

Changing Lives, One Step at a Time: Our Latest Initiatives and Campaigns

A bi-annual update from
Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore (CPAS)

Dear Friends of CPAS,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the May 2023 edition of our bi-annual newsletter. We are grateful for your ongoing support and generosity, which has enabled us to continue our mission of empowering individuals with cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities.

Through your support, we have been able to provide essential services and programmes to over 700 clients, enabling them to achieve their full potential and live fulfilling lives.

In this newsletter, we will update you on our progress over the past six months, share stories of hope and success, and provide information on upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

We hope that you find this newsletter informative and inspiring, and we thank you again for your support.



Recent Events

A Day to Remember: CPAS Alumni Visit Gardens by the Bay



In February 2023, 33 of our CPAS alumni, accompanied by their caregivers, visited Cloud Forest, where they got to enjoy the Avatar: The Experience immersive exhibition. The outing was kindly sponsored and supported by our partners at NEON and Garden's by the Bay's Gift of Gardens community outreach programme.

One of the highlights of the visit was an opportunity to interact with an animatronic mountain banshee and its baby at a special session organised just for our alumni. Our clients also managed to visit Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay and grab lunch with their friends and family.

The visit was not just a day of fun, but also a meaningful experience for our alumni. The opportunity to explore a new environment and interact with the exhibits was a unique and enriching experience that helped build their confidence and social skills. CPAS is grateful to NEON and Gardens by the Bay for their continuous support in creating opportunities for our alumni to participate in meaningful activities and build social connections with their peers in the community.

Interested in taking our clients out for an excursion like this? Drop an email to alexander_byun@cpas.org.sg today!

In April 2023, our CPAS school students had a fun-filled bowling experience at Forte Bowl together with 22 volunteers from ST Engineering. The volunteers went above and beyond to make sure our students had a great time, and even came up with creative ways to help them bowl! We are also proud to announce that ST Engineering are our first CPAS Discovery Guides of the year, our new outreach programme to link corporates with our clients.

The atmosphere at Forte Bowl was electric as our students and volunteers cheered each other on and shared in the excitement of each strike and spare. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for our students and caregivers to engage in physical activity, socialise with their peers, and build meaningful connections with the volunteers from ST Engineering.

Besides sponsoring a sumptuous buffet lunch for over 150 of our adult clients, ST Engineering has also made an outright donation of \$10,000 to CPAS in support of our programmes to empower children and adults with cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities.

We would like to express our appreciation to ST Engineering for making this outing possible, and Forte Bowl for providing an inclusive bowling venue for our students.

Recent Events

A Strike for Inclusion: CPASS Students Hit the Bowling Alley



Corporate Partner Spotlight

Marina Bay Sands



Marina Bay Sands (MBS) has been a long-term partner with us since 2016. As part of its commitment to create resiliency for the vulnerable through their 'Sands Cares' programme, MBS has made a positive impact on the lives of our beneficiaries with their continuous support and sponsorship. In addition to being our event sponsor for our annual Charity Dinner since 2016, some of their past and ongoing contributions to CPAS include:

2018	Assisted CPAS in the procurement of a hydraulic bus equipped with dedicated wheelchair spaces.
2019	Contributed to the purchase of physiotherapy equipment for our clients.
2020	Contributed to our Assistive Technology Hub, which included procurement of Mabilia Casa Nursing Bed, Obi Feeding Robot, Accessible Kitchen & Furniture, Electrical & Plumbing works, Automated Shower System, and maintenance fees.



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Marina Bay Sands
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2021	Funded the purchase of digital learning tools such as smart TV, Laptops and Proloquo2go application to facilitate CPAS School for Digital Learning and Communication.
2022	Sponsored CPAS programmes and services such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TD Pilot (Eyegaze) for Speech & Language Pathology for students with several physical limitation in using switches. These students are trained to use eye-gaze for accessing ipad, for leisure and communication.• The 'iPad with Apple Pencil' for Day Activity Centre for clients to expand their communication abilities and for leisure activities like drawing and playing games.• A 12-month Art Programme for GROW (Goodwill, Rehabilitation, and Occupational Workshop).
2023	Funded resources for Speech & Language Therapy Department including items such as the TD Pilot Eye-Controlled communication device, iPad, specialised feeding utensils, and other oro-motor tools for therapy purposes.

