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Youth Corps Singapore and Gardens by the Bay collaborate to provide 3,000 volunteering opportunities

Sunday, 6 July 2025 – The National Youth Council’s (NYC) volunteering division, Youth Corps Singapore (Youth Corps), and Gardens by the Bay (GB) announced its first three-year partnership to curate meaningful volunteer opportunities for youths to do good in the community while scaling the “Gift of Gardens” initiative to build a more inclusive community.¹

2 The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was witnessed by Mdm Rahayu Mahzam, Minister of State for Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health, and Chairperson of the Youth Corps Singapore Advisory Committee. The partnership launch was marked by the inaugural “Youths in Bloom” signature event, where 300 youth volunteers were activated– the highest number ever mobilised for Gift of Gardens. Each volunteer was paired with a beneficiary, including seniors, persons with special needs, and children from underprivileged backgrounds. The event featured a day of exploration at the Gardens with a community walk, a visit to the Cooled Conservatories, and interactive activities.

3 The collaboration, involving 3,000 Youth Corps volunteers and aiming to reach 2,800 beneficiaries, reflects the Youth Corps’ refreshed vision for the next decade – to deepen youth contributions in the community while strengthening social and intergenerational bonds. Through this collaboration, GB will be able to grow its pool of youth volunteers and serve some of the key partners that Youth Corps support, including children, seniors, and persons with special needs, who can engage in a range of community service programmes.

¹ Gift of Gardens is GB’s community outreach initiative, which provides Singapore Residents who may not have the resources to visit or have disabilities, free access to Flower Dome and Cloud Forest.

Growing an Inclusive Community

4 Beyond the annual signature event, the partnership will deliver a few programmes, including:

- **Garden Explorers** - a programme where volunteers guide children aged 7-12 years old from underprivileged backgrounds on an immersive nature discovery journey through the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest, that aims to spark their curiosity and foster environmental appreciation. The programme aims to have 6 sessions per year over the school holidays, involving 450 volunteers supporting 450 children.
- **CNY Garden Trails**— Youth Corps volunteers will accompany seniors on guided walks through GB, fostering meaningful connections through conversations and engaging activities such as interactions around the exhibits. There will be around 12 runs of similar seniors' engagements per year supporting 900 seniors, with the efforts of 900 volunteers.
- **Visually Impaired Sensory Tour** – Trained volunteers will guide visually impaired visitors through a multi-sensorial exploration of GB. The programme aims to have 8 runs per year, supporting over 500 visually impaired clients with the efforts of more than 500 volunteers.

5 Ms May Yeo, GB Assistant Chief Executive Officer said, “Gardens by the Bay’s Gift of Gardens community outreach initiative has always been about opening our doors to more in the community, so that everyone can experience the benefits of our verdant spaces. In this partnership with Youth Corps Singapore, we hope more youths would be able to discover the power of nature as a meaningful lever for service and human connection.”

6 Mr David Chua, Chief Executive Officer of NYC, said, “We want to empower our youths with more opportunities to make a difference where they can. As we celebrate SG60, partnerships, like our joint programmes with Gardens by the Bay, are crucial to allowing youths to take action in areas they care about and contribute back to society. We hope that this collaboration will encourage more organisations to come forward to work with us.”

7 This partnership between Youth Corps and GB also supports the development of the SG Youth Plan – a five-year action plan to support our youths to be confident, connected and to contribute to our shared future.

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About the National Youth Council

At NYC we believe in a world where young people are respected and heard and have the ability to influence and make a difference in the world. Together with our partners, we develop future-ready youth who are committed to Singapore by instilling in them a heart for service, resilience and an enterprising spirit.

About Youth Corps Singapore

Youth Corps Singapore (Youth Corps) is a division of the National Youth Council (NYC). Youth Corps was launched in 2014 to champion youth volunteerism to build active citizenry and a more caring and cohesive society. Youth Corps serves as a collaboration platform between youths, community service organisations, and the wider society to ignite positive change.

About Gardens by the Bay

An integral part of Singapore's "City in Nature" vision, Gardens by the Bay is a national garden and premier horticultural attraction that showcases the best of garden and floral artistry for all to enjoy. Spanning 101 hectares in the heart of Singapore's downtown Marina Bay, it comprises three waterfront gardens – Bay South, Bay East, and Bay Central. Bay South, the largest at 54 hectares, officially opened on 29 June 2012.

Guided by the vision to be a world of gardens for all to own, enjoy and cherish, the Gardens' extensive plant collection, ever-changing floral displays, and myriad of engaging programmes have captured the imagination of many, while its Gift of

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Gardens community initiative, with Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore as Patron, reaches out to people from all walks of life.

Since opening, Gardens by the Bay has welcomed more than 100 million visitors and garnered numerous international accolades including the eighth top attraction in the world in Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards Best of the Best 2024, Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2024, Best Theme Attraction at TTG Travel Awards 2022 and 2023, and Best Attraction Experience at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2019. The Gardens continues to refresh and refine its offerings, to be a place that everyone can enjoy – a garden where wonder blooms.

About the Youth Corps Vision

The new Youth Corps Vision – “Ignite Change, Grow Good Gother” will guide Youth Corps through its next decade of youth volunteerism. The new vision signals youths’ ambition to build a democracy of deeds, envisaging Youth Corps as a vibrant and inclusive community, where youths from different backgrounds come together to make a positive difference, and create ripples of good in Singapore and beyond.

About the SG Youth Plan

SG60 is about Building Singapore Together, and how each of us can contribute to a Singapore that we will proudly call home. NYC and its partners are organising a year-long series of engagements for youths to connect with others who are just as passionate about making a difference and taking action to build our shared future. The engagements will culminate in an SG Youth Plan – a five-year action plan created by youths, for youths, and supported by all of us, so that we collectively do our part for Singapore and fellow Singaporeans.

The SG Youth Plan will hold the hopes and aspirations of young Singaporeans for themselves and for Singapore, and outlines how youths, supported with opportunities, platforms, and resources, can take action to do good for Singapore, as well as how every part of society can play a part in empowering youths to be the best versions of themselves.