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OVER 90,000 VOLUNTEERS RALLIED THROUGH PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE VOLUNTEER DRIVE

*'Let's Carnival' event by Adam Road Presbyterian Church hosted
more than 850 service users and provided respite to their caregivers*

SINGAPORE, 19 AUGUST 2023 – Since 2012, the annual President's Challenge Volunteer Drive (PCVD) has matched the needs of PC-benefitting agencies with interested volunteers, mobilising a total of more than 90,000 volunteers. To date this year, PCVD had rallied over 3,500 volunteers through 46 volunteering activities like befriending sessions and food donation drives in support of PC-benefitting agencies, and support for the Istana Open House. It is on track to meet its target of rallying 10,000 volunteers for PCVD 2023 by end of the year.

'Let's Carnival' event in support of PCVD

2. The 'Let's Carnival' event organised by Adam Road Presbyterian Church (ARPC), which took place today at Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary (KCPSS), is one such volunteering activity organised by corporate partners in support of PCVD.

3. At the event, Guest-of-Honour President Halimah Yacob thanked ARPC and the volunteers for contributing their time and effort to support the community. President Halimah said, "Volunteering is a visible demonstration of our social compact in action. Over the past six years, I have been very heartened to see more Singaporeans embracing volunteerism as a way of life, and I hope to see more volunteers step up to make a difference to the community."

4. In line with the PC2023 theme on 'Caring for Caregivers', the event rallied over 1,500 volunteers, including youths from ARPC's Boys' and Girls' Brigade companies and KCPSS, to host more than 600 service users from 10 PC-benefitting agencies and their caregivers, as well as 250 lower-income Bishan-Toa Payoh residents, which provided respite to the caregivers.

Celebrating volunteers and partners of PCVD

5. With 2023 designated as the Year of Celebrating Social Service Partners by the Ministry of Social and Family Development, it is timely to recognise the integral contributions of partners, including corporates, social service agencies and volunteers, in building strong families and a caring society.

6. 54-year-old Mr Peter Ng has been an active volunteer for over eight years with ARPC's prison ministry. "It takes commitment to be ready and motivated to volunteer. Although there is no reward for volunteering, I feel that I have received immeasurably more in so many ways. I now know myself better and have learnt how to self-care and to communicate and plan better. Volunteering has allowed me to gain different perspectives and grow as a person. If you are keen to start your volunteering journey, start by taking that first step, where you are, as you are," said Mr Ng.

7. Many youth volunteers also want to contribute and help those in need. For example, 16-year-old student at KCPSS, Mohamad Miqa Ariyan Bin Mohamad Nizal, has been volunteering as a youth leader at the Masjid An-Nahdhah mosque. Over the past four year, Miqa has been helping to organise events such as food distributions to seniors and lower-income residents and activities for students with special needs. His passion in doing good has inspired his friends to join him in volunteering at the mosque.

8. Besides long-time PCVD partners like ARPC, there are also new partners like Nichiren Shoshu Buddhist Association (Singapore) (NSBA) this year. Over 40 NSBA staff volunteered for the first time at the National Day Istana Open House, organising exciting fundraising activities for the families to participate in. They also raised funds for PC by selling merchandise including kitchenware such as sauce dish, plates and tea towels.

9. 47-year-old Mr Tok Aik Hong, who had volunteered with NSBA for over 15 years through activities like food distribution to needy residents, was one of the volunteers at this year's National Day Istana Open House. "Volunteerism strengthens the bonds among people and impacts everyone to care for one another. My social network has expanded with the friends I made, and it is extra meaningful when we volunteer together to help and fundraise for those who are in need," said Mr Tok.

10. Individuals and organisations interested to volunteer in support of PC can visit www.presidentschallenge.gov.sg/take-action/volunteer.

Annex A – List of benefitting agencies under PC 2023

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About President's Challenge

Started in 2000, President's Challenge (PC) is a national movement led by the President to rally Singaporeans to build a caring and cohesive society by raising funds as well as looking at how to better support our disadvantaged through volunteering and inclusive employment. Since 2018, PC has been focusing on the empowerment of groups in need with skills and employment. Focus areas of PC in recent years include mental health (PC2019), empowering persons with disabilities (PC2020), building a digitally inclusive society (PC2021) and supporting lower-income families (PC2022). PC2023 will focus on caring for caregivers. 100% of the donations raised goes to benefitting agencies supported by PC.