We look forward to continuing our long-term partnership and collaboration with Marina Bay Sands.



Corporate Partner Spotlight

Micron Singapore

Since 2021, **Micron Singapore** has sponsored several essential equipment for our clients, including a state-of-the-art Virtual Reality (VR) wheelchair training simulator. The VR simulator is designed to be an immersive and safe space where our clients can learn how to operate and navigate with a motorised wheelchair. The system also presents our clients with various virtual scenarios that help them improve their decision making and problem-solving skills.

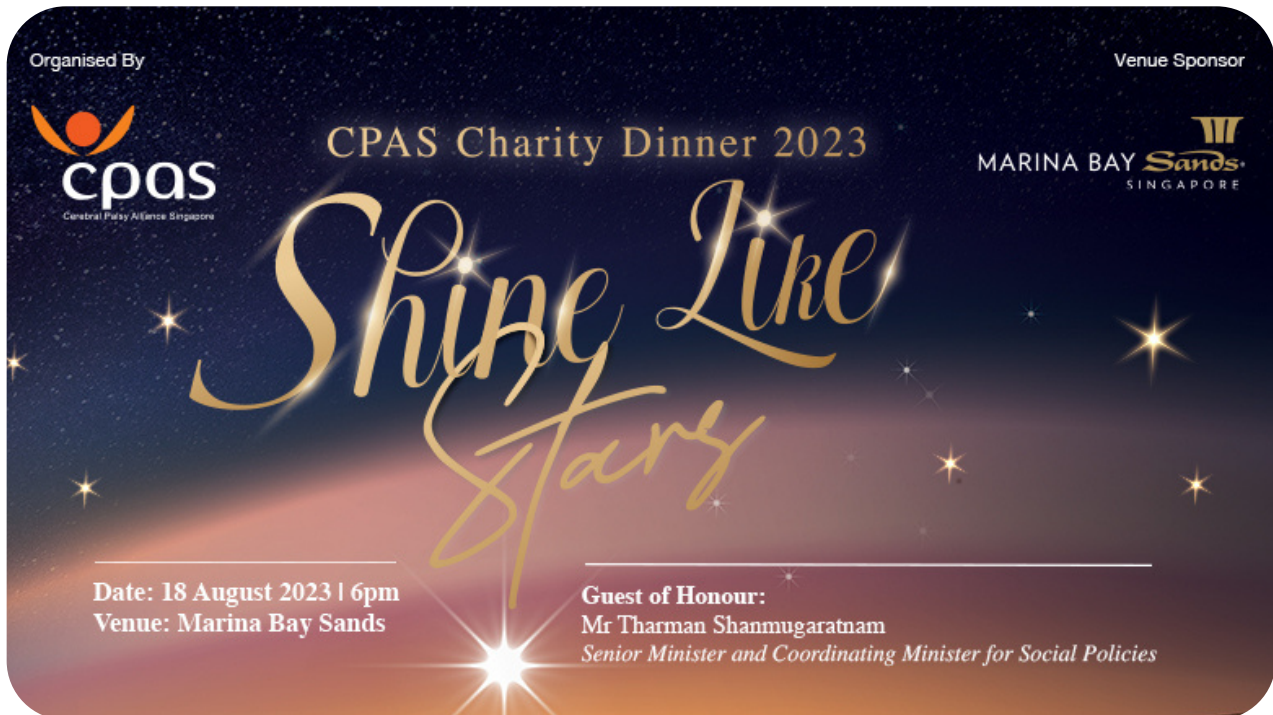
In March 2023, our Occupational Therapy (OT) department hosted a team from Micron Singapore to share on the progress on the VR simulator. Our OT Andrea demonstrated how staff would use the system during their therapy sessions, and the Micron Singapore team had an opportunity to try out the simulator for themselves.



