



## #LovelsBlue

April was a very memorable month for all of us at SAAC. In honour of World Autism Awareness Month this year, we launched #LovelsBlue, our very own campaign to promote awareness and acceptance for the autism community.

To kick off the month with a bang, over 100 SAAC staff from both Siglap and Sengkang campuses gathered to form a giant blue heart, symbolising our commitment to serve every client, resident and student in our care.



28 GovTech employees, with the help of some of our students from St. Andrew's Autism School (SAAS), volunteered their time and brought the walls of our MPH to life with a beautiful mural! Their hard work has truly made a difference in creating a vibrant and welcoming space at our Siglap campus.





We also had over 20 #LovelsBlue Blue Heart photo participation over social media as well as corporate partners who helped us fundraising by dedicating a portion of their sales to SAAC for the month of April!

It really does take a village! We are grateful for all the support and outpouring of love we have received from corporates, partners and the community through the giving of your time, talent and treasure.







# CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL-LIVED

We are immensely thankful and humbled to be chosen as the beneficiary of "A Celebration of a Life Well Lived" Wine Charity Gala Dinner and Auction held in loving memory of Dr NK Yong.

Dr Yong was a trailblazer in the medical profession. Notably, he carried out the first open heart surgery in Singapore in 1965. Dr Yong is held in high esteem for his philanthropy and in championing various charitable causes.

Our heartfelt thanks to Dr Yong's wife, Mrs Melina Yong, for tirelessly planning the fundraising gala dinner held in January, which raised \$1.6 million. We would also like to thank the donors who contributed generously in the auction.

The well-lived life of Dr Yong will enable SAAC to deepen our support for our students, clients and residents to help them live their lives meaningfully and with dignity. For that, we at SAAC cannot be more thankful!

If you would like to give the gift of hope for those with autism, please consider making a donation by scanning the QR code on the next page.

## #STORIESOFSAAC

That autism is a spectrum is an oft-heard refrain but what does it mean exactly? As part of the #LovelsBlue campaign, we shared seven special SAAC stories highlighting the challenges, moments of joy and why and how we are committed to our vision that no one with autism should journey alone.

What is a communications board for? Why do some persons with autism engage in self-injurious behaviour? What misconceptions about autism still prevail? And what does it take to be an autism educator? These stories underscore that no one with autism should journey alone.



In "My Brother, His Autism and Me", Pang Tze Hui shared her reflections as a sister to a person with autism and how it inspired her to volunteer at SAAC's Day Activity Centre. Scan the QR Code to read her story and more in our #StoriesOfSAAC series.





St. Andrew's Autism Centre (SAAC) was established in 2005 to meet a growing need to serve individuals on the autism spectrum. Our vision is to enable persons with autism to lead dignified and meaningful lives.

We achieve this by enriching their lives and that of their families through quality education, training and care, distinguished by Christian love and compassion. Today, we serve 450 persons with autism across the lifespan through our special education school, day activity centres, and Singapore's first residential home for persons with autism.

At SAAC, we hold our values of love, integrity, growth, honour, and teamwork very close to our hearts. We believe that everyone deserves to live a life filled with purpose and meaning, and we strive to make that a reality for our beneficiaries and their families.

## **Autism lasts a lifetime. No one should take that journey alone.**

While autism is lifelong and has no known cure, persons with autism need not journey alone. You can help these individuals better manage the challenges of the condition and lead fulfilling and meaningful lives through lifelong acceptance and support.

Whether you choose to give or volunteer, your contribution will help improve their quality of life.



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