LIST OF BENEFITTING AGENCIES UNDER PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2023

10 agencies marked with an asterisk are supported by 'APRC Let's Carnival'*

Cross-Sector Services

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| 1 | Community Chest |
| 2 | Fei Yue Community Services |
| 3 | Filos Community Services |
| 4 | Girl Guides Singapore |
| 5 | Mind Science Centre |
| 6 | Sathya Sai Social Service |
| 7 | Singapore Red Cross Society |
| 8 | Society of Sheng Hong Welfare Services |
| 9 | The Red Pencil (Singapore) |

Children, Youth & Family Services

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| 10 | Bethel Community Services |
| 11 | Boys' Town |
| 12 | CampusImpact |
| 13 | Canossville Children and Community Services |
| 14 | Caregivers Alliance Limited* |
| 15 | Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home |
| 16 | Child at Street 11 Ltd |
| 17 | Community Justice Centre |
| 18 | FaithActs |
| 19 | Focus on the Family Singapore Limited |
| 20 | Kampung Senang Charity and Education Foundation |
| 21 | Law Society Pro Bono Services |
| 22 | Morning Star Community Services Limited |
| 23 | New Life Community Services |
| 24 | One Hope Centre |
| 25 | Persatuan Persuratan Pemuda Pemudi Melayu |
| 26 | Prison Fellowship Singapore Ltd |
| 27 | REACH Community Services Society |
| 28 | RiverLife Community Services Limited |
| 29 | Tasek Jurong Ltd |
| 30 | United Women Singapore |
| 31 | WE CARE Community Services Ltd |
| 32 | Xin Yuan Community Care |
| 33 | Yong-en Care Centre |
| 34 | Young Women's Christian Association of Singapore |

Disability Services

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| 35 | Abilities Beyond Limitations and Expectations Limited (ABLE) |
| 36 | ARTDIS (Singapore) Ltd |
| 37 | AWWA Ltd |
| 38 | Caring Fleet Services Ltd |
| 39 | Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore* |
| 40 | Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)* |
| 41 | Dyslexia Association of Singapore |
| 42 | Handicaps Welfare Association |
| 43 | Metta Welfare Association* |

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| 44 | Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS) |
| 45 | Muscular Dystrophy Association (Singapore) |
| 46 | Playeum Ltd. |
| 47 | Rainbow Centre, Singapore* |
| 48 | Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH) |
| 49 | St Andrew's Mission Hospital (SAMH) |
| 50 | The Singapore Association for the Deaf (SADeaf) |
| Eldercare Services | |
| 51 | St John's Home for Elderly Persons |
| Mental Health Services | |
| 52 | Limitless (Ltd.) |
| Rehabilitation - Halfway Houses / Ex-Offenders | |
| 53 | Breakthrough Missions |
| 54 | Green Haven Halfway House |
| 55 | HCSA Community Services* |
| 56 | HEB – Ashram Halfway House |
| 57 | iC@re Hub Ltd. |
| 58 | Rise Above Halfway House |
| 59 | The Salvation Army |
| 60 | Teen Challenge Halfway House |
| 61 | The Helping Hand Halfway House* |
| 62 | Yellow Ribbon Fund |
| Healthcare | |
| 63 | Ain Society* |
| 64 | Blossom Seeds Limited (BS) |
| 65 | Caregiving Welfare Association |
| 66 | Dover Park Hospice (DPH) |
| 67 | Epilepsy Care Group (Singapore) (ECG) |
| 68 | HCA Hospice Limited (HCA) |
| 69 | Home Nursing Foundation (HNF) |
| 70 | NUHS Fund Limited (NUHS FL) |
| 71 | Salem Welfare Services Limited (SWSL) |
| 72 | SATA CommHealth (SATA) |
| 73 | SingHealth Fund (SHF) |
| 74 | TTSH Community Fund (TTSH CF) |
| Disability Sports | |
| 75 | Bowling Association for the Disabled (Singapore) |
| 76 | Deaf Sports Association (Singapore) |
| 77 | Lawn Bowls Association for the Disabled (Singapore) |
| 78 | Singapore Disability Sports Council |
| 79 | Singapore National Paralympic Council |
| 80 | Special Olympics Singapore |
| 81 | Equestrian Federation of Singapore |
| Empowering for Life Fund | |
| (in 40) | Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) |
| 82 | Montfort Care* |
| PC-IMH Programme | |
| 83 | Club HEAL* |
| 84 | Singapore Association for Mental Health (SAMH) |
| 85 | Singapore Children's Society (SCS) |
| 86 | TOUCH Community Services |