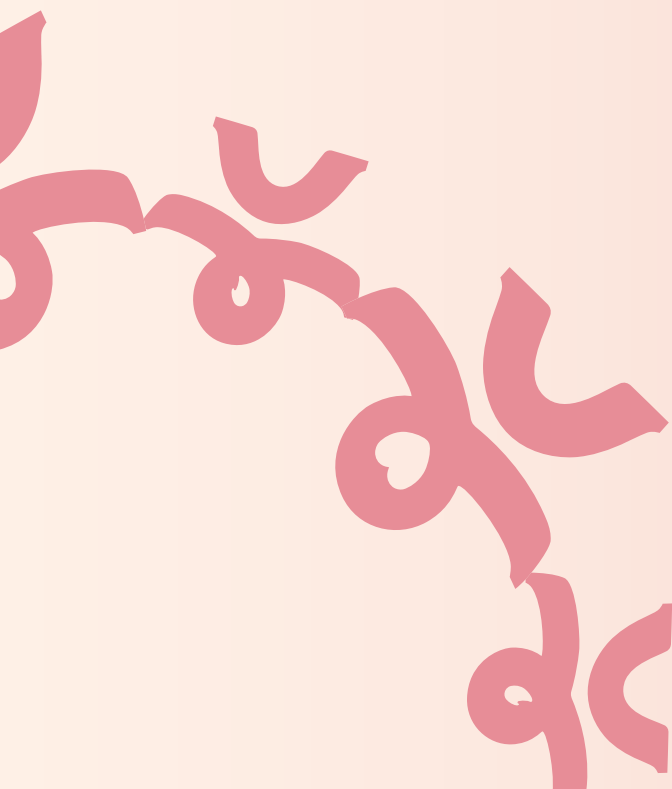




# CDAC

Volunteers & Partners  
Appreciation Day

## 2025



# Chairman Message

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This theme of this year's celebration is "Knots of Friendship, Ties that Bind". It underscores the DNA of CDAC, which is about care and connection between people. I thank all our award recipients for your dedication and commitment. You have made a real difference to CDAC and our beneficiaries. By working together, we hope to strengthen the community spirit of

**"A little from all, together it's more."**

## Mr Ong Ye Kung

Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and  
Minister for Health &  
Chairman of CDAC Board of Directors

## Behind the Scenes Stats

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**1622**

Active  
Volunteers (as of 2024)



**160**

Partners



**860**

Volunteers  
deployed (in 2024)



**487**

Volunteers in Regular  
Programmes\*

### \*Regular programmes

- Community Haircut Project
- Family Befrienders
- GEM Mentoring Programme
- Granny Quilt
- kidsREAD
- News Sharing Programme
- Play-based Learning Programme
- Project YOUTH Can Shine
- Supervised Homework Group

# About the Awards

This year, we present a medallion in place of the traditional trophy — a symbol of timeless dedication and enduring impact. Crafted from precious metal and durable materials, the medallion reflects the resilience and strength of our volunteers and partners, who continue to serve with unwavering spirit through changing times. Like a medal awarded for going the extra mile, this medallion celebrates their lasting contribution to a greater cause.



## JUDGING PANEL



### Ms Lam Moy Yin

Ms Lam holds a Master's degree in Education and Human Resource Development from George Washington University, and is a graduate of NUS with a gold medal diploma in HR development from SIM.

### Dr Corrine Ghoh

Dr Ghoh is an Associate Professor (Practice) in the Department of Social Work at NUS, with over 35 years of experience in social work across areas such as child protection, rehabilitation, community development, and ageing.

### Mr Tan Yap Kin

Mr Tan is the Executive Director of the CDAC, bringing with him over 20 years of leadership experience from the Ministry of Education. He joined CDAC as Deputy Executive Director in January 2022 and was appointed Executive Director in July the same year.

# Special Award

This special award recognises an extraordinary individual who has been part of CDAC's journey since 1992. Her steady commitment and contributions have helped shape and strengthen our volunteer community. This tribute honours her selfless service and lasting impact—an inspiration to fellow volunteers and all who work alongside her.

## Chang Shin Yi, Sheree

With over 30 years of continuous service since 1992, Shin Yi is CDAC's longest-serving volunteer—an embodiment of humility, dedication, and quiet leadership. She has served in diverse roles, from editorial committees to frontline support, always putting the needs of others before personal recognition.

