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25 SEPTEMBER 2015, FRIDAY 7.00PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CHEST AWARDS 2015**

Mr Tan Chuan Jin, Minister for Social and Family Development (MSF)
and Patron of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS)

Mr Chan Heng Kee, Permanent Secretary, MSF

Mr Hsieh Fu Hua, President, NCSS

Mr Tan Puay Kern, Chairman of the Community Chest Awards
Organising Committee

Award Recipients

Distinguished guests

1. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Community Chest Awards Ceremony 2015. Thank you, Minister Tan, for gracing this occasion at the Capitol Theatre. We are also grateful to President Tony Tan, Patron-in-Chief of NCSS, who will be joining us later this evening.
2. Tonight, we have come to celebrate and recognise 418 recipients, comprising individuals and organisations who have made significant contributions to Community Chest to help our beneficiaries, the charities that serve them, and the social service sector. This is the highest number of recipients in the last five years. I am pleased to share that our award recipients have helped

to raise an exceptional sum of \$64 million in total for the FY ended 31 March 2015, an increase of 65% from last year. Well done to all of our recipients.

3. We hope to create opportunities for Singaporeans, so that all, including the disadvantaged community, can strive towards their aspirations. The public, private and people sectors, commonly known as the 3P partnership, play an important role in helping us realise the vision. I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all of our partners here, for joining hands with Community Chest to help make Singapore a more caring and inclusive society.
4. Beyond monetary donations, many have also come forward to give their time and talent in helping beneficiaries. This groundswell of support has encouraged the Government to extend the Care & Share Movement to 31 March 2016, with an additional \$250 million dollar-for-dollar matching grant.

THE REAL JOY OF SUCCESS IS IN SHARING IT

5. For the social service sector, we can aim higher and do more when community partners come together. At Community Chest, we believe that the real joy of success is in sharing it. Success is not so much measured by how much we have, but how much we care. We hope to widen this view among Singaporeans and to imbue it in the community spirit.
6. To that end, Community Chest has invited 26 business leaders, celebrities, community representatives and beneficiaries take part in a campaign to share this message. A series of 11 posters have

been produced and are currently on display at MRT stations and bus shelters island-wide. You can also see some of the posters as you come into the theatre. For accepting our invitation, we would like to thank some of these 'talents': **Ms Chua Sock Koong**, Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Singapore Telecommunications Limited (who is here with us today); **Mr Goh Choon Phong**, CEO of Singapore Airlines; **Mr Piyush Gupta**, CEO of DBS Group; and **Mr Wong Kim Yin**, Group CEO of Singapore Power Ltd.

7. We have also produced a new Care & Share video, which looks at success as a community that rises together. To help us spread the message, please feel free to approach any of our staff for these posters and the video.

PINNACLE AWARD RECIPIENTS

8. I would also like to highlight the recipients of the Pinnacle Award, the highest honour given to donors of Community Chest, for their exemplary commitment to care for the needy. For over two decades, **Panasonic Industrial Devices Semiconductor Asia, Sony Electronics (Singapore) Pte. Ltd./SETS**, and the **Urban Redevelopment Authority** have shown how individual efforts can make a big difference. All three organisations have successfully and consistently influenced their employees to make monthly contributions to our regular giving programme SHARE. The giving culture is so strong that at least three out of four staff in these organisations are helping the less fortunate. Another Pinnacle award recipient is the Singapore Armed Forces – G1-Army, which has been actively involved in charity efforts such as the Army

Charity Drive, and meaningfully giving back to society through the concerted efforts of all their servicemen and women.

KEY PARTNERS

9. It is through strategic collaborations as well that Community Chest is able to boost its fundraising and engagement efforts. A few key partners of Community Chest deserve a special mention. They are: **Keppel Care Foundation, Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple, Marina Bay Sands, Maybank Singapore, MediaCorp Pte Ltd, PropNex Realty Pte Ltd, Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore Airlines Ltd, Singapore Telecommunications Limited, and StarHub Ltd.**

10. We are extremely grateful to Tote Board and Singapore Pools for their generous donations, and for helping to cover most of Community Chest's fund-raising costs, so that every dollar of your donations goes towards serving the needs of the beneficiaries. We would also specially thank **Capitol Theatre** for sponsoring tonight's venue, and the **Singapore Police Force Band** for supporting this event with their wonderful talent.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

11. We would also like to take this opportunity to commend the contributions of two very committed volunteers – Dr Henry Tay and Brigadier General (BG) Gan Siow Huang. Dr Tay is a stalwart supporter of Community Chest, who has championed and directed fund-raising efforts since 1990. He will be receiving the Special Recognition Award. Another remarkable volunteer is BG Gan, who

supported the work of Community Chest in her capacity as Committee member and sub-committee co-chairperson. She will be receiving the Appreciation Award.

12. On behalf of everyone in Community Chest and our beneficiaries, we thank all award recipients for your compassion and enthusiasm in supporting our work in the social service sector. We look forward to your continued partnership and together, we hope to nurture a more caring and inclusive society.

13. Thank you.