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Thank you for your amazing \$32.5 million support!

Generous donors, partners and clinicians were the 'Stars of the Night' at our second Gala Dinner

RESEARCHERS and clinicians swapped lab coats and stethoscopes for black ties and evening wear to host donors at the SingHealth Duke-NUS Gala Dinner 2017 on 3 September 2017. Conversation and laughter filled the ballroom at the Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore as the 700 guests took the opportunity to renew friendships and make new acquaintances. The Guest of Honour for the event was Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) & Second Minister for Defence Mr Ong Ye Kung.

Themed 'Stars of the Night,' the evening was a celebration of the unwavering support of donors in partnering clinicians, researchers and educators at the SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Medical Centre (AMC) to improve health for patients and the community.

In her opening speech, Prof Ivy Ng, Group CEO, SingHealth, thanked donors for their generosity and highlighted how their support of Academic Medicine would improve the health of future generations. Prof Ng said that to uncover medical breakthroughs, clinical challenges must first be studied in the laboratory. This new knowledge must be passed on to the next generation of healthcare professionals so they can continue to drive Medicine forward.

Prof Ng also shared that healthcare needs to move beyond the hospital walls into the community and highlighted the potential of preventive medicine with the advent of big data and genomics.

" This shift in focus from healthcare to health is critically important, especially since people are living much longer than they were 20 years ago. Increasingly, we want to be able to predict and prevent an adverse health event from happening and the research we undertake will, hopefully, allow us to do this in the future. "

– Prof Ivy Ng

Prof Thomas Coffman, Dean, Duke-NUS Medical School, reiterated the importance of supporting the Academic Medicine pursuit. Prof Coffman said the essence



From left: Assoc Prof Lee Shu Yen (Chairperson, SingHealth Duke-NUS Gala Dinner Organising Committee), Prof Ivy Ng (Group CEO, SingHealth), Mr Peter Seah (Chairman, SingHealth), Minister Ong Ye Kung, Mr Kai Nargolwala (Chairman, Duke-NUS Governing Board), Prof Thomas Coffman (Dean, Duke-NUS) and Dr June Goh (Co-Chair, SingHealth Duke-NUS Gala Dinner Organising Committee)

of the SingHealth Duke-NUS AMC collaboration is to bring together education, research and clinical care in order to enhance medical practice and improve patients' lives.

Entertainment at this year's Gala Dinner was provided by SingHealth's own talented staff. Residents from both Radiological Sciences and Neurosurgery kick-started the evening's programme with a high-energy Bollywood-inspired dance. Other performers included Normadiyah Binti Hamzah from Group Finance, SingHealth and Nadeen Francisco, an Enrolled Nurse with Singapore

" The successes of our academic programmes hinge on support from private philanthropy. These gifts nurture and encourage innovation and creativity across our enterprises, building a pathway from discoveries to healing and cures. "

– Prof Thomas Coffman

General Hospital, who serenaded the crowd throughout the evening.

Rounding off the evening on a high note was the presentation of the final cheque which totalled \$32.597 million. Healthcare institutions of SingHealth Duke-NUS AMC raised the funds over two years, starting from September 2015. The amount included eight transformational gifts of \$1 million or more for five clinical areas as well as table sales and proceeds from the silent auction.

Join us for the next SingHealth Duke-NUS Gala Dinner in 2019!



Conversations flowed as guests dined and enjoyed the entertainment



Donated auction items included paintings, jewellery, luxury experiences and fine wines

SingHealth Duke-NUS Gala Dinner Major Gift Donors

\$3 million

Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple

\$2.188 million

Children's Cancer Foundation

\$2 million

Tanoto Foundation

\$1 million

Dr Charles Toh

\$1 million

Goh Foundation

Total of \$3.5 million

from two anonymous donors to support cancer research

\$1 million

donated by an anonymous donor to support eye research



From left: Adj Prof Lee Chien Earn, Deputy GCEO (Regional Health System), SingHealth, with Dr Tan Eng Liang



Minister Ong and Mrs Ong (centre, seated) with some of the members of SingHealth Board and Duke-NUS Governing Board



Guests viewing one of the 22 items on auction that evening



From left: Ms Chew Gek Khim, Mr Lee Kim Shin, Member, Duke-NUS Governing Board and Prof Soo Khee Chee, Deputy GCEO (Research and Education), SingHealth



From left: Mr Seng Han Thong, Dr Lam Pin Min and Mr Cheng Wai Keung, Board Member, SingHealth



Prof Thomas Coffman delivering his welcome address

Stars of the Night

SingHealth Duke-NUS Gala Dinner 2017

It was a dazzling affair as our 'Stars of the Night' – donors, partners and clinicians – gathered to celebrate the vast potential of Medicine with advancements in medical research and education. Warm conversations and laughter filled the room as old friends reconnected with one another and new friendships were forged over dinner. Here are some highlights of the brilliant and beautiful night!



