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**WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR PHILLIP TAN
CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY CHEST
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COMMUNITY CHEST CHARITY IN THE PARK 2018**

Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office

Mr Eric Ang and Ms Pearlyn Phau, Co-Chairman of Charity in the Park Sub-Committee

Mr Tan Hee Teck, CEO of Resorts World Sentosa

Mr Seah Kian Peng, CEO of NTUC FairPrice and Director of NTUC Fairprice Foundation

Mr Tony Cripps, CEO of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Singapore Limited

Ms May Ngiam, First Vice President, Marketing of Yeo Hiap Seng Limited

Our Valued Donors and Supporters, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Good evening and welcome to Community Chest Charity in the Park 2018, co-organised with Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) and into its third year. We are honoured and grateful that our Guest-of-Honour Minister Chan is able to make time to join us tonight.
2. As Community Chest celebrates our 35th anniversary this year, I would like to highlight one partnership that has grown from strength to strength, and is a fine example of how such collaborations can empower every person to live with dignity in a caring and inclusive

society. This is also in line with the vision of the 5-year social service roadmap launched last year.

3. RWS wanted to play a part in caring for and empowering the disadvantaged in our community through leveraging their assets like their infrastructure and 13,000-strong workforce. By leveraging Universal Studios Singapore as a venue for this event and co-organising it with Community Chest, RWS enabled like-minded corporates and individuals to come together to give their time, money and skills to support the social service users from our funded charities in a meaningful way. I am also delighted to share that we managed to raise about \$2.3 million through this year's Charity in the Park.
4. Besides a 5-year pledge of \$5 million cash donation and in-kind support from 2014 to 2018 to Community Chest, RWS has stepped up the partnership by involving its staff to volunteer in many CSR activities, and went further to initiate job re-design for their employees with disabilities.
5. These inclusive employment practices enabled RWS staff like Mr Kenneth Chin, a deaf aquarist, and Ms Jean Ling, an administrative executive who is a wheelchair user, to be empowered to contribute to the society. Besides his work at RWS, Kenneth has other talents like painting. He also designed the mosaic tile painting some of you saw during the pre-event activities.
6. With increased awareness and interaction through events like Charity in the Park, we are encouraged to see greater inclusion of persons

with disabilities in our community. Corporates like RWS is a testimony of how such engagement and inclusion can deepen staff understanding. This has led to growing volunteerism among staff and willingness to work alongside persons with disabilities to bring out the best in each other. We urge more organisations to collaborate in ways that would benefit the social service ecosystem.

7. On behalf of Community Chest, and some 2,500 service users and their caregivers who are with us tonight, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to our co-organiser RWS and partners like DBS, HSBC Singapore, NTUC Fairprice Foundation, Pro-Matrix, Singapore Power, Singapore Press Holdings, SMRT, Xilinx and Yeo Hiap Seng Limited, for your generous donations and staff volunteerism, without which this event would not have been possible.
8. I would also like to thank the Charity in the Park sub-committee, as well as Community Chest staff for their hard work in making this event an inclusive and enjoyable one for all.
9. Thank you and enjoy the evening ahead.