



Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore)

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Charity Transparency Award 2019



Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) is a proud recipient of the Charity Transparency Award at the Charity Transparency and Governance Awards 2019.

The Mission was amongst the 67 charities conferred the award out of the 950 charities evaluated by the Charity Council.

The award recognises charities that communicate information to stakeholders in a transparent and timely manner. Represented by SNM President, Mr Jayadev Unnithan and SNM Chief Executive Officer, Mr S. Devendran, the Mission was honoured to be a recipient of the award for two consecutive years.

The award bestowed on the Mission whilst affirming current practices is also a reminder for us to continue to uphold the high standards of transparency and good governance.



Chathayam Celebrations 2019

The Mission celebrated Chathayam on 14 and 15 September 2019 at its premises to commemorate the 165th birth anniversary of Sree Narayana Guru. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Heng Swee Keat was the Guest-of-Honour for the event.

The celebrations included a welcome dance specially put together by residents, volunteers and staff of SNM, a presentation of education awards to students from tertiary institutions and cultural performances.



Opening of 'Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) Rehabilitation Room'

As part of the celebrations, DPM officially opened the 'Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) Rehabilitation Room', which features seven new equipment specially designed for eldercare by the Helsinki University Research (HUR) from Finland. Some of the members of our Residents' Committee, Mr Tan Joo Huat, Mdm Wong Siew Sing and Mr Ishwar Lall Singh were among the residents who demonstrated how the equipment worked and improved their muscle strength. Mdm Wong in particular



mentioned that after using the equipment, she was able to walk a further distance without assistance.

MOU Signing between SNM and DBS Bank on 15 September 2019

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between SNM (Singapore) and DBS Bank for the 'Cyber Wellness' initiative. The initiative aims to help charities by conducting free workshops on cyber security. Representing DBS was Ms Sasha Foo Bee Chyn, Managing Director for DBS Technology Service Department, and Mr S Devendran, CEO of SNM (Singapore).



We are grateful that corporates like DBS Bank have come forward to curate such initiatives for the social service sector.

National Day at Meranti Home

Meranti Home celebrated the Nation's 54th birthday with a colorful bash of song and dance. The fun-filled event was held on 16 August 2019 with Mr Gan Thiam Poh, MP for Ang Mo Kio GRC, present as the Guest-of-Honour.

The event showcased the talents of various residents, staff, volunteers and partner schools, and highlighted a declamation piece on Singapore's growth and progress that was recited by Meranti's very own eloquent resident.



Friends from Tanglin School and Canberra Primary School added variety to the evening's performance, whilst residents from SNM Nursing Home and clients from SNM Senior Care Centre joined in the merry making that evening.

Pre-Day Release Scheme (Pre-DRS)

Pre-DRS is a new scheme, which was initiated to engage suitable residents from Meranti Home in appropriate employment with SNM Nursing Home.

The initiative commenced on 26 August 2019 with three Meranti residents engaged as part-time cleaners at the SNM Nursing Home.

Residents are trained to improve their skillsets in general cleaning and learn good work ethics to work in an external environment. The scheme was initiated as a progression path leading to residents' rehabilitation and eventual integration into the community.

By the end of the third month, one resident succeeded in securing a job under the DRS as a Part Time Cleaner with the HDB Town Council.

Initiatives by SNM's Senior Care Centre

Movement & Dance

The Movement & Dance programme is an activity where participants dance with their hands to the music while seated. The song "Beautiful Sunday" was selected for the first two months and in the third month, a hot favourite "Burung Kakak Tua" was introduced. This activity is designed to increase brain stimulation and emotional well-being and improve their gross-motor function through coordinating hand movements with the song.



Funfit Morning Exercise

The first session commenced on 16 August and is conducted twice a week by Instructor Xavier, who was able to engage the seniors well through fun and humour. Seniors, who are usually passive participants of the morning group exercises, were observed to be active during Xavier's sessions, responding with smiles and laughter.



Official Opening of SNM Care Centre



The SNM Care Centre, located at 394 Race Course Road, has officially opened. The facility is located in the Jalan Besar precinct, and is an extension of the Mission's services, which primarily focuses on providing a wider range of programmes to the community.



Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng, Mayor of Central Singapore District and Grassroots Adviser to Jalan Besar GRC

(Kampong Glam) was the Guest-of-Honour and officiated the opening ceremony.

Our donors, community partners and mission members were also present at the opening ceremony, where they witnessed the unveiling of the plaque before being guided on a tour of the newly renovated and equipped premises.



There were also programme stations, where our beneficiaries and volunteers shared with Mayor Denise Phua, donors and community partners the positive impact of our community programmes and services.

The Mission will be working with partners within the district to jointly collaborate on new community programmes and work towards building a stronger ecosystem for Singapore.

We thank the SNM Building Fund Committee Members for their hard work, under the leadership and direction of Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Patron of the SNM Building Fund Committee.

New Board Elected at Annual General Meeting

A new board was announced at SNM (Singapore)'s Annual General Meeting on 18 August 2019.

The new members of the board are as follows:

SNM Executive Committee (2019-2021)

President
Jayadev Unnithan

Vice President
Sreenivasan Sreenath

General Secretary
Bina Damodaran

Assistant Secretary
Shalini Damodaran

Honorary Treasurer
Karthikeyan Adappattu Raman

Assistant Treasurer
Sanil Kumar Parammal

Committee Members

Shanavas Vijayan

Swapna Dayanandan

Lathika K Lakshmanan

Anil Sarasijakshan

Prakash Sadasivan

Sree Devi d/o Balakrishna Pillay

Sudhesh Vasu Dash

Suraj Senan

K S Sharmila

Neetha Sanjay

Divakaran Sabu

The board and management will continue to work together to scale the Mission to greater heights.

Upcoming Event



Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) will be holding its annual Chinese New Year Dinner, hosted by Mr Chang Meng Kiat, on

Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Seats are priced as follows (based on per person):

Chinese Cuisine - \$36
Halal Cuisine - \$36
Vegetarian Cuisine - \$35
SNM Members* - \$10

**(Above 65 years old)*

Payments by cheque should be made payable to **“Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore)”**.

To make reservations of seats or tables, please contact the following personnel by Wednesday, 22 January 2020:

- Ms Devi - 69559503
- Ms Leckchimi - 69559492
- Ms. Sarojam - 69559481

Reservations are based on a first-come-first-served basis.

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