



## **47 CHARITIES LAUDED FOR EXEMPLARY TRANSPARENCY AND GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

*Annual awards go from strength to strength with more charities recognised for upholding transparency and good governance*

**29 November 2018 (Thursday), Singapore** – A total of 47 charities were recognised for exemplary transparency and governance practices at the Charity Transparency and Governance Awards 2018 held at Gardens by the Bay this evening. This year, MINDSET Care Limited, Club Rainbow (Singapore) and SATA CommHealth, won the Charity Governance Awards (CGA) in the small, medium and large charity categories respectively. The Awards represent the highest honours for charities in governance. Another four charities were also commended for their good governance practices in specific areas such as Clarity of Strategy, Risk Management, as well as Governance and Management. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for the list of award winners.

2 While many of the 47 charities that were conferred the Charity Transparency Award (CTA) were repeat winners, there were a number of new winners. This demonstrates the sector's continuing efforts to achieve good disclosure practices. The CTA is an annual assessment that recognises charities who communicate information to their stakeholders in a transparent and timely manner.

3 Guest-of-Honour Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, said, "It is important for charities to strengthen public trust in the sector by practising good governance and transparency. I am glad to see that more charities are stepping up to be recognised for good governance and transparency. It is reassuring to the public that standards in the sector are continually being uplifted. Let us as a sector work together to encourage more philanthropy in Singapore and make us a more caring society."

### **More charities receive Charity Governance Awards – Special Commendation**

4 This year also saw the highest number of Special Commendation Awards (SCA) being presented. The four charities commended for good governance in selected areas are:

- Silver Ribbon (Singapore), in the area of *Clarity of Strategy*;
- The National Kidney Foundation, in the area of *Clarity of Strategy*;
- HCA Hospice Care, in the area of *Risk Management*; and
- Methodist Welfare Services, in the area of *Governance and management*.

5 Dr Gerard Ee, Chairman of the Charity Council, said, “The Charity Transparency and Governance Awards were introduced to celebrate charities that have demonstrated good transparency and governance. It encourages the sector to collectively work towards greater public trust and support. We are glad to see more charities, especially the smaller charities, being a part of this journey with us, and taking steps to improve their processes and accountability.”

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Annex A – CTA and CGA Winners 2018

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**List of Charity Transparency Awards 2018 Winners****(A) Large Charities (gross annual receipts \$10 million or more)***Arranged in alphabetical order*

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Charity Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>
1.	Assisi Hospice	Health
2.	Association of Muslim Professionals	Others
3.	Care Corner Singapore Ltd	Social & Welfare
4.	Caritas Singapore Community Council Limited	Others
5.	CRU Asia Limited	Religious
6.	Gardens by the Bay	Others
7.	HCA Hospice Care	Health
8.	Kidney Dialysis Foundation Limited	Health
9.	Lions Home for the Elders	Health
10.	Methodist Welfare Services	Social & Welfare
11.	Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS)	Social & Welfare
12.	National Council of Social Service	Social & Welfare
13.	National Gallery Singapore	Arts & Heritage
14.	Northlight School	Education
15.	NTUC-U Care Fund	Social & Welfare
16.	Ren Ci Hospital	Health
17.	SATA CommHealth	Health
18.	Singapore Anglican Community Services	Social & Welfare
19.	Singapore Children's Society	Social & Welfare
20.	SPD	Social & Welfare

S/N	Charity Name	Sector
21.	Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore)	Social & Welfare
22.	The Esplanade Co Ltd	Arts & Heritage
23.	The National Kidney Foundation	Health
24.	Touch Community Services Limited	Social & Welfare

**(B) Medium Charities (gross annual receipts between \$1 million to \$10 million)**

*Arranged in alphabetical order*

S/N	Charity Name	Sector
25.	ARC Children's Centre Co Limited	Social & Welfare
26.	Bright Hill Evergreen Home	Health
27.	Club Rainbow (Singapore)	Health
28.	National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre	Others
29.	New Hope Community Services	Social & Welfare
30.	Riding for the Disabled Association of Singapore	Social & Welfare
31.	RSVP Singapore The Organisation of Senior Volunteers	Social & Welfare
32.	Shared Services for Charities Limited	Others
33.	Singapore Association for Mental Health	Health
34.	Singapore Cycling Federation	Sports
35.	Singapore Repertory Theatre Ltd	Arts & Heritage
36.	St. John's Home For Elderly Persons	Social & Welfare
37.	Touch Family Services Limited	Social & Welfare
38.	Viriya Community Services	Social & Welfare
39.	Yellow Ribbon Fund	Social & Welfare

**(C) Small Charities (gross annual receipts of less than \$1 million)**

*Arranged in alphabetical order*

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Charity Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>
40.	Art Outreach Singapore Limited	Arts & Heritage
41.	Clarity Singapore Limited	Social & Welfare
42.	MINDSET Care Limited	Health
43.	Nature Society (Singapore)	Others
44.	Silver Ribbon (Singapore)	Health
45.	Touch International Ltd.	Others
46.	Volleyball Association of Singapore	Sports
47.	Wildlife Reserves Singapore Conservation Fund	Others