Though nominated multiple times for commendation, she has declined to receive the award as she wanted to shine the spotlight on fellow volunteers. Her journey with CDAC not only shaped her personal growth—from homemaker to PhD holder in counselling—but also deepened her impact on the ground, particularly in supporting at-risk youths and vulnerable families.

Shin Yi spearheaded key initiatives, such as the Parenting Conference and the Support Group for Families with Adolescents, while rallying professional networks, including the FID Counselling Society, to strengthen CDAC's outreach and training efforts. As a mentor and trainer, she has nurtured many family befrienders, infusing the volunteer ecosystem with expertise and compassion.





# Outstanding Volunteer Award

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This award recognises volunteers who have made a strong and lasting impact through their consistent contributions to CDAC. They demonstrate dedication, reliability, and a spirit of teamwork, going above and beyond to support our programmes and community over the years.

## **Koh Si Yuh (Eunice)** **CDAC@ Tanjong Katong** **Play-Based Learning Programme**

Eunice dedicated years towards supporting CDAC's regular programmes such as the Supervised Homework Group (SHG, 2016-2021) and the Play-Based Learning Programme (2022-current).

She gained interest to serve the community while volunteering as a mentor in the Supervised Homework Group Programme and switched her career pathway after pursuing her Graduate Diploma in Social Work from NUS. With her social work background and experience, she adopts a strengths-based approach to view each child and brings thoughtful discussions to support children with different needs.





### Lee Shun Lai (Bobby)

Vibrance @Yishun  
Supervised Homework Group

Bobby fostered a strong team spirit among volunteers while being a Volunteer Coordinator from 2019 to 2023. He continues to volunteer weekly and remains a pillar of support for volunteers seeking mentoring advice.

He readily shares resources from his experience in the teaching profession and is creative in devising interesting activities to engage the students.

### Lim Fung

Skills-Based / Special Projects (Photographer)

Lim Fung is a dedicated volunteer photographer who supported CDAC with various major projects, including weekday programmes that are often harder to secure volunteer support. He consistently delivers high-quality photos ahead of deadlines, allowing us to share stories promptly and impactfully.

With a deep understanding of each project's goals, Lim Fung captures the warmth and joy of our participants, collaborates seamlessly with other volunteer and official photographers, and even involves his family in volunteering—truly embodying the spirit of service.



## Lim Pei Xuan Carlyn

Vibrance @ Yishun  
kidsREAD

Carlyn received heartfelt appreciation and nominations from six parents commending her for her friendliness, kindness, and the joy their children experience in her sessions.

She thoughtfully tailors materials to meet different learning styles and emotional needs, and fosters a culture of appreciation and unity among volunteers through consistent peer support and encouragement.





### **Roger Wong Tian Soon**

**CDAC@ Bedok**  
**Project YOUth Can Shine**

Roger is a dedicated youth mentor who uses a trauma-informed approach to guide students with challenging behaviours. He supports volunteers through regular debriefs, reframes challenges as growth opportunities, and fosters future leaders through consistent guidance.

### **Lua Su Jin**

**CDAC@ Bedok**  
**Project YOUth Can Shine**

Su Jin stepped up to help lead the programme after the Volunteer Coordinator stepped down, showing unwavering commitment and near-perfect attendance. He proactively applied creative strategies to support student behaviour and offered hands-on help to fellow volunteers in need.



**Tan Yan Jun**  
CDAC@ Tanjong Katong  
Supervised Homework Group

Yan Jun demonstrates unwavering dedication in mentoring students with complex needs. With empathy and patience, she nurtures their growth and confidence, while inspiring fellow volunteers through her quiet strength and commitment.



**Tay Meng Luck**  
CDAC@ Punggol  
Supervised Homework Group

Meng Luck built a trusting relationship with a non-communicative student, guiding him from gestures to speaking for the first time at his oral exams.

He went beyond the programme period to support the student while maintaining clear boundaries and working closely with staff and family. Under his care, the student progressed to secondary school and Meng Luck continues to check in on the student's adjustments with CDAC staff members.







### **Yak Kian Feng (Richard)**

**CDAC@ Tanjong Katong**  
**Project YOUth Can Shine**

Richard collaborated with CDAC staff to boost volunteer engagement, achieving a 90% retention rate. He developed an interactive mentoring platform and streamlined attendance tracking to enhance participation and efficiency.

He proactively organised educational field to broaden students' experiences and provided personalised support through regular check-ins with students and volunteers, ensuring tailored guidance and timely assistance.



