

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY ANITA FAM, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
SOCIAL SERVICE AT COMMUNITY CHEST SEASON OF BLESSINGS 2026:
FU DAI & HABUAN HARAPAN
ON 7 FEBRUARY 2026, 1.20PM
AT SANDS EXPO AND CONVENTION CENTRE, HALL E & F**

President Tharman Shanmugaratnam,

Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of Social and Family Development,

Friends of Community Chest,

- 1 Good afternoon and welcome to the Community Chest Season of Blessings 2026!
- 2 A big thank you to our Guest of Honour, President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, for joining us today at our inaugural combined Fu Dai and Habuan Harapan. This unified platