

# FACTSHEET ON SHARITY

## About Sharity

Sharity is the cuddly pink elephant that is Community Chest's mascot. Sharity's name is a combination of the words 'share' and 'charity'. True to his name, Sharity regularly cares for and shares with the underprivileged. With Sharity leading the way, Community Chest seeks to encourage children and youth to be compassionate towards the less fortunate in the community.



## Sharity's Story

When Sharity was little, he was mocked at simply because he was pink and looked different. He was very sad but instead of sulking, giving up or running away, he put on a brave front and continued doing all the things he loved.

When Sharity played a game, he included everyone. When he snacked on his favourite peanuts, he shared with his friends. And when he received his pocket money he remembered those who were not as lucky as he was and put aside some to give to the less fortunate.

Every other week, he made new friends, volunteering with his family and making a difference in someone's life. Slowly, through his caring gestures, he won over the hearts of everybody, even those who had initially ridiculed him for his appearance. He had become his own hero! Not only had he changed his life, he had impacted so many others in the community through his thoughtful acts.

Today, we first see his warm ways and big heart before we even realise that he is indeed a strikingly bright pink!

## Quick Facts About Sharity

1. **Sharity's Birthday:** Sharity's birthday falls on Children's Day! It is a double celebration every year and he has a great time. But it does not stop with him enjoying and receiving. It is about giving too. Sharity ensures that it is always a 'charitable birthday', when he brings together his privileged and less privileged friends together, to 'do good'.
2. **'Hands On' Sharity:** He uses his pocket money to give and takes time out of his schedule to help others. Yes, his parents and teachers help him but it is all his initiative and effort.
3. **Charity is a Habit:** To Sharity, charity is a habit and he practises what he says. Giving and caring for those less privileged is part of his routine and everyday life.