### **Teo Ann Leng**

**CDAC@ Punggol & Sengkang**  
**kidsREAD, Joy Read Club**

Ann is a dedicated leader who leads the kidsREAD Programme across two centres and provided strong support at CDAC-wide initiatives. Child-centric in her approach, she creates nurturing spaces and proactively addressed a gap for graduated children by initiating Joy Read Club, now in its sixth year.

As Volunteer Coordinator, she leads by example and fosters an inclusive, supportive environment for all volunteers.



# Outstanding Team Award

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This award recognises volunteer teams that have worked together with dedication and consistency to support CDAC programmes. Through their collective effort, they have made a meaningful impact on the community while demonstrating strong teamwork, reliability, and a shared commitment to service.



## **Duke-NUS Medical School (CDAC 'Ready For School' Project)**

Since 2013, Duke-NUS Medical School has been a dedicated partner of CDAC, mobilising over 50 medical student volunteers annually to provide basic health screenings for more than 200 parents at the Ready for School (RFS) event, promoting early health intervention and greater awareness of preventive care. With a strong core team, senior students mentor their juniors to ensure continuity and smooth execution. The team continuously improves operations through feedback and expands their impact by partnering with healthcare organisations for specialised services.



### HCI YEScience (CDAC Tuition Programme)

As pioneers in integrating 'play' into Science lessons for Primary 3 to 5 students, HCIYEScience showed great initiative and passion. They crafted tailored materials and refined their approach through feedback. With creative strategies, they engaged even the quietest learners and sparked enthusiasm for Science, benefiting 8 classes and reaching around 70 students. Their creative approach inspired CDAC tutors to adopt more interactive teaching methods.



### **CDAC@ Tanjong Katong Project YOUTH Can Shine**

The team was committed to designing enriching activities that supported both academic and personal growth. They customised materials for diverse learning needs and used hands-on tools to make lessons engaging. By guiding students to plan and run a carnival for their juniors, they fostered leadership and confidence. Their supportive and inclusive environment left a lasting impact, with students expressing interest in returning as future volunteers.



### **Singapore Optometric Association (CDAC 'Ready For School' Project)**

A steadfast partner since 2005, SOA has played a key role in CDAC's Ready for School event. Until 2024, SOA coordinated a network of 20 to 30 optical outlets across Singapore to facilitate School-Ready voucher usage for our beneficiaries. Each year, SOA also mobilises over 50 student volunteers and professional optometrists, as well as absorbs the logistics costs of transporting specialised equipment, to provide free eye screenings at RFS, benefitting 300 to 400 parent participants annually.





### **CDAC@ Jurong Supervised Homework Group**

The team showed strong empathy and intentionality in supporting students with complex needs through personalised mentoring and rapport-building. They created a “special class” with a calm, structured approach and worked closely with staff and parents to ensure progress. Volunteer leaders led with adaptability, fostering a shared purpose and recognising students’ strengths to create meaningful, confidence-building experiences for both students and their families.

# Dedicated Sponsors

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Presented to individuals or organisations that have demonstrated significant and sustained support for CDAC's mission, either by contributing a total of at least \$50,000 (in cash and/or in-kind) during the qualifying period; or by sponsoring CDAC programmes continuously for up to five consecutive years.

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- Estate of Chang See Ying
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- Pacific International Lines
- SPH Foundation Limited
- 雲氏家府 Wan Family



# Long Service Award

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## 5 -Year Long Service Award Volunteers

Chai Lee Fong  
Charissa Kwek  
Chen Wenling  
Ching Yi Ling  
Chong Kiat Fong  
Chong Tze Fern Caroline  
Chu Hsi Chun  
Chua Bee Hoon  
Chua Yi Lin  
Colin Yang Jiahui  
Darren Rafeal Tan Wee Nan  
Doris Tay  
Eileen Quek Ee Ling  
Elizabeth Jacob  
Erh Bee Hong  
Foong Ke Hui  
Fu Ya Chun  
Gordon Shiau Rong Kang  
Grace Guan Yaxin  
Han Heng Kwang (Rose)  
He Zi Yi  
Ho Yik Haur  
Hsiao Yu-Lin Daphne  
Izac Ooi  
Jamie Toh Koh Li  
Jasmine Lim  
Jassy Liew Yit Mooi  
Jeremy Loo Ping Heng  
Koh Guek Kio  
Koh Seow Chun  
Lai En En  
Lee Jieying Jane