We would like to thank Micron Singapore for enabling us to continue our mission of delivering fully integrated programmes and services at the highest standards with passion, integrity, care, and excellence. We look forward to their continued support in the years to come.

Upcoming Events

CPAS Charity Dinner 2023



We will be having our **Charity Dinner 2023** on 18 August 2023, 6pm at Marina Bay Sands. With the theme, 'Shine Like Stars', we are pleased to have Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies grace the occasion.

Every year, we organise the Charity Dinner with the hope of raising funds to support a diverse range of programmes and services, including procuring essential technology and equipment to improve the well-being of over 700 beneficiaries in CPAS.

Our fundraising goal for this year's Charity Dinner is \$250,000, where every dollar raised will be matched by Tote Board and the Singapore Government under the Enhanced Fund-raising Programme.

Upcoming Events

CPAS Charity Dinner 2023

Ways you can contribute:

1. Sponsor Seats/Table(s) at the CPAS Charity Dinner 2023

If you are interested in sponsoring a table at our Charity Dinner, please complete this [form](#).

2. Become a Sponsor for our Raffle Draw and Silent Auction segments

You may also support our event by [sponsoring an item/package](#) for our Raffle Draw and/or Silent Auction segments. You may view more details about sponsorship entitlements [here](#).

3. Make an Outright Donation

If you would like to make a direct donation in support of our Charity Dinner, please do so [here](#). Your contribution is matched Dollar-For-Dollar!



Upcoming Events

Spare Your Change for Suzy 2023



Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore (CPAS) is thrilled to announce the return of #SpareYourChangeforSuzy for its fourth consecutive year, in commemoration of World Cerebral Palsy Month in October 2023.

Familiar to many, the iconic Suzy donation box serves as CPAS's longstanding ambassador, tirelessly raising awareness and funds to support individuals with cerebral palsy under CPAS's care. Between 1 August and 31 October 2023, Suzy will once again mobilise the generous support of donors, including individuals, grassroots movements, schools, and corporations, to raise funds for those with cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities. Through collaborative efforts, we aspire to reach a fundraising goal of **S\$100,000**.

Every contribution holds immense value, as all donations received during this campaign will be eligible for dollar-for-dollar matching through the Tote Board's Enhanced Fund-Raising Programme. These donations will make a profound impact by providing essential programmes and services to over 700 individuals with cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities.

Stay tuned for further updates as we unveil more information on this exciting campaign!

Donate Today!

Gift by Giving, Together We Achieve!

At Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore (CPAS), we believe that every child should have access to education, regardless of their abilities or financial circumstances. That's why we're launching a fundraising campaign to support families of children with cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities who are part of the Early Intervention Programme for Infants and Children (EIPIC).

EIPIC provides early intervention for children with disabilities & prepares them for admission into either a Special Education school/mainstream school. Many of these children come from low-income households and rely on government subsidies.

Unfortunately, the means-testing & financial assistance process can be lengthy, leaving families waiting for weeks, or even months, to receive the financial support they need. As a result, these families are forced to pay the full, unsubsidised rate for their child's education & services, which puts a strain on their finances and limits their child's access to quality intervention.



We are seeking to raise \$10,000 to provide subsidies to families who are struggling to pay for their child's education. With your help, we can ensure that every child in the EIPIC program has access to the education they deserve. Your donation will make a real difference in the lives of these children and their families, giving them the gift of education and breaking down the financial barriers.

Help us make a difference - **donate now!**

Donate Today!

Help Children and Adults with Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Disabilities #CPAS

At Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore, we provide a wide range of services and programmes to support children and adults with cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities. From therapy and education to assistive technology and vocational training, our programmes are designed to empower over 700 clients with varying degrees of needs.

Unfortunately, providing these programmes require significant funding, and we need your help to continue our work. By donating today, you'll be helping us to provide vital services and programmes that can make a real difference in the lives of those we support.

Every donation, no matter how small, will help us to continue providing vital services to children and adults with cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated, and together we can help individuals with disabilities live their lives to the fullest. Thank you for your support!

Together, we can make an impact
- **donate now!**





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