Prof Ivy Ng sharing with donors the impact of their gifts



From left: Mr Sun You Ning and Ms Belinda Tanoto



Ms Annie Chiam (left), Mr Kwee Liong Seen and guests



From left: Dr Caroline Heah and Mr Sia Kheng Hong, Group CFO, SingHealth



From left: Mr Kwee Liong Tek and Mr Peter Seah



Standing from left: Mr Cheong Gay Eng, Ms Juthika Ramanathan and Ms Kelly Leong

Seated from left: Assoc Prof Tan Hak Koon, Prof Charles Ng and Ms Tan Seck Geok



From left: Prof Terrance Chua, Group CMB, Prof Teo Eng Kiong, Dy Group CMB, Dr Tan Hiang Khoon, Chairman, Division of Surgery, SGH and Prof Lee Seng Teik, Emeritus Consultant, Department of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery, SGH



Minister Ong, the Guest of Honour for the evening, and Mrs Ong as they enter the Grand Ballroom



Guests enjoying the evening's company and programme



Performers Nadeen Francisco, Enrolled Nurse, SGH and Normadiyah Binti Hamzah, Group Finance, SingHealth, dazzled guests with their amazing voices



From left: Dr Lawrence Wong, Dr Wong Wai Yee and Assoc Prof Teoh Khim Hean



Residents of SingHealth kick-starting the programme with a high-energy Bollywood dance



Prof Ivy Ng presenting flowers to Mrs Ong (second from left), and the Chairperson, Assoc Prof Lee Shu Yen (right) and Co-Chair, Dr June Goh (left), of the Gala Dinner Organising Committee



From left: Mr Teng Ngiek Lian, Mr Matthew Teng, Mr Christopher Wilson, Ms Tan Su Shan and Prof Alex Sia, CEO, KKH



Ms Neo Lay Tin (Executive Director, Children's Cancer Foundation, centre), presented the cheque to Prof Ivy Ng (left), Dr Chan Yoke Hwee (second from left), Minister Ong Ye Kung (second from right) and Prof Thomas Coffman (right)

\$2.188 million contribution to support young cancer survivors

LEUKAEMIA and tumours in the central nervous system (brain or spinal cord) are two of the most common childhood cancers in Singapore. Medical advances have resulted in fewer children dying from these diseases, but patients often develop delayed effects from their treatment later in life. To tackle this problem, the Children's Cancer Foundation has contributed \$2.188 million to establish two programmes to extend support for childhood cancer survivors:

CCF Psychosocial and Supportive Care Programme for Paediatric Oncology aims to improve the overall treatment outcomes for paediatric oncology patients cognitively, emotionally and physically.

CCF Paediatric Oncology Survivorship Programme aims to develop a comprehensive model of care for long term follow-up and transition of care to adult services.

\$2 million lead gift to accelerate cures for infectious diseases

A case of dengue or zika is just one mosquito bite away. In our tropical environment, the possibility of an infectious disease outbreak is only too real. Ensuring timely response to such outbreaks is vital, but the clinical trials process to discover a vaccine or cure usually takes a decade or more. To accelerate this process, the Tanoto Foundation has made a gift of \$2 million to support the establishment of the **Viral Research and Experimental Medicine Centre@SingHealth Duke-NUS (ViREMICS)**. The centre aims to shorten the time needed for clinical trials, so that drugs and vaccines for infectious diseases can reach patients and the community faster.



Prof Ivy Ng (left) and Assoc Prof Chow Wan Cheng (centre) thanked Ms Belinda Tanoto (right) for the Tanoto Foundation's \$2 million gift



Prof Terrance Chua (left) received the cheque from Dr Charles Toh (second from left), witnessed by Minister Ong Ye Kung (second from right) and Prof Thomas Coffman (right)

\$1 million gift from the heart

WHEN Dr Charles Toh started his career, he trained under renowned cardiologists in England. The extensive knowledge and skills which he gained from the experience shaped his career and instilled in him the importance of clinical research. The eminent cardiologist has donated \$1 million to establish the **Charles Toh Cardiovascular Fellowship**. This will ensure future leaders in the field have the opportunity to train at world-class medical institutions and inspire younger clinicians to conduct research to enable more discoveries in cardiovascular sciences.

\$1 million gift to tackle autoimmune diseases

WHEN the body's immune system switches from 'protect' to 'attack' mode, the consequences can be crippling and deadly. More than 600,000 people in Singapore suffer from rheumatological diseases, many of which are complex autoimmune conditions. These diseases affect both the young and old, and can cause lasting damage to the joints and major organs including the heart, lungs and brain. The Goh Foundation has pledged a gift of \$1 million towards advancing research in five conditions including Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), Rheumatoid Arthritis and Spondyloarthritis.



