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Happy 57th Singapore!

Stronger Together

As we celebrate the nation's 57th independence day, this year's NDP theme 'Stronger Together' is a reminder that we need to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future.

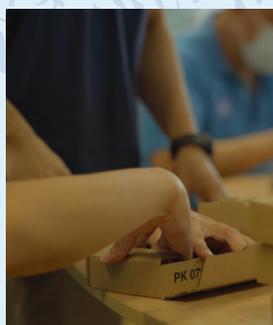
Similarly, here at SAAC, it is only with the support of all stakeholders - donors, partners, staff and the community we serve - that we are able to grow from strength to strength with each passing year.

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Giving Thanks: Donor Appreciation Luncheon

We had the pleasure of hosting our donors at SAAC's first Donor Appreciation Luncheon in April.

SAAC board chairman Mr Tan Soo Kiang warmly welcomed the guests in his opening speech which was followed by a special prayer of blessing by our client from the Day Activity Centre (DAC), Aloysius Low. Lunch was an engaging affair as guests enjoyed the face-to-face discussions after 2 years of Covid restrictions.



There was a special showcase of artworks by Aloysius and a photo exhibition titled "Finding What's Next" by photojournalist Bob Lee, highlighting the challenges faced by young adults with moderate to severe autism.



"Through my photographs and the stories behind the photographs, my aim is to help more people understand about autism and the ASD community," shared Bob Lee who is also a parent of a teenager with autism.

A special Thanksgiving video was put together to thank our donors and show how their contributions make it possible for us to deepen our quality of care and extend help to those who need it most.



The highlight of the luncheon was a rousing and candid panel session with panelists from SAAC, Mr Binu Ravindran (Head, Allied Professional Support), Ms Veronica Ho (Principal of St. Andrew's Autism School) and Mr Malkeith Singh (Coordinating Coach Leader, Day Activity Centre), together with Mdm Chin Hsiao Yun, mother of two children with special needs.

Our CEO Mr Bernard Chew in closing, expressed his gratitude to our donors and encouraged them to continue to journey with SAAC.



Thank you to all our donors and guests who made the time to attend the luncheon.

Scan the QR code
to watch the
Thanksgiving video



Long Service Award 2022



Every year, we show our utmost appreciation for the perseverance and steadfast service rendered by our long-serving staff through the Long Service Award (LSA), which gives recognition to staff who have rendered 5, 10 or 15 years of continuous service with the organisation.

Throughout this time, our colleagues have demonstrated their commitment to making the lives of those we serve better. For that, we are truly grateful.

Our heartiest congratulations to the 30 recipients who received the 5-year, 10-year and 15-year LSA this year!

We are thankful for your years of faithful service!

FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Tan Swee Ping Caroline (Associate Programme Lead)
Wang Woo Yin Hong (Vice Principal)

FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Malkeith Singh S/O Amarjit Singh (Coordinating Coach Leader)
Edgardo Jr Marcelo Samson (Coach I)
Seet Yu Ying Melissa (Senior Coach)
Lenny Chan Wan Lin (Programme Lead)
Ho Suet Poh (Senior Teacher Aide)
Durai Pandian Visalakshi (Teacher)
Jude I Miranda (Teacher)
Vasanthi Asaithambi (Speech & Language Therapist)

FOR 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Lin Ming An Jason (Coach II)
Braden Ong Wei Cong (Coach I)
I Kavithra (Coach I)
Jessica Fidelis Lee Jia Xi (Coach I)
Wong Jia Wei Wilson (Coach I)
Lim Hui Wen Lynette (Coach II)
Ng Wye Lin Theresa (Senior Teacher)
E Kayyathiri (Teacher)
Ernie Binte Aripin (Teacher)
Jamuna D/O Nanda Kumaran (Teacher)

SpotLIGHT Award 2022

CONGRATULATIONS

Emma Yuana Binte Muhamad (Programme Lead, SAAC)
Iannick Donovan Lo (Teacher Aide, SAAC)
Jocelyn Tan Qiu Fang (Teacher, SAAS)
Wong Jia Wei Wilson (Coach, DAC Siglap)
Chng Jiasheng (Coach, DAC Sengkang)
Chen Shuling Serene (Educational Psychologist, SAAH)
Mildred Tay Lay Lay (Resident Manager, SAAH)
Neipeu Losou (Healthcare Assistant, SAAH)

SAAC turned the SpotLIGHT on eight of our colleagues who were applauded for their exceptional display of the Centre's values.

These colleagues were chosen from a total of 60 nominations from staff and parents of our clients to receive the SpotLIGHT Award, which was launched last year as a way to recognise staff who exemplify SAAC's values of L.I.G.H.T (Love, Integrity, Growth, Honour, Teamwork) in their course of work.

Congratulations to all the Award winners, and we thank you for your HARD and HEART work in caring for our students, clients and residents!

Vertical Farm Bearing Fruit!

In May, SAAC started experimenting with a vertical farm structure in an effort to maximise the space that we have for hydroponics farming by adding a variety of structures at our Siglap campus.

A month later, we are happy to report that our clients from the DAC horticulture programme have just successfully harvested the first batch of produce from the vertical farm! Check out these freshly harvested local greens and salad greens!



Dignity of Work: Federal Packaging

The **End Caps Assembling Project** is a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative by local packaging company **Federal Packaging Industries**. Mooted by Managing Director Mr Lau Chee Peng in October 2016, the project aims to support the vocational learning of clients from SAAC by engaging them in meaningful production work.



The project involves clients from DAC's pre-vocational and non-vocational track as well as more than 30 students from SAAS. They are trained in the final steps to assemble boxes, such as gluing, folding, slotting and packing. Through this project, our clients and students are able to assemble a few thousand boxes for the clients of Federal Packaging each month.

Our team recently had the privilege of visiting their factory to find out more about their business and culture. We are heartened to learn that the company will continue to explore options for our clients to experience dignity of work by developing projects that can expose them to different opportunities in the packaging industry.



Thank you, Federal Packaging, for believing in the that work we do! Your continued support over the years helps us improve the quality of life of the many individuals in our care.

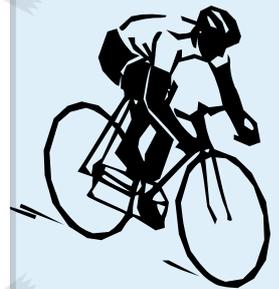
Parkway East Hospital cycles for SAAC!



Parkway East Hospital marks its 80th anniversary with '**Cycling for Autism**', a fundraiser event for SAAC.

All registration fees and donations will go towards SAAC and making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. CEO Bernard Chew has also been training hard to gear up for the event.

Come join us **24th September** as an individual or with family and friends to cycle, make a donation or fundraise for the event!



Register



Closing 17 Sept

Donate



Closing 30 Oct

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