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INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATE SPONSORS JOIN IN TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY CARE SECTOR'S COVID-19 FIGHT

Individuals and corporate organisations are playing a part in supporting the Community Care sector in its fight against COVID-19. The Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) has received over \$5 million in cash and in-kind support from more than 20 sponsors to date, including Business China, Temasek Foundation and Singapore Pools. This includes over \$2 million in cash sponsorship, as well as items ranging from hand sanitisers to pulse oximeters worth over \$3 million.

2. “Since the start of the pandemic, Community Care providers have been stepping up infection control and precautionary measures, as well as implementing new ways to deliver care more safely. The support from the sponsors serves to not only enhance our partners’ ongoing efforts, but is also a boost to our morale knowing that the larger community is with us in this fight,” said Mr Tan Kwang Cheak, AIC’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

3. Among the sponsors, Business China was the latest organisation to come on board with a cash sponsorship of \$500,000. “Our seniors are the most vulnerable in this pandemic and we must do our best to protect them,” shared Ms Tin Pei Ling, Business China’s CEO. “We are glad to have rallied our network of prominent Chinese business leaders to show their solidarity with Singapore by contributing to AIC’s effort in supporting our eldercare sector.”

4. The desire to play a part in supporting those vulnerable in the current pandemic and standing together as a nation was echoed by other sponsors. Chairman of Temasek Foundation Cares, Mr Richard Magnus said, “The current pandemic has

affected all segments of our society with the vulnerable groups being most at risk. We are grateful for the opportunity to support the community in need. In addition to hand sanitisers and medical equipment like oximeters and thermal scanners to community hospitals and eldercare providers, Temasek Foundation also provided additional support by providing beds and bedding sets to nursing homes. This contribution is part of Temasek Foundation's 'Stay Prepared' initiative to build the resilience of Singaporeans and it also complements the Government's actions and plans to keep Singapore safe and healthy. As we stay prepared together as a community, we can defeat the virus and emerge stronger and more resilient."

5. "With the disruption to many Singaporeans caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Singapore Pools is grateful for the opportunity to support our seniors and the Community Care sector. As a company for Community Purpose and Benefit, Singapore Pools will continue to stand together with fellow Singaporeans and uplift the vulnerable communities as our nation soldiers on in its fight against this global health crisis," stated Singapore Pools' CEO, Mr Lam Chee Weng.

6. AIC has been encouraged by the show of support for the Community Care sector amid this unprecedented period. "We would like to encourage like-minded individuals and corporates to come onboard and join their peers in supporting the Community Care providers' ongoing efforts to provide better and safer care for seniors," shared Mr Tan.

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SPONSORSHIPS TO THE COMMUNITY CARE SECTOR DURING COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges to all sectors of Singapore. Providers in the Community Care sector have had to adjust their operations to keep their clients and staff safe, as well as ensure that staff morale remain strong.

2. It also provides an opportunity for the wider community to partner our Community Care partners in their fight against COVID-19. With their support, the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) has set up three initiatives that Community Care providers can tap on to enhance ongoing efforts, using the cash and in-kind sponsorship from corporate organisations and individuals. The three initiatives are:

i. **#StrongerThanBefore:** Supports providers affected by case(s) of COVID-19 infection within their facility. It helps defray additional operational costs incurred as a result of the heightened precautionary measures required and helps them return to normal operations as quickly as possible. This includes the need for increased cleaning and disinfection of the premises, purchase of additional personal protective equipment (PPE), etc. This initiative provides support in cash funding.

ii. **#StrongerTogether:** Supports providers to show their appreciation to staff for their vigilance and contributions in keeping seniors safe. Providers can use this initiative to purchase care packs for staff, cater meals or purchase food and gift vouchers to recognise the additional efforts put in by Community Care staff during this period. This initiative provides support in cash funding.

iii. **#ReadyTogether:** Supports providers to enhance service continuity efforts amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The evolving situation has required providers to adjust the way they work to continue caring and supporting seniors in the community. Projects supported include utilising digital solutions such as video consultation equipment, appointment scheduling solutions, tele-robots and cleaning equipment. This initiative provides cash and in-kind support.

3. Some of the corporations and individuals that have stepped forward with cash and in-kind sponsorship are:

Name	Type of support
Business China	Cash
CapitaLand Hope Foundation	Cash and in-kind
Community Foundation of Singapore	Cash

Name	Type of support
Dr and Mrs Low Lee Yong	In-kind
Dr Loh Xian Jun, NIPO International Pte Ltd LCX Pte Ltd	In-kind
Ikano Pte Ltd	In-kind
Kimberly-Clark Singapore	In-kind
Kyowa Kirin Asia Pacific	Cash
Malaysia Dairy Industries Pte Ltd	In-kind
Mind The Gap200 fund	Cash
MCCY	In-kind
Paris Baguette Singapore Pte Ltd	In-kind
Singapore Armed Forces	In-kind
Singapore Exchange Ltd (SGX)	Cash
Singapore Pools (Private) Limited	Cash
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd (SingTel)	Cash
SymAsia - Yeo Family Foundation	Cash
Temasek Foundation	Cash and in-kind
1 Plus Pte Ltd (Whissh)	In-kind

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About the Agency for Integrated Care

The Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) aims to create a vibrant care community for people to live well and age gracefully. AIC coordinates and supports efforts in integrating care to achieve the best care outcomes for our clients. We reach out to caregivers and seniors with information on staying active and ageing well, and connect people to services they need. We support stakeholders in their efforts to raise the quality of care, and also work with health and social care partners to provide services for the ageing population. Our work in the community brings care services and information closer to those in need. For more about us, please visit <https://www.aic.sg/>