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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The month of August was a busy month for RSVP Singapore as we prepared for NSVM 2016. NSVM 2016's opening ceremony, held at Yio Chu Kang CC, attracted 350 guests! Our Guest Of Honour was Dr Koh Poh Koon, Minister of State for Ministry of Trade and Industry & Ministry of National Development, MP for Ang Mo Kio GRC. I would like to thank Dr Koh taking time off his busy schedule to grace the event.

This year, we continue our efforts to encourage more seniors to come forth and volunteer to not only help themselves, but to also help the less privileged and needy in our society.

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NATIONAL SENIOR VOLUNTEER MONTH 2016 OPENING CEREMONY

Dr Koh Poh Koon, Minister of State for the Ministry of Trade and Industry and National Development, joined 350 volunteers and residents for the Opening Ceremony of National Senior Volunteer Month (NSVM) on 27 August 2016 at Yio Chu Kang Community Club.

Dr Koh also launched RSVP's pilot e-learning programme "RSVP E-Learn", which aims to promote and encourage active volunteerism among seniors in Singapore. The programme encourages seniors to take ownership of their learning while embracing the use of technology. The pilot e-learning module under the programme, titled "How to be an Effective Volunteer", is based on existing content developed by the Senior Volunteer Training Centre.

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IN APPRECIATION OF OUR CHANGI SERVICE AMBASSADORS

RSVP's very own Lee sisters walked away with the Best Dressed Award for donning Singapore Airlines' signature Sarong Kebaya at Changi Airport Group (CAG)'s appreciation ceremony on 26 August 2016.

Irene Lee and Lily Lee are part of CAG's Changi Service Ambassadors (CSA) and were presented the award by Mr Koh Juay Meng, President of RSVP, at the appreciation ceremony organised for the CAG's CSAs and Changi Youth Ambassadors (CYA). The ceremony, themed "Aviation", was attended by 57 CSAs together with RSVP staff and management.

Mr Dheepan S/O Mariappan, another CSA, was awarded a token of appreciation for going the extra mile in assisting a stranded passenger.

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CELEBRATING MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WITH ST JOHN'S HOME FOR ELDERLY PERSONS

Staff from Japan Tobacco International (JTI) joined RSVP's volunteers in celebrating an early Mid-Autumn Festival with the residents of St John's Home for Elderly Persons on 25 August. Volunteers entertained the residents with song and dance as well as a Bingo game! One resident even joined in the karaoke singing "爱拼才会赢" (If You Fight, Then You Will Win). The activities brought joy to both the residents and the volunteers. Everyone left with big smiles on their faces.

SPREAD THE JOY — MOONCAKE MAKING WITH DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

The children from the Down Syndrome Association—Singapore spent a fun Saturday morning on 10 September with volunteers from RSVP and PEC Ltd making snowskin mooncakes. The children (and even the adults!) enjoyed the hands-on experience of making the sweet treats after a brief demonstration by RSVP volunteer Elaine Teng. Best of all, everyone got to bring back home Elaine's handmade mooncakes (She prepared over 100 mooncakes for the volunteers and DSA staff!). It was a wonderful way to "Spread the Joy" to the children in lieu of the Mid-Autumn Festival.

SILVER IT FEST OPENING CEREMONY

The Silver IT Fest 10th Anniversary Bash was held on 10 & 11 September at WDA Lifelong Learning Institute. Visitors could explore the exhibitions and learn about the various useful tech devices, government e-services and interactive games.

RSVP Singapore is proud to be one of the exhibitors for this event. Besides promoting volunteerism among seniors with our wide range of programmes, we also promoted our Silver IT Fest Mass Training courses which will be held from 23 to 25 September. Our mass training courses were completely sold out by the end of the Anniversary Bash.

Staff and volunteers also had a chance to introduce RSVP's first e-learning module to Minister for Communications and Information Dr Yaacob Ibrahim.

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VWO ART & CRAFT MARKET

Our friends from the different VWOs came together and joined RSVP in showcasing and selling art pieces and handicrafts to raise funds for their organisations. A total of $1,081.75 was raised by RSVP through sales at our booth and donations for balloons sculptures.

To view photos of the Art & Craft Market on our Facebook page, please click the link here.

Thank you to our friends from Club H.E.A.L, Friends of the Disabled Society (FDS), Muscular Dystrophy Association Singapore (MDAS), Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH), Society for WINGS and Very Special Arts Singapore Ltd (VSA).

Nomination of Members to Board of Management 2016/2018

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday, 18 November 2016, 2 – 5pm,** at National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (6 Eu Tong Sen Street, #04-88, The Central, Singapore 059817). Nomination of members to the Board of Management 2016/2018 will open on **16 September 2016, 9am** and will close on **14 October 2016, 6pm**. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Welcome new members to RSVP!

ANG Chai Soo
CHENG Lai Wah
CHEUNG Kin Fat
LEO Jiok Sim
LIM Ang Lan
LIM Kim Beng, David
LIM Kim Lan
LIM Mui Heok
NG Yen Yen, Jolyn
PAN Xiao Lan
SHEN Mao Ming
SOH Lin Eng
TAN Hai Leong
TAN Pik Choo
YAP Mui Eng

ABOUT RSVP SINGAPORE

RSVP Singapore - The Organisation of Senior Volunteers is a non-profit organisation and an Institution of Public Character as defined under the Charity Act. The Organisation was started in 1998 and launched by then-Prime Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong. It is a registered society under the Societies Act and a member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS). Since its inception, RSVP has grown into one of the leading volunteer organisations in Singapore, in particular paving the trend of senior volunteerism. With over 1,000 members, RSVP Singapore serves more than 150,000 beneficiaries each year, including the mentally disadvantaged, at-risk children from low income families, as well as needy seniors through its community service programmes.

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