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COMMUNITY IN PARTNERSHIP – LAUNCH OF 1st AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE FOR 24/7 PUBLIC USE

- ***1st Coffeeshop/Neighbourhood Centre precinct to install a life-saving device, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)***
- ***AED can save lives during cardiac arrests***
- ***Open for use by anyone in the community. Staff, volunteers and RC members trained***
- ***One of the largest mass certification training in AED+CPR skills, involving 30 trainees, will be conducted on 17 January 2010***

Singapore, 14 January 2010 - A life-saving device, an Automated External Defibrillator (**AED**), will be deployed for the first time in a public housing neighbourhood centre. Located at Block 20 Toa Payoh Lor 7, the AED Point faces both a 24-hour coffeeshop as well as a hawker centre which have high human traffic.

The AED Point will be officially launched by Mrs Josephine Teo, MP for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC, on Sunday 17 January 2010 at 12:30pm.

The decision to install this AED Point in the heart of the bustling neighbourhood centre of Kim Keat Palm precinct was a community partnership effort by:

1. the Adventist Home for the Elders (“**AHE**”), who became the 1st sheltered home for the aged and elderly destitute to install an AED in March 2009, at the common

- property of Block 195 Kim Keat Avenue, which makes the AED accessible to all in that precinct;
2. the Singapore First Aid Training Centre (“**SFATC**”), who has been helping AHE to train more than 30 Toa Payoh East residents, volunteers and staff since March 2009 in certificated AED+CPR techniques at reduced rates;
 3. the Fu Chan (Group of Companies) (“**FCG**”), who agreed to be the de facto guardian of this Block 20 AED Point given the location of its 24/7 coffeeshop at Block 21; and
 4. Toa Payoh East Residents’ Committee Zone 4, who helped in the project co-ordination and enrollment of trainees.

All of them see value in deploying the AED and teaching more in AED+CPR techniques, which efforts are also being supported by Toa Payoh East CCC.

Funding for this Block 20 AED Point, which costs about \$3,500, is by FATC as the main sponsor, FCG as the supporting sponsor, and the balance from AHE who solicited dedicated donations for this project. Prior to the launch ceremony, another 30 volunteers will take part in a 3.5 hours AED+CPR training. This makes it one of the largest mass AED+CPR certification training exercises (accredited by National Resuscitation Council) conducted in Singapore.

Commenting on this collaborative effort, Member of Parliament Mrs Teo said: “I am very encouraged that Adventist Home has come forward to organize and part-fund the AED in Kim Keat Palm. With Singapore First Aid Training Centre and Fu Chan Group participating, this is manifestation of good community spirit. More people should sign up for the AED+CPR training as such skills may play that crucial life-saving role when the need arises.”

Executive Director of AHE, Irene Tan, said, “after our own AED launch in March 2009, we see immense value in advocating that other neighbourhoods in Toa Payoh East should be equipped with an AED. We are happy to spearhead this AED project at Block 20 and to continue as the AED+CPR training platform for Toa Payoh East residents together with Singapore First Aid Training Centre. Thanks also to Fu Chan Group for participating and agreeing to help keep watch over this AED Point.”

For SFATC’s role, Mr Abdul Rasheed Doad, its Training Director, explained that: “when Mr Wan Kwong Weng, chairman of Adventist Home, first broached the idea of soliciting funds and deploying a 2nd AED for Toa Payoh East in October 2009, I was inspired to join in. As an AED+CPR training provider for past 5 years, this partnership project certainly augurs well for the community in that there will be more trained life-savers in the Kim Keat Palm neighbourhood and to have an AED within their reach.”

As for FCG, Mr Yong Tien Sheong, its Area Manager, commented that “the involvement of Fu Chan Group is obvious, not just because this AED Point will be placed right in front of our coffeeshop at Block 21. We heartily agreed to support this when approached since we are thankful that this project can help to save lives in emergencies.”

An AED is a dedicated medical device that can be used to save lives in the event of cardiac arrests. When the heart rhythm is chaotic or irregular, an AED can send an appropriate shock to the heart so that it can resume normal rhythm. When used together with CPR, an AED is seen as an important step in the chain of survival, especially in the first 10 minutes of collapse. In Singapore, it has been observed that an increasing number of AEDs have been installed in recent years in public places such as schools and shopping centres.

Since March 2009, certificated AED+CPR trainings are conducted quarterly at the premises of the AHE at a subsidized rate for Toa Payoh East residents. For the launch of AED Point at Block 20, as a start, some 3 employees of Fu Chan Group from Block 21 coffeeshop will be trained. For more information on trainings, please contact Toa Payoh East CCC (62516515) or AHE (62581267).

About the Adventist Home for the Elders

Established since 1981, we are a Volunteer Welfare Organisation that has Institute of Public Character (IPC) status to provide care and shelter for some 38 aged and elderly destitute regardless of race, language or religion. In addition to its AED project, the Adventist Home also played a pivotal role in the inaugural community Eye Care Day in September 2009, when more than 100 needy residents were invited to come for free eye-screening and prescription spectacles. We welcome volunteers to assist in the various activities of the Home or to participate in our AED+CPR trainings. Visit <http://www.adventisthome.org.sg/>

About Singapore First Aid Training Centre

The Singapore First Aid Training Centre is an accredited training centre by the Singapore National Resuscitation Council and American Heart Association to provide various types of first aid, CPR and AED courses. Established since 2000, it has a team of 8 experienced trainers, and has also been involved in various community efforts as part of its pro bono work. Visit: www.firstaidtraining.com.sg

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