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COMMUNITY CHEST PRESENTS A JAZZ CHARITY CONCERT WITH SINGAPORE'S KING OF SWING

Singapore, July 30, 2010 – Community Chest and Singapore's foremost jazz musician, Cultural Medallion winner, Professor Jeremy Monteiro, came together to present a jazz concert themed "Swinging in Singapore". With a full 18-piece band and the biggest stars from the international and local jazz scenes, the concert included a charity gala dinner held at the Ritz-Carlton Millenia Singapore this evening with Guest-Of-Honour, President SR Nathan. It also coincided with Professor Monteiro's 50th birthday celebration.

Professor Monteiro said: "In life, one hopes to be useful to others, rather than just looking out for oneself. To mark my 50th birthday, I thought that the best gift I can give myself and others is to do a fund-raiser for the less fortunate in Singapore."

Headlining the performance with Professor Monteiro was two-time Grammy Award winner, saxophonist Mr Ernie Watts. They were joined by international jazz stars, Mr Gabriel Hasselbach, Mr Steve Cannon, Mr Tots Tolentino and Mr Greg Lyons, as well as local jazz celebrities, Ms Rahima Rahim, Ms Rani Singam and Ms Claressa Monteiro.

"Many people have rallied together to make this night possible. This 'birthday bash with a cause' is unique and also meaningful as all the funds raised will go to Community Chest and its beneficiaries," said Dr Lee Boon Yang, Chairman of the "Swinging in Singapore" Organising Committee.

The members of the organising committee for "Swinging in Singapore" are Ms Jennie Chua, Chairman of Community Chest, Mr Edmund Tie, Vice-Chairman of Community Chest, Mr Stephen Chu, Ms Anita Fam, Professor Jeremy Monteiro, Mr Ang Kong Hua, Mr Colin Goh, Mr Edmund Lam, Mrs Laura Hwang, Mr Lee Suan Hiang, Mr Lim Ee Seng, Ms Staphnie Tang, Mr Tama Goh and Ms Gaylin Tan.

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Funds raised by the concert will bring Community Chest closer to meeting its fund-raising target of \$55.2 million. A total of 161 critical social service programmes run by 72 charities serving more than 320,000 beneficiaries, including children with special needs, people with disabilities, lonely and frail elderly and families in need will be helped through the Community Chest funds.

Guests also participated in a charity auction where items such as a private dinner for 12 at Au Petit Salute, a fine dining French restaurant, as well as a three-night stay at the Swissôtel The Stamford in their exclusive circuit-training room during the Singapore Grand Prix in September 2010 were auctioned.

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Community Chest

Community Chest raises funds on a yearly basis to meet the needs of the social service programmes we help support. We also ensure that fund-raising and other operating costs are kept to a minimum. As these costs are covered mainly by Tote Board and Singapore Pools, every dollar raised by Community Chest will be made available to social service programmes under its care.

Community Chest has made it easier for individuals to donate from the comfort of their homes via websites such as www.comchest.org.sg and www.vpost.com.sg, through the internet (DBS, UOB or Citibank) or phone banking (DBS or POSB) and even at SAM machines across the island. Individuals can also reap tax benefits on donations through hassle-free modes like the Community Chest's SHARE programme (the sign-up form is available at www.comchest.org.sg) where one can make monthly donations via GIRO, credit card or payroll and have his or her tax deductions automatically included in their tax assessments.

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