Minister Ong Ye Kung (left) and Prof Thomas Coffman (right) thanked Dr Tan Eng Liang (Executive Director, Goh Foundation, centre) for the donation

Your Gift Matters: 8 Common Questions Answered

1 What will my gift be used for?

Your donation can change lives in three key areas:



Supporting patients in their time of need



Enabling groundbreaking research for new treatments



Training the next generation of healthcare professionals

2 Why is it important to support research and education?

We want you and your children's grandchildren to enjoy better health. Your gifts enable us to conduct advanced research to better understand diseases and find new ways to predict, prevent, diagnose and treat them.

Scientific discoveries in laboratories lay the foundations for new medical treatments. But the journey from a biomedical breakthrough to a new cure can take decades, and a significant number do not make it to full translation.

Training the next generation of medical leaders is also vital to ensure they have the best skills to treat patients, take on future healthcare challenges and drive research and innovation.

3 Doesn't the government fund medical research and education?

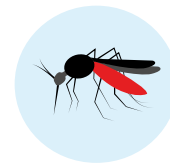
Government agencies do award competitive grants for medical research as well as medical development programmes. Unfortunately, resources are always finite and have to be prioritised at the national level. At the same time, research into a single clinical condition such as 'autism' or 'Alzheimer's disease' can lead to a staggering and ever-expanding range of topics and projects.

Your support will provide core funding so clinicians can focus on finding the next cure or treatment without needing to rely solely on cyclical grant funding.

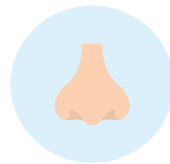
To encourage this partnership to boost much needed seed funding, the government offers tax deductions and provides dollar-to-dollar matched funding on certain donations. For more details on tax deductions, please visit: www.iras.gov.sg.

4 Why is local clinical research needed?

Conducting research here ensures we have effective treatments to care for you and your loved ones. Singapore's environment, population and lifestyles create a unique set of health challenges and priorities. Some conditions are more common here than in the West, for example:



Dengue



Nose Cancer



Myopia

Race and genetics can also affect how the body responds to medications and disease. Drugs that work well in Caucasians may not be as effective in Asians.



5 What research do you conduct and how is it different from what tertiary institutions and research agencies do?

As an Academic Medical Centre (AMC), we have a triple mission: patient care, research and teaching. SingHealth Duke-NUS AMC research focuses on our patients – understanding their needs and how our work can improve their health and well-being.

Being the largest public healthcare provider in Singapore, our multidisciplinary teams are able to collaborate across specialties and institutions, to bridge the gap between scientific discoveries in laboratories and clinical care of patients. Where possible, we also partner research agencies and industries which have deep expertise in specific areas of research.

Research is a long-term investment. Each stage can take years of dedicated work coupled with discipline and perseverance. While you may not benefit from breakthroughs in your lifetime, your support leaves a legacy of better health for your loved ones and future generations.

We conduct four types of research:



Basic
Discovers the causes of diseases at the genetic and cellular levels



Clinical
Identifies medical challenges during patient consultations and ensures the safety and efficacy of new drugs and treatments



Translational
Applies the findings from basic research to develop new drugs, devices and treatments for patients



Health Sciences Research
Focuses on the study and analysis of patterns, causes and effects of health and disease in populations

6 Why does medical education need philanthropic support?

In healthcare, learning continues long after graduation, in fact, it never stops! Your support enables clinicians to learn from renowned experts so that we can treat patients with the latest skills and knowledge, while spurring research and education.

7 I can't afford to donate much – how will I make a difference?

Every dollar adds up and can make a difference to the life of a needy patient or to support medical research and education, for example:

\$10

can provide a diabetic patient with a one-week supply of syringes, needles and alcohol swabs for taking their insulin

\$50 a month

from 250 people over a year

can assist emerging investigators for three years in their early research careers into medical breakthroughs

\$100 a month

from 30 people

can support a patient with one cycle of life-saving chemotherapy*

*these examples are based on average estimated costs

8 Can I choose what my gift is used for?

Yes, of course! Everyone has different preferences and passions for the causes they choose to support.

In SingHealth Duke-NUS AMC, you can choose from any of our 14 clinical areas, (Academic Clinical Programmes) ranging from cardiovascular diseases to women's health conditions and family medicine. This ensures your gift supports healthcare issues that matter to you. Gifts will go towards medical education and research projects within these specialties.

For more information on the clinical areas, please visit: www.academic-medicine.edu.sg.

If you would like to make a gift to fight a specific disease or understand more about the impact your donation will make, please contact a development officer at giving@singhealth.com.sg