply appreciative of **Wildlife Reserves Singapore's** (WRS) partnership. WRS's values align with our efforts in caring and sharing from young. Not just for the people around us, but also for our animal friends, who share the world we live in. We hope all of you today will get to learn a lot more about the animals and care about them.
9. We would also like to thank our corporate donors – **NTUC FairPrice Foundation** and **TMKCF Limited** for their generous contributions to social service programmes supported by Community Chest, as well as our **corporate volunteers** for helping with the River Safari guided learning journey for all of you today.
10. Once again, thank you all who have joined us today. Together, with the MOE and through various Sharity initiatives, we hope to instil the values of compassion and empathy in our children that will remain throughout their lives.
11. Thank you.