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PRESS RELEASE

More than \$200,000 donated to people with Cerebral Palsy



Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore (CPAS) had their 3rd charity dinner, with Guest of Honour, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean attending the event.

The charity dinner was co-presented with Marina Bay Sands as part of the “Sands for Singapore Charity Festival 2018”. Held at Marina Bay Sands in conjunction with the Sands for Singapore Charity Festival, the event was attended by over 420 guests, including individual and corporate donors.

At present, CPAS serves over 700 clients ranging in age from a few months to 55 years old. CPAS Acting Executive Director, Ms Latha Kutty said, “This Charity Dinner is an opportunity for us to showcase the abilities of our children and adults with cerebral palsy. At the same time, we would like to thank past and present donors and hope they can see that with their generous support, it can empower our beneficiaries to reach their full potential.”

The funds raised will go towards the CPAS programmes and services that will help make an impact to the lives of the beneficiaries. It will also be channelled towards subsidising therapy fees, transportation costs, and providing financial assistance for the children and adults under the service of CPAS.

The evening was also an opportunity to recognise five unique CPAS partners namely, Professor Ong Hian Tat, Marina Bay Sands, SIA Engineering Division, Courts Singapore and Mr Freddie Lee. The partners have continuously provided support and resources for more than three years through CPAS programmes, as well as through their initiatives.

Mr George Tanasijevich, President and Chief Executive Officer, Marina Bay Sands, also shared: “CPAS is a designated charity under Sands for Singapore, our corporate social responsibility

programme. We have been supporting the organisation since 2014. Our latest contribution of S\$160,000 to CPAS will enable them to meet a fundamental yet essential need for their clients. More importantly, the improved accessibility services will open doors to meaningful experiences and opportunities for these beneficiaries.”

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About Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore (CPAS)

The Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore (CPAS) was established in 1957 to provide early intervention and special education for children and youths and rehabilitation services, day activity centre programmes, vocational training and gainful employment for adults with cerebral palsy in Singapore. At present, we look after more than 700 clients ranging in age from a few months to 55 years old.

About Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral (brain) palsy (lack of muscle control) is an inclusive term used to describe a group of non-progressive disorders occurring in young children in which damage to the brain causes impairment of motor function. The degree of disability ranges from extreme tightness or looseness of the muscles of the body, improper head, shoulder or hip control to slight speech impairment. Cerebral palsy is not curable and is non-progressive. The condition can be caused before or during birth or some illness or injury to the children early in life.

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