Lee Yong Kang (Isaac)  
Liang Barker  
Liew Nyok Kiow Doris  
Liew Siew Hock  
Lim Fang Zhen  
Lim Lian Ying  
Lim Swee Yee  
Lim Tang Kek  
Lim Yuen Hwee Alvin  
Lim Zi Cheng Kelvin  
Loh Wan Xin  
Lua Su Jin  
Maria Wong  
Nephele Ng Yun Ting  
Ng Li Shan, Margaret  
Ng Saing Leong  
Ng Yeow Tiang  
Ngian Lai Yong  
Nguyen Mai Hien  
Oh Geng Sheng  
Ong Qian Ying  
Ong Xiang Yi  
Ong Yun Jing  
Ooi Chit Yee  
Pang Sze Luan Rain  
Poo Siew Choo  
Pun Yik Hong  
Pung Yeong Sheng  
Rebecca Lim Zhao Chu  
Ren Yun Ting  
Sarah Ong Jia Qi  
Seoh Jin Wei, Kelvin  
Sharon Ng Kah Mun  
Shi Fangxin  
Sim Hui Ping

Sim Thiam Eng Sally  
Soh Hui Leng  
T Varshini  
Tan Gek Choo (Helena)  
Tan Koon Ching Serene  
Tan Mei En  
Tan Siew Jee  
Tan Soon Choo Lilian  
Tan Tian Mei Jasmine  
Tan Zi Rong  
Tay Meng Luck  
Tay Siew Khim  
Tay Yixin  
Teng Xin Yi  
Teo Geok Poh  
Ting Woon Hooi  
Toh Ee Lin  
Toh Lin, Jolin  
Wang Sujuan  
Wang Xiao  
Wang Yong Teck  
Wong Jiashi  
Yip Jung Hon  
Zhang Ruina  
Zhu Yanling

## Partners

Amitabha Buddhist Centre (ABC)  
Boston Scientific Asia Pacific  
Geylang Methodist School (Primary)  
Haig Road-Tanjong Katong Residents'  
Network  
Jurong West Primary School  
Lifelong Learning Institute  
Limbang Youth Network

Ling Kwang Home for Senior  
Citizens  
National Cancer Centre Singapore  
(NCCS)  
National Crime Prevention Council  
NTUC Health Senior Day Centre  
(Serangoon Central)  
Operation Einstein  
Precious Homes Pte Ltd  
@ 6 Lengkok Bahru, Singapore  
159051  
Singapore Management University -  
Project Kidleidoscope  
Singapore Management University  
Red Cross Youth Chapter  
Singapore Medical Services Pte Ltd  
Singapore Weiqi Association  
SkillsFuture Singapore  
St. Andrew's Active Aging Centre  
(PEACE-Connect @ 8)  
Tampines Central Youth Network  
The National Kidney Foundation

## **10 -Year Long Service Award Volunteers**

Cheong Yee Rui  
Chong Wee Ling  
Choo Huey Min Gaynor  
Chow Thuan Yen  
Ding Yan Sandy  
Edmond Khoo  
Flora Khoo

Goh Chai Yee  
Heng Choon Chuan  
Heng Siew Hoon  
Ho Koon Hwa Jennie  
Janet Ang Mun Leng  
Jessie Choo Quee Yuen  
Joanna Li  
Kouk Qing Yuan  
Lau Choon Fang  
Lew Hong Da  
Lim Hock Eng  
Lim Jia Hui Michelle  
Lim Pei Joo  
Lin Ruiwen  
Loo Kok Kan Richard  
Miao Yaya  
Michelle Ong  
Ng Wie Pin  
Ong Beng Chiew Karen  
Peh Shun Hui  
Richelle Er Huimin  
Roger Wong Tian Soon  
Saraniah T.  
Seetoh Cher Hong  
Soh Wai Meng Shawn  
Tan Xian Jing  
Tan Yee Leng  
Tan Zhan Hong  
Tay Kian Kai Reuben  
Tay Seng Lam  
Teo Gek Hoon Grace  
Thia Hwee Jee  
Toh Shi Ling

Yeo Siak Ling  
Zhong Zewei

## **Partners**

Duke-NUS Medical School  
Huamin Primary School  
Nan Chiau High School  
Raffles Institution  
Singapore Chung Hwa  
Medical Institution  
Zhong Hua Cultural Society  
(Singapore)

