

**EMBARGOED TILL AFTER DELIVERY**

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY MS JENNIE CHUA,  
CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY CHEST  
AT THE COMMUNITY CHEST AWARDS 2011  
PRESENTATION CEREMONY  
13 OCTOBER 2011, THURSDAY, 2.45 PM  
BANQUET HALL, THE ISTANA**

**Your Excellency, President of the Republic of Singapore and Patron-in-Chief of the National Council of Social Service, and Mrs Tony Tan Keng Yam**

**Mr Chan Chun Sing, Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS)**

**Mr Sam Tan, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (MCYS)**

**Mr Seah Kian Peng, Chairman of the MCYS GPC**

**Mr Chan Heng Kee, Permanent Secretary (MCYS)**

**Mr Khoo Boon Hui, Senior Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs**

**Award Recipients**

**Distinguished Guests**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good afternoon. Every year, Community Chest looks forward to the awards ceremony to celebrate giving and acknowledge our corporate partners, foundations and individual donors for their generous contributions and strong support to Community Chest. We are privileged to have President and Mrs Tony Tan Keng Yam, as the Guests-of-Honour, for the first time, at this ceremony. President and Mrs Tan, thank you for honouring us with your presence this afternoon.

2 Last year, Community Chest raised \$55.2 million to meet the needs of more than 300,000 beneficiaries. This would not have been possible without the steadfast support and selfless dedication from our generous donors.

### **First-time Corporate Platinum Award recipients**

3 I am glad to note that there are 3 first time Corporate Platinum Award recipients today. YTL Corporation made a donation to Community Chest and staged a free public concert at their YTL Concert of Celebration 2010. IIFL Securities Pte Ltd celebrated the launch of its

trading operations on the Singapore Exchange and donated all the commissions earned in its first week of launch to Community Chest. Another first time Corporate Platinum Award recipient, Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple, set up a Community Fund and named Community Chest as its beneficiary. To our first time Corporate Platinum Award recipients, we welcome and applaud you for joining us on this journey to bring hope to the disadvantaged.

### **Pinnacle Award recipients**

4 This afternoon, we would also like to recognise the extraordinary efforts of many committed groups of donors who have garnered their staff's support for SHARE, a monthly workplace giving programme. SHARE contributes about a quarter of the funds that Community Chest raises each year. There are now nearly 220,000 SHARE donors who provide a steady source of funds to Community Chest that ensures continued and sustained funding to help our beneficiaries.

5 I would like to give particular mention to two of our long-standing partners who have been strong supporters of the SHARE programme for the past 21 years. They are the Singapore Armed Forces – HQ Commando and Singapore Police Force – “G” Division. Both will be receiving the highest accolade for Community Chest donors, the prestigious Pinnacle Award. May I extend my heartiest congratulations and sincere appreciation to them for their commitment and generosity.

### **Thank key partners**

6 Over the years, many of our valuable partners have stood by us, during good and bad times in our economy, to help the less fortunate. These organisations have remained committed, year after year and some, decade after decade, to raising funds, sponsoring our fund-raising efforts and contributing generously to our causes. Community Chest is deeply grateful to them, and they are the Housing and Development Board, Lee Foundation, MediaCorp Pte Ltd, Ministry of Defence, National University of Singapore, NTUC FairPrice Foundation, Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd., Raffles Hotel, Singapore Airlines, Singapore Press

Holdings (SPH) Limited and SPH Foundation, Singapore Police Force, Singapore Power Limited, SingTel, SMRT Corporation Ltd, StarHub Ltd, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, United Overseas Bank Limited, and many other organisations and foundations who have been strong supporters of Community Chest. I thank them for their kindness and for giving us the privilege to be their partners in serving the needy. My deep appreciation also goes out to Tote Board and Singapore Pools for their generous donations and for helping to cover the costs of Community Chest so that every dollar raised goes towards serving the needs of all our beneficiaries.

### **Individuals stepping forward to help the less fortunate**

7 Besides organisations, many individuals have also stepped forward to help the less fortunate in their own special ways. For example, Dr Lee Boon Yang, Mr Ho Sing, Mr Lim Ee Seng and Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon who, despite their very busy schedules, have stepped forward to help the less fortunate by providing leadership and guidance in steering committees, and raising funds for Community Chest. My heartfelt

gratitude also goes to Mr Ho Kwon Ping, Ms Claire Chiang and Mr Jeremy Monteiro who have made meaningful donations to Community Chest on commemorative occasions. These inspirational examples have shown, by their simple acts of kindness, that individuals can contribute in many ways to help improve the lives of people in need.

8 On behalf of all our beneficiaries, thank you for your unwavering support for children with special needs, youths-at-risk, persons with disabilities, frail and lonely elderly and families in need.

9 We hope you will inspire many others to join us in this journey to help the less fortunate lead dignified and fulfilling lives.

Thank you.