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NEW CREATION CHURCH'S 'GIFT OF LOVE' INITIATIVE SPREADS THE JOY OF GIVING THIS CHRISTMAS, DISTRIBUTING OVER S\$800,000 TO MORE THAN 10,800 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, 11 December 2021 – New Creation Church's (NCC) *Gift Of Love* returns in its eighth year to usher in the year-end festive season by showing love and care to the less privileged in a practical way. This year, over S\$800,000 in the form of gift packs, vouchers or bursary awards will be distributed to more than 10,800 individuals and families from around 40 organisations comprising social service agencies, nursing homes, halfway houses, migrant worker groups, as well as the North East Community Development Council (CDC) and constituencies.

NCC partnered North East CDC and four constituencies, i.e., Ang Mo Kio-Hougang, Buona Vista, Marsiling and Pioneer for the *Gift Of Love* initiative. More than 3,100 low-income households will receive supermarket vouchers across three days on 4, 11 and 18 December. In addition, households in Buona Vista constituency and North East District will also receive gift packs containing daily essential items.

At today's *Gift Of Love* event, Minister for Education and Adviser to Tanjong Pagar GRC Grassroots Organisations Mr Chan Chun Sing, together with NCC and their volunteers, delivered gift packs and vouchers to over 700 low-income households in Buona Vista constituency.

The first *Gift Of Love* distribution was on 4 December to households in the North East District by Advisers to Tampines Grassroots Organisations - Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower Dr Koh Poh Koon, Mayor of North East District Mr Desmond Choo, and Senior Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Transport Mr Baey Yam Keng, and in Ang Mo Kio-Hougang constituency by Adviser to Ang Mo Kio GRC Grassroots Organisations Mr Darryl David.

Dr Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower and Adviser to Tampines Grassroots Organisations said, "The Christmas *Gift of Love* is a meaningful initiative that sees religious organisations like New Creation Church reaching out to the community in need, regardless of race, language or religion. It reflects the true Singapore



spirit where everyone comes together to build a multi-cultural, caring and inclusive society to support our less privileged. I'm heartened by the support brought together on this platform and I hope this little gesture can bring some cheer to the families and their children."

Added Mr Desmond Choo, Mayor of North East District and Adviser to Tampines Grassroots Organisations, "As the festive season gets underway, many families were hopeful of better beginnings to 2022. Unfortunately, this has been dampened by increasing fears over the new variant that may prolong their hardships. Through this Christmas *Gift of Love*, we hope to spread festive cheer to some of these families who have gone through a rough time this year and provide the assurance to them that support is available when they need it. I'm grateful for the generous contributions from New Creation Church. The vouchers and grocery bags will come in handy to lighten the financial burden for the families."

Touching on the initiative, New Creation Church's council member, Deacon Matthew Kang, said, "As a church, we want to celebrate Singapore's multi-racial, multi-lingual and multi-religious society where people live harmoniously together. Christmas is only complete with the spirit of giving, and we see the joy of giving as an extension of God's love. Through collaborating with community partners in the *Gift of Love* initiative, we spread the joy of Christmas to disadvantaged individuals regardless of their race, language or religion. Together, we end the year on a meaningful note, and look forward to do even more for our community."

Later this evening, Adviser to Pioneer SMC Mr Patrick Tay will be distributing supermarket vouchers to 150 households in **Pioneer constituency**, and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Manpower, and Adviser to Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC, Mr Zaqy Mohamad, on 18 December for **Marsiling constituency**. Please refer to Annex A for details.

Besides low-income families in Singapore, NCC also delivers the *Gift Of Love* to residents in nursing homes and halfway houses as well as migrant workers.

Indian construction worker Mr Thota Manikyala Rao, 40, who has worked in Singapore for 14 years, was pleased with the gift pack he got. It contains essential items such as *Muruku*, Milo, shampoo, toothpaste, detergent powder, face masks and socks.

He said: "I am very thankful that the Church remembers us during this festive season. To receive this love and care from the Church really lifts our spirits and gives us hope to look forward to a better 2022."

Mr Polisetti Naga Satish, a 31-year-old Indian construction worker who has worked in Singapore for 10 years agreed. He said: "I am so happy that the Church shares their love



during this difficult time. It means a lot and I would like to thank them for thinking and caring for us. It lets us know that we are not alone.”

NCC also gave out bursary awards worth about S\$175,000 to some 330 students from disadvantaged backgrounds and youths with special needs.

In addition, it will disburse about S\$197,800 to over 18,000 beneficiaries in Asia under its international *Gift Of Love* initiative.

Please download hi-res images [here](#). **(Photo credit: New Creation Church)**

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ANNEX A

Gift of Love 2021 (Constituencies)			
S/N	Date	Morning	Evening
1	4 Dec	<p>North East CDC Time: 9am Venue: SPACE @ Our Tampines Hub / Various distribution points in Tampines (Blk 827A Tampines St 81 and Blk 872A Tampines St 86)</p> <p>Advisers to Tampines Grassroots Organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health & Ministry of Manpower • Mayor of North East District Mr Desmond Choo • Senior Parliamentary Secretary of Ministry of Transport Mr Baey Yam Keng <p>No. of Households: 500</p>	<p>Ang Mo Kio-Hougang Constituency Time: 7.30pm Venue: Ci Yuan Community Club</p> <p>Adviser to Ang Mo Kio GRC Grassroots Organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Darryl David <p>No. of Households: 150</p>
2	11 Dec	<p>Buona Vista Constituency Time: 8.30am Venue: Blks 103, 104, 106, 107 Commonwealth and Blk 1 Holland Close</p> <p>Minister Chan will be presenting a plaque to a representative from NCC at Blk 107A, Commonwealth Crescent Multi-Purpose Hall.</p> <p>Adviser to Tanjong Pagar GRC Grassroots Organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Education Mr Chan Chun Sing <p>No. of Households: 734</p>	<p>Pioneer Constituency Time: 6.30pm Venue: The Frontier Community Club / Selected Beneficiaries' Home</p> <p>Adviser to Pioneer SMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Patrick Tay <p>No. of Households: 150</p>

3	18 Dec	Marsiling Constituency Time: 9am Venue: Blk 123, Marsiling Rise & Blk 185B, Woodlands St 13 Adviser to Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Zaqy Mohamad, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Manpower No. of Households: 1,600	
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About New Creation Church

Founded in 1984, New Creation Church is a non-denominational church and a member of the National Council of Churches of Singapore. The 33,000-strong congregation is overseen by a team of pastors, including Senior Pastor Joseph Prince who serves on a voluntary basis and whose Christ-centred messages are broadcast to millions around the world daily. The church services, outreach efforts, volunteer activities and day-to-day operations are guided by the teachings of Jesus. An elected council led by Deacon Yong Chee Ram has general oversight of the church. The church usually meets at The Star Performing Arts Centre at Buona Vista and various venues in Singapore.

New Creation Church's Outreach Ministry seeks to touch the lives of many in society through its various programmes and activities. Working regularly with youths, families, seniors, ex-offenders, migrant workers and special needs individuals in Singapore and the underprivileged in Southeast Asia, it aims to bring hope and make an impact in the lives of others, regardless of race or religion. Among these outreach efforts is Gift Of Love, an annual initiative that takes place during Christmas. Including the current year, over \$4.2 million has been given to help over 140,000 people across the region as part of this initiative since its inception in 2014.

For more information, please visit www.newcreation.org.sg.