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CARE & SHARE THANK YOU SHOW**

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Deputy Prime Minister and  
Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies

Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Finance

Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office

Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, Minister for Social and Family Development (MSF)

Fellow Care & Share Committee and Thank-You Show Sub-committee  
Members

Representatives from the member charities of the Care & Share  
Movement

Our Valued Donors, Volunteers and Supporters

1. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Care & Share Thank You Show. This marks the closure of the Care & Share Movement, which ended on 31 March 2016. We are very honoured to have our Guest-of-Honour DPM Tharman, and Special Guests Minister Heng, Minister Chan and Minister Tan joining us tonight.
2. The Movement was started to rally our nation to show care and concern for the disadvantaged. It is an SG50 initiative to make our

Jubilee celebration a more meaningful one. I am very encouraged to see that our nation not only responded by donating generously, but also opening hearts and giving time to volunteer.

3. Tonight, on behalf of all who have benefited from the Care & Share Movement, I would like to say a big thank you to the people of Singapore. As much as we would like to have everyone together to celebrate, you know it is not possible to bring all in Singapore to this theatre. We are grateful though that we are still able to gather over 4,000 audience and have with us representatives from different segments who have supported the Movement.
4. Allow me to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to you and my apologies for not being able to cover every name even though I sincerely appreciate all of you. To:
  - **The Cabinet led by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, the Government of Singapore and Tote Board:** thank you for endorsing the Care & Share Movement and approving the first \$250 million matching grant in 2013 and encouraging us with another \$250 million pledge at the start of 2015;
  - **DPM Tharman:** thank you for giving great support to the Movement, especially in your previous capacity as the Minister of Finance. You have found money for the matching grant, apart from balancing the financial needs of the nation;
  - **Minister Heng:** thank you as the Chairman of the SG50 Steering Committee for highlighting the Movement during SG50 and even personally supporting a SG50 Golden Jubilee Platters project, to help the charities raise funds. Also as the former

Minister for Education, supporting the Sharity programme to be rolled out in Primary schools to reinforce the message of caring and sharing to our children;

- **Minister Chan:** thank you for giving us the courage as the former Minister for Social and Family Development to embark on the Movement and setting us on a great start with your strong leadership and support; personally also stretching yourself to contribute even with Chinese calligraphy writing for us to auction and raise funds with;
- **Minister Tan:** even before you became the Minister for Social and Family Development, you supported the Movement by raising funds for charities through your solo photography book 'The World We Live In'. As our Minister now, you continue to strongly support social service initiatives and events, and help us urge more companies to support charities;
- Our appreciation and thanks, also to MSF Permanent Secretary **Mr Chan Heng Kee**, who is unable to be with us tonight. Mr Chan helped us in his critical role in providing policy directions, and guidance to enable the optimisation of the matching grant to benefit the sector;
- **The 241 member charities** of the Movement: my sincere admiration and appreciation for your tireless and continued work in serving the disadvantaged and the vulnerable, while at the same time, rallying the community to donate and volunteer.
- **My fellow Committee members:** who provided invaluable ideas and counsel and helped to rally support personally.

5. It is also truly encouraging to see more private and public sector organisations, foundations and individuals actively giving, as well as existing donors giving more. Please also allow me some time to acknowledge some of them. They are:

- BinjaiTree
- Caritas Singapore
- Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple
- Land Transport Authority
- Lee Foundation
- Lien Foundation
- Microsoft
- National University of Singapore Students' Union
- NTUC Fairprice Foundation Ltd
- Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited
- Resorts World Sentosa
- Singapore Airlines Limited
- Singapore Buddhist Welfare Services
- Singapore Power Limited
- Singapore Telecommunications Limited
- StarHub Ltd
- The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
- The Hour Glass Limited
- United Overseas Bank Limited
- Wing Tai Foundation

We were also fortunate to have the in-kind sponsorship by many corporations, such as SMRT and Mediacorp. Thank you to all of you for contributing your part.

6. Last, but not least, to the people of Singapore again, I thank you for your overwhelming support. All of you made our vision of a more caring and inclusive society a reality. I hope we will build on this good momentum and continue to care and share with those around us.
  
7. I hope all of you will enjoy the Show. I wish you a very happy and pleasant evening.