## **15 -Year Long Service Award Volunteers**

Annabel Koh Shi Min  
Cai Zhenyou  
Caleb Loh Chen Tian  
Chan Cheng Lin  
Chng Yew Huat Bobby  
Choe Chiew Hoy  
Erh Soon Huat  
Euan Murugasu  
Goh Chek Meng  
Goh Yew Yi Kelvin  
Heng Jiew Siang Cecilia  
Jow Lan Hui  
Khoo Kei Siong  
Koh Yu Xiang  
Lim Ching Chang Steven  
Lim Fung  
Mok Kin Meng John

Mok Sze Xin  
Ng Irene  
Ong Pei Leng  
Sun Qinghua  
Tan Xin Wen  
Tan You Cheng  
Teo Lung Hiang  
Toh Kim Tack Lawrence  
Toh Sok Hiang  
Wang Kok Wing  
Wong Sui Peng  
Yan Oi Leng  
Yang Yang

## Partners

Admiralty Secondary School  
Ang Mo Kio Primary School  
Bata Shoe (Singapore) Pte Ltd  
Committee to Promote Chinese  
Language Learning  
Mr Bean  
National Environment Agency  
North East Community  
Development Council  
North West Community  
Development Council  
Popular Book Co (Pte) Ltd  
Qifa Primary School  
Singapore Cancer Society  
Singapore Chin Kang Huay Kuan  
Singapore Optometric  
Association  
South East Community  
Development Council

The Esplanade Co Ltd  
West Spring Secondary School  
Zhenghua Primary School

## 20 -Year Long Service Award Volunteers

Chng Soh Hoon Grace Angelica  
Glenn Poo Lip Wee  
Ho Koon Juay James  
Law Siew Poh Janet  
Sharon Ong Ming Lee  
Soh Geok Kwee Alice  
Tam Siew Ling  
Tan Yeo Khon

## Partners

Boon Lay Garden Primary School  
Hougang Secondary School  
NLB (kidsREAD)  
Pasir Ris Secondary School  
Qihua Primary School

## 25 -Year Long Service Award Volunteers

Ng Chee Meng Jimmy  
Tan Chork Lin  
Tan Hong Wee  
Wong Pei Choo  
Yap Shee Pak  
Yeo Bee Har Elaine

## Partners

Admiralty Primary School  
Central Singapore  
Community Development  
Council  
NTUC Fairprice Co-  
operative Limited  
Rivervale Primary School  
Yishun Secondary School

## 30 -Year Long Service Award Volunteers

Gideon Cheong Wai Loon  
Lai Soh Hwa  
Lin Soon Hin

## Partners

Fengshan Primary School  
Singapore Indian  
Development Association  
The Eurasian Association,  
Singapore  
Yayasan MENDAKI





## Executive Director's Message

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our volunteers and partners for their ongoing support over the past 33 years. With 860 active volunteers contributing a total of 25,350 hours in 2024 alone, your dedication has enabled us to serve the Chinese community in meaningful ways. Thank you for your continued commitment and for working alongside us to support those in need.

**Mr Tan Yap Kin**  
Executive Director, CDAC

### The Organising Committee



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# Acknowledgements

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Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the following persons and organisations:

**Minister Ong Ye Kung**  
**Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health, &**  
**Chairman, CDAC Board of Directors**  
for joining us

## Award Selection Committee

**Dr Corinne Ghoh**  
**Ms Lam Moy Yin**  
**Mr Tan Yap Kin**

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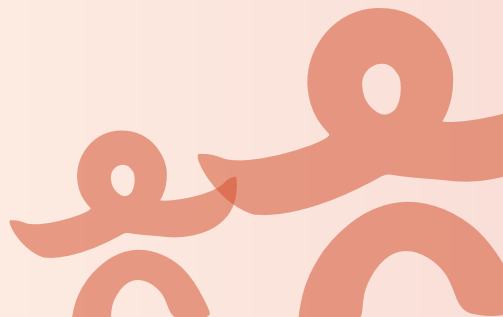


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SINGAPORE

**PARKROYAL  
COLLECTION**  
MARINA BAY, SINGAPORE



And everyone who has contributed to the success of the event



# CDAC SONG

## A little from all

Music by Lim Sau Hoong

Lyrics by Edwin Chan & Lim Sau Hoong

Reach out a helping hand  
Let's all do what we can

When troubles fall we stand tall  
When storms come we heed the  
call

Reach out a helping hand  
Let's all do what we can

With all our heart and soul  
We make this family whole

## Chorus

Bit by bit from all  
Together we have more

Hand in hand we stand  
Together we all can

We all can

