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Over 650 volunteers to prepare 5,000 Ramadan festive packs for families in need from 19 constituencies across Singapore for first Community Chest Habuan Harapan 2024

Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, Minister for Social and Family Development Masagos Zulkifli and community partners join the Muslim community in breaking of fast

SINGAPORE, 13 MARCH 2024 – For the first time, Community Chest and volunteer group Heartwarmers are partnering with MUIS and Wisma Geylang Serai for the Community Chest Habuan Harapan event to welcome the fasting month of Ramadan with Malay Muslim families in need. The event brings together 13 corporate donors as well as 650 volunteers to pack and distribute the festive packages, which will be distributed to 5,000 families during the period of Ramadan.

2 Habuan Harapan, which translates as “the gift of hope”, will have the festive packages distributed to Muslim recipients across 19 constituencies across Singapore such as Tampines East, Queenstown Leng Kee and Jurong Central.

3 Some 1,000 bags were assembled on the ceremony day, comprising ‘green packets’ (sampul duit raya) and festive goodies such as kueh kapet, ginger tea and keropok to supplement their preparation for Hari Raya celebrations. A further 4,000 bags will be packed for families in need, to be distributed at the end of March. The ceremony was attended by Guest-of-Honour **Mr Lawrence Wong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance** and hosted by **Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Health**.

4 “Community Chest Habuan Harapan is our first collaboration that brings together corporate volunteers, donors and the Muslim community. It is heartening when we are able to connect with different communities to support and strengthen more families in Singapore together,” said Mr Chew Sutat, Chairman of Community Chest.

5 “Our participation in Habuan Harapan 2024 underscores OUE Group’s commitment to supporting communities who are in need across Singapore as well as building a caring and inclusive society. By uniting corporate partners like OUE with Community Chest, Heartwarmers, MUIS and Wisma Geylang Serai, Habuan Harapan provides an ideal opportunity to embrace the spirit of giving and bring festive cheer to families in need in the lead up to Hari Raya,” said Mr Han Khim Siew, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, OUE REIT.

6 “Doing our part to strengthen the social compact in Singapore is a commitment Standard Chartered takes seriously, as we look to build an inclusive community in this vibrant country. We believe that when we invest in our communities, we can uplift lives and unlock untapped potential. This is why our team of 500 volunteers are so excited about participating in Habuan Harapan 2024 to bring festive cheers to the community. This also marks the 16th

consecutive year the Bank is partnering Heartwarmers to pack and distribute goodie bags during Ramadan, demonstrating our commitment to be here for good,” said Mr Patrick Lee, Cluster CEO, Singapore and ASEAN Markets, Standard Chartered Bank.

6 To help build strong and resilient families, Community Chest has been supporting 45 Family Service Centres (FSCs), such as the PPIS (Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapura/Singapore Muslim Women’s Association) FSC which provides family therapy, casework and counselling services.



Caption: Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong (fifth from left) and host Minister for Social and Family Development Masagos Zulkifli (sixth from left) attending Community Chest Habuan Harapan 2024 with corporate and community partners such as MUJIS, Wisma Geylang Serai and Standard Chartered Bank



Caption: Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong interacting with Muslim family recipients of the festive pack before the breaking of fast at Community Chest Habuan Harapan 2024



Caption: Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, Minister Masagos Zulkifli and community partners participating in the breaking of fast.

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About Community Chest

As the hallmark of care and share, Community Chest has been uniting the community to mobilise resources and raise funds to serve those in need since 1983. Community Chest supports more than 100 social service agencies to meet underserved and critical social needs.

As our fundraising and operating costs are covered mainly by Tote Board, 100% of your contributions goes towards empowering the lives of:

- Adults with disabilities
- Children with special needs and youth-at-risk
- Families in need of assistance
- Persons with mental health conditions
- Seniors in need of support

For more information about Community Chest, visit www.comchest.gov.sg.

ANNEX A: KEY TRANSLATED TERMS

Names

Mr Lawrence Wong Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance	黄循财 副总理兼财政部长黄循财
Mr Chew Sutat Chairman, Community Chest	周士达 公益金主席
Heartwarmers	暖心族
Family Service Centre	家庭服务中心

Mr Lawrence Wong Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance	Encik Lawrence Wong, Timbalan Perdana Menteri merangkap Menteri Kewangan
Mr Chew Sutat Chairman, Community Chest	Encik Chew Sutat Pengerusi Dana Masyarakat
Family Service Centre	Pusat Khidmat Keluarga