

PRESS RELEASE

Over 44,000 Volunteer Hours and 150,000 Employees Dedicated to Community Service in Singapore



Minister for Social and Family Development Tan Chuan-Jin and U.S. Embassy Singapore Chargé d'Affaires Stephanie Syptak-Ramnath congratulating 42 companies at the AmCham CARES 2017 ceremony

Singapore, April 27, 2017 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham) today honored 42 large and small companies across multiple business sectors and industries for their outstanding corporate citizenship. Minister for Social and Family Development Tan Chuan-Jin and U.S. Embassy Singapore Chargé d'Affaires Stephanie Syptak-Ramnath congratulated and presented certificates of recognition to senior representatives of each company.

More than 150,000 employees from the 42 American companies recognized contributed over 44,000 volunteer hours and led dozens of community-based activities throughout Singapore. Some of the highlighted projects include youth mentorship programs, food distribution, corporate skills-based engagements, humanitarian relief efforts, and clean drinking water initiatives. To ensure effective reach, companies work closely with local implementing partners such as Art Outreach Singapore, Association for People with Special Needs, Children's Cancer Foundation, Community Development Centers, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics Singapore, Singapore Committee for UN Women, Operation Smile, and World Vision to changes lives for the better.

Commenting at the event, Minister for Social and Family Development Tan Chuan-Jin said, *“It is heartening to see many companies who believe in doing good. I would like to commend each AmCham CARES recipient for their outstanding effort in addressing the needs of the community. AmCham’s ongoing efforts to foster sustainable corporate social responsibility efforts to support more local communities are in line with the Singapore Cares movement. The Singapore Cares movement aims to promote a culture of care and inclusivity in Singapore, through forging*

partnerships, increasing volunteer opportunities, and enhancing capabilities of volunteers and organizations. There is still much for us to do, but I am positive that with our continued partnerships with corporates and other community partners under Singapore Cares, we will be able to amplify a culture of caring and giving to achieve even greater impact. With AmCham's support for Singapore Cares, we hope to work together to encourage others to give back to society."

U.S. Embassy Singapore Chargé d'Affaires Stephanie Syptak-Ramnath said, "AmCham CARES recognizes a distinctly American model of corporate citizenship that combines sustainability and socially responsible business practices with strong community engagement. By promoting the open sharing of effective best practices, the program aims to encourage even more companies to spread their skills, caring, and sense of volunteerism through community engagement in Singapore and the region."

(Refer to accompanying annex for the full list of the AmCham CARES award recipients and programs.)

More information about AmCham CARES 2017 can be found at <http://www.amcham.org.sg/public-affairs/amcham-cares/>.

Background

The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore is the leading international business association in Singapore, with over 5,000 members representing more than 700 companies. American companies' direct investment in Singapore exceeds an estimated US\$229 billion. AmCham organizes annual events such as Corporate Community Day (CCD) to encourage member companies and their employees to commit to volunteerism throughout the year.

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