



Media Release

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MigrantWell Singapore commits over SGD \$600,000 in its first year to provide holistic healthcare for migrant workers

The MigrantWell Welfare Fund will go towards pilot programmes with community partners - St. Andrew's Mission Hospital and HealthServe to complement the existing Primary Care Plan (PCP).

Saturday, 12 November 2022, Singapore - MigrantWell Singapore has announced its commitment of over SGD \$600,000 from the **MigrantWell Welfare Fund** in its pilot year to better serve the healthcare needs of migrant workers in Singapore. The fund complements existing healthcare plans by addressing care gaps such as dental care and other health concerns like psychological care, physiotherapy and rehabilitation services.

To ensure dedicated help to the migrant worker community, MigrantWell Singapore currently supports programmes under the St. Andrew's Mission Hospital (SAMH) which has a long history of providing healthcare support to vulnerable communities. It will also be supporting HealthServe, a non-profit organisation which is one of the pioneering providers of medical and social care for low-wage migrant workers, to expand their dental services to serve more workers in need.

Mr Ho Meng Kit, Chairman of MigrantWell Singapore said, "We are heartened by the strong support from the business community which has collectively donated close to SGD 7 million to date. With SBF Foundation spearheading the fundraising efforts, we look forward to rallying more businesses to contribute towards the goal of raising SGD 15 million. Having access to preventive care, along with a holistic approach to address specific healthcare needs of migrant workers are essential to a healthy workforce. We hope more like-minded organisations can join our cause to amplify our efforts in improving the health and wellbeing of migrant workers in Singapore."

The **MigrantWell Welfare Fund** provides essential dental care and treatments for dental infections for migrant workers, with a priority on severe and painful conditions. This is on top of routine checks such as extractions for tooth decay and common dental surgeries including wisdom teeth treatment. The pilot funding will look to support over 1,500 migrant workers for dental needs.

The fund also caters for quality psychological care and emotional support for migrant workers who are facing stress from sudden health complications, workplace injuries or family issues, which complements existing mental health counselling services under the PCP.

In addition, physiotherapy and rehabilitation services are offered to prevent exacerbation of injuries, diagnose orthopaedic, musculoskeletal issues as well as prescribe maintenance therapy that encompasses pain management, strengthening exercises and prescription of assistive aids.

Sparked by the passion of the estates of Khoo Teck Puat and Ng Teng Fong, and facilitated by SBF Foundation, Project MigrantWell comprises a charity, MigrantWell Singapore, a MigrantWell Welfare Fund and the St. Andrew's Migrant Worker Medical Centre at Penjuru which officially opened in February this year.

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MigrantWell Singapore

MigrantWell Singapore is an Institution of Public Character (IPC) established by SBF Foundation. It aims to be a care compact network for migrant workers and acts in unison with other like-minded organisations to provide holistic care for the health and wellbeing of migrant workers in Singapore in a sustainable way.

SBF Foundation

The SBF Foundation is an Institution of Public Character (IPC) established by the Singapore Business Federation in 2013 in response to the Prime Minister's call for businesses to be more active in corporate philanthropy and corporate social responsibility. The SBF Foundation aims to amplify the individual efforts of the business community in corporate social responsibility and corporate giving to benefit the workforce and community. For more information, please visit our website: www.sbffoundation.org.sg

Annex A: Quote sheet from MigrantWell Singapore's Community Partners

HealthServe

Established in 2006, HealthServe is an IPC registered charity that advocates for a society where every migrant worker lives a life of health, wellbeing and dignity. As a medical NGO, we seek to bring hope and healing to the disadvantaged migrant worker community in Singapore through the provision of holistic health and social care, from medical, dental and mental health services to other forms of social assistance.

Our work to support tens of thousands of migrant workers every year is underpinned by a large pool of medical and non-medical volunteers, donors and partners.

To find out more about HealthServe, visit www.healthserve.org.sg

“Strengthening capacity at HealthServe’s dental clinic to meet migrant workers’ urgent dental care needs remains our priority. We believe strongly in collective impact and are grateful for the support of like-minded partners such as MigrantWell and SACH on this journey to deliver better care outcomes for our migrant friends in Singapore.”

- Michael Cheah, Executive Director of HealthServe

St. Andrew’s Mission Hospital (SAMH) and Singapore Anglican Community Services (SACS)

St. Andrew’s Mission Hospital (SAMH) and Singapore Anglican Community Services (SACS) are the community service arms of the Diocese of Singapore. SAMH and SACS as a group provide support, care and healing to those in need. Through our five pillars of services - Medical, Senior, Psychiatric, Autism as well as Family and Children - SAMH and SACS strive to continuously bring Love, Light and Hope into the lives of our beneficiaries.

For more information on our services, visit St. Andrew’s Mission Hospital www.samh.org.sg | Singapore Anglican Community Services www.sacs.org.sg

“Fortifying support through the MigrantWell Welfare Fund allows St. Andrew’s Migrant Worker Medical Centre (SAMWMC) to plan and advance our multi-pronged care approach for the migrant workers who contribute to our nation’s progress.

Presently on a daily basis, a ballpark average of over 500 patients benefit from SAMWMC suite of services which include both on-site and location-specific clinical care as well as tele-medicine at their convenience.

The support from the public sector ensures uninterrupted primary care for the migrant workers. Augmented with the generous funding inject from Singapore based-businesses, the medical center is able to also advocate preventive care while filling the care gaps ranging from dentistry to counselling to physiotherapy for over 60,000 migrant workers in the sector it is located.”

- Dr Arthur Chern, Group CEO, St. Andrew’s Mission Hospital (SAMH) & Singapore Anglican Community Services (SACS)