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NEW CREATION CHURCH'S 'GIFT OF LOVE' MARKS SEVEN YEARS OF SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, 11 December 2020: Gift Of Love, an annual community outreach initiative organised by New Creation Church (NCC), returns for its seventh year to continue its tradition of giving this Christmas season.

From **13 November to 20 December**, NCC is partnering with North East Community Development Council (CDC), Ang Mo Kio-Hougang, Marsiling and Pioneer Constituencies, as well as other social service agencies to bring light and hope to the less privileged through the distribution of care packs and vouchers.

Over S\$750,000 in the form of vouchers, daily essentials, and bursary awards will be given out this year to benefit more than 10,000 individuals and families all over Singapore.

On 12 December, NCC will be having its largest Gift Of Love distribution this Christmas at **Marsiling**. Together with Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence & Manpower, and Advisor to Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC, Mr Zaqy Mohamad, volunteers will be distributing grocery vouchers worth \$100 each to more than 1,400 households in the constituency.

Heartened by the support, Mr Zaqy said, "In these challenging times, we go the extra mile to care for and assist Marsiling residents in need. We are indebted to our care partners which includes New Creation Church, who has been our partner in assisting the community for the past several years. NCC has been providing invaluable support to our residents and community. With the support of our care partners, we are able to provide holistic assistance to all, regardless of race or religion."

New Creation Church's council member, Deacon Matthew Kang, said, "As the church celebrates the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ this Christmas, we want to show God's love in practical ways, especially during these difficult times. This Gift Of Love initiative enables us to help families in need regardless of their background or beliefs and we hope to find even more opportunities to be a blessing to the community."

As part of the Gift Of Love celebration at **Ang Mo Kio-Hougang Constituency**, NCC has also partnered with Ci Yuan Community Club to distribute vouchers together with Mr Darryl



David, Adviser to Ang Mo Kio GRC Grassroots Organisations, to families in need. In conjunction with that, the Church will be participating in a series of performances which will be streamed on Ci Yuan Community Club's Facebook page on 12 December.

Prior to the upcoming distributions, vouchers and daily essentials were distributed on 5 December at:

- **North East District** with Mr Desmond Choo, Mayor of North East District and Dr Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Advisor to Tampines Grassroots Organisations;
- **Pioneer SMC** with Mr Patrick Tay, Advisor to Pioneer SMC.

NCC also gave out bursary awards worth S\$180,500 to some 340 underprivileged students, including youths with special needs.

In addition to the support provided to Singaporeans, the Church will also be giving more than S\$150,000 to over 15,000 beneficiaries as part of its international Gift Of Love initiative within Asia.

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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, approximately \$3.6 million has been given to help over 100,000 people across the region as part of this initiative since its inception in 2014.

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