**List of Charity Governance Award 2018 Winners**

<b>Charity</b>	<b>Award Type</b>
<b>SATA CommHealth</b>	<b>Main category winner (Large)</b>
<b>Club Rainbow (Singapore)</b>	<b>Main category winner (Medium)</b>
<b>MINDSET Care Limited</b>	<b>Main category winner (Small)</b>
<b>The National Kidney Foundation</b>	Special Commendation Award – <b>Clarity of Strategy</b>
<b>HCA Hospice Care</b>	Special Commendation Award – <b>Risk Management</b>
<b>Methodist Welfare Services</b>	Special Commendation Award – <b>Governance and Management</b>
<b>Silver Ribbon (Singapore)</b>	Special Commendation Award – <b>Clarity of Strategy</b>

## Quotes by CGA 2018 Winners

Award type & winner	Attributed to	Quote
<b>SATA CommHealth</b>  <b>Charity Governance Award (Large)</b>	Ms Theresa Goh  Chairman	<p>The first seventy years of SATA CommHealth was focused on our core in health screening and diagnostics. The next seventy is about integrating our core with primary to long-term health and social care in the community, especially for our elderly and vulnerable. My diversified Board will exercise independent thinking, enforce exemplary governance practices yet support management to breakthrough and exercise innovative thinking in navigating the change.</p>
<b>Club Rainbow (Singapore)</b>  <b>Charity Governance Award (Medium)</b>	Dr Sashikumar Ganapathy  President	<p>Our beneficiaries start their journey with us from as young as a newborn, all the way up to age 20. On this long journey, while we aim to provide the best programmes and services to empower and help them live their best possible lives, it is only through organisation-wide concerted efforts to uphold good governance and strategic initiatives that we are able to continue to carry out our purpose for our beneficiaries with chronic illnesses. Every member of our team is aware of our ultimate goal for our beneficiaries and actively contributes to our on-going efforts to ensure we continue to deliver the best for them.</p>
<b>MINDSET Care Limited</b>  <b>Charity Governance Award (Small)</b>	Mr Alex Newbigging  Chairman	<p>What sets us apart is that we subscribe to the same high standard of good governance in our charity, MINDSET, as we do in our businesses. We believe that good governance is integral to our success and we continually review and refine our processes as part of our accountability towards our stakeholders.</p>

## **About the Charity Transparency Awards**

The Charity Council introduced the Charity Transparency Awards (CTA) in 2016. The CTA recognises charities with good disclosure practices, recommended under the Charity Transparency Framework (CTF). The CTF is closely aligned to the Code of Governance for Charities and Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs).

CTA winners will be presented with a Certificate.

## **Eligibility Criteria for CTA**

To be eligible for the assessment, charities must:

- Be a registered charity and/or an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) which has been in operation in Singapore for at least three years;
- Have submitted their annual reports, financial statements and GECs for the two immediate preceding financial years, with the later year's submission being an on time submission (i.e. 6 months from the end of the charity's financial year); and
- Have gross annual receipts of not less than \$50,000 in the immediate preceding financial year.

Eligible charities will automatically be assessed by a group of independent assessors from Singapore Management University, School of Accountancy, and validated by professionals from the Institute of Internal Auditors Singapore, using publicly available sources of information such as:

- Annual Reports, Financial Statements and Governance Evaluation Checklists (GECs);
- Charities' official websites; and
- Facebook page (if any).

## **About the Charity Governance Awards**

The annual Charity Governance Awards (CGA) is in its sixth year, first launched by the Charity Council in 2012, with a hiatus in 2015 to review its value proposition. The CGA recognises charities that have adopted the highest standards of governance, in line with the Code of Governance for Charities and IPCs.

The CGA aims to promote good governance in the charity sector by acknowledging the excellent work of charities, while inspiring others to emulate their best practices. Following the review in 2015, only CTA winners will qualify as entrants for CGA given that transparency and good disclosure practices are important aspects of good governance.

### **Eligibility Criteria for CGA**

On top of the eligibility criteria for CTA, charities must meet the following to qualify for the CGA assessment:

- Be a shortlisted CTA winner to qualify as a pre-finalist;
- Not be a main CGA category winner in the past 3 years;
- Have complied with the Code of Governance for Charities and IPCs based on the latest GEC.

Charities will then undergo a rigorous CGA assessment conducted by an independent assessing body. In 2018, the independent assessor is Ernst & Young (EY). Only one charity from each category will be recognised as the main category winner. Award winners for the Small, Medium and Large Charity Governance Award categories will each receive a plaque and \$10,000.

Charities with exemplary practices in particular areas of governance will be conferred with the Special Commendation Awards. Special Commendation Award winners will be presented with a plaque.

### **Award Categories**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Gross Annual Receipts (in the 2 immediate preceding years)</b>
<b>Small</b>	Less than \$1 million
<b>Medium</b>	\$1million to less than \$10million
<b>Large</b>	\$10million and above



For more information about the CGA assessment process, please refer to the “CGA Assessment Guide” co-developed with EY and issued by the Charity Council on the Charity Council website (<http://www.charitycouncil.org.sg>).

### **About the CGA 2018 Judging Panel**

The independent five-member judging panel are from diverse sectors including accounting, audit, banking, law and grant making. All of them have a wealth of relevant experience in the field of governance.

For CGA 2018, our judges are:

- Ms Angeline Chin, Head of Global Community Impact Asia Pacific, Johnson and Johnson
- Mr Neo Sing Hwee, Partner, Ernst & Young Advisory Pte Ltd
- Mr R. Dhinakaran, Managing Director, Jay Gee Melwani Group of Companies
- Mr Robson Lee, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Mr Tay Woon Teck, Managing Director, RSM Risk Advisory