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THE ORGANISATION OF SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

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GREETINGS FROM OUR EXCUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Volunteers,

As the new year begins, I would like to start by wishing all of you a Happy Lunar New Year! 2018 marks RSVP Singapore's 20th Anniversary and we are in for an eventful year ahead. We will keep all of you updated on the exciting events that we have planned for the year in future issues of E-Network. We've also recently had some new staff join the RSVP family and I hope that you've had the chance to meet them.

Just this month, we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Day (VAD) with 350 volunteers to celebrate their volunteering efforts in the past year. Thank you to the Volunteer Management Committee and the staff for putting it together. My heartiest congratulations to the award recipients and thank you for all your support!

I am also pleased to share that our Open House@RSVP, which started in 2017, has reached out to almost 500 potential volunteers through the 13 open houses we held last year. Thank you to our volunteers and my team for their tireless efforts in planning and executing this monthly event. We hope that you will invite your friends and family to our Open House@RSVP to start their volunteering journey with us!

In the past year, my team has been actively looking for new partners to provide more volunteering opportunities in our current programmes. Through their efforts, I am pleased to announce our new programme and corporate partners: Farrer Park Primary School, Golden Palms Senior Activity Centre (SAC), MCC Land (Singapore), MSD Singapore, National Dental Centre, Orange Valley SAC, St Andrew Nursing Home, Qi Hua Primary School, Qingjian Realty (SOUTH PACIFIC) Group, Tembusu Eldercare, Tembusu SAC, West Grove Primary School and Woodlands Peak SAC.

Let us continue to be a part of your volunteering journey! We look forward to seeing all of you actively joining us at the new venues to share and serve. I wish everyone good health and a meaningful year ahead!

- Meng Fong

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

RSVP Secretariat would like to welcome the new staff members who came onboard:

- Mr Francis Toh, Senior Associate, Corporate Services
- Ms Ng Mei San, Senior Manager, Corporate Services
- Mr Samuel Lee, Assistant Manager, Programmes

L—R: Francis, Mei San, Samuel

We hope you will extend to them your support and co-operation!

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Ms Treasa Ho, Manager, Volunteer Management, for her long service to RSVP Singapore. She received her 5-year long service award this February. Congratulations!

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY 2018
2 FEBRUARY 2018

This year, our Volunteer Appreciation Day (VAD) was held at the Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Center. Out of the 450 volunteers who clocked in more than 36 volunteering hours in the past year, 350 volunteers were able to join us on the joyous occasion. With Spring (春) as the theme, our volunteers were dressed in various floral designs and pastel hues! They were then treated to an afternoon of games and performances by the NAFA Saxophone Quartet and Limited Edition Band. Our volunteer, Mr Chan Pit Seng, also got everyone on their feet with a mini sing-along and dance session!

We would like to offer our heartiest congratulations to Ms Tina Tay, the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year 2017 award, and Ms Agnes Lam and Ms Betty Tee, the recipients of the Special Commendation Awards.

The day also marked an important milestone for RSVP as we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with South West Community Development Council (CDC) to appoint our volunteers as SkillsFuture Advice@ CDC Ambassadors. Our guest-of-honour, Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District signed the MoU on behalf of South West CDC. We are also proud to share that Sian Chay Medical Institution has kindly agreed to renew our MoU with them and will continue to provide free TCM consultations for our members for the next two years.

This event was all made possible by the Volunteer Management Committee, the volunteers, and the staff who worked tirelessly to make VAD2018 a success. We hope to see more volunteers at our next event!

Photos on our Facebook page here and here.

VOLUNTEERING AT FOOD BANK SINGAPORE
23 JANUARY 2018

17 senior volunteers spent a meaningful afternoon at The Food Bank Singapore, a coordinating organisation for all food donations located at the Tanjong Pagar Distripark. The volunteers helped by doing inventory taking, sorting and packing of food donations in the warehouse. Despite the physical aspects of the activity, the volunteers were all smiles at the end of the session.

The food items that were sorted and stored in the warehouse will be distributed and delivered to almost 200 charitable groups across the island, helping them gain better access to excess food.

More photos on our Facebook page here.

THE START OF QINGJIAN REALTY'S VOLUNTEERING JOURNEY

Qingjian Realty (SOUTH PACIFIC) Group, one of the leading property developers in China, has adopted RSVP Singapore as its official charity, marking the first time that Qingjian Realty is adopting a charity in Singapore. We would like to thank Qingjian Realty for their generous $100,000 donation in support our services and programmes. RSVP will be working closely with Qingjian Realty in the coming year for various events to help them reach out to various beneficiaries and make a deeper impact in the community.

WILLING HEARTS
9 JANUARY

Arriving at noon, the employees from Qingjian Realty and RSVP volunteers were ushered into the dry kitchen by the veteran volunteers of Willing Hearts.

They spent close to four hours preparing over 70kg of vegetables which would be made into meals for 5,000 beneficiaries across Singapore.

More photos on our Facebook page here.

SILVERACE@BUKIT MERAH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
5 JANUARY

RSVP volunteers and Qingjian Realty staff visited SiverAce@Bukit Merah SAC to lead socially isolated seniors in exercises and games to stimulate the body and mind.

Goodie bags and lucky draw prizes sponsored by Qingjian Realty were also presented to the 30 seniors as early Chinese New Year presents.

Photos on our Facebook page here.

SKILLSFUTURE ADVICE WORKSHOP
25 JANUARY 2018

The one and a half hour SkillsFuture Advice workshop gave 50 of our volunteers an overview of the SkillsFuture scheme and how they can tap onto the various resources and tools for their career progression and self-development.

Through videos, mini games and activities, the volunteers also learnt useful information about the scheme and the current skill trends at the workplace. This is the first step for our volunteers to become SkillFuture Advice@CDC Ambassadors! There will be more workshops coming up in the following months so do keep an eye out for them.

Photos on our Facebook page here.

A warm welcome to our new members!

AU YONG Wai Wah	LAM Li Li	TAN Hui Kheng
BOEY Yoke Ching	LIM Ah Moi Martha	TAN Sock Wah
CHER Geok Hwa	LOH Lih San	TOH Cheng Ho
HAN Cheng Kwang	NG Kee Ming	

Upcoming Events!

PIONEER GENERATION AMBASSADOR TALK

Thursday, 8 March 2018
2pm, RSVP Level 8
Speaker: Pioneer Generation Office

For more information click here.

SKILLSFUTURE AMBASSADOR TALK

Thursday, 15 March 2018
3pm—4.30pm
RSVP Level 8
Speaker: SkillsFuture SG

For more information click here.

AGE WELL EVERYDAY TALK

Wednesday, 28 March 2018
3pm—4.30pm
RSVP Level 8 MPH
Speaker: Dr Kua Ee Heok

For more information click here.

YOU CAN BE A PART OF A DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY TALK

Thursday, 29 March 2018
3pm—4.30pm,
RSVP Level 8 MPH
Speaker: Centre for Seniors

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 socially isolated seniors through its community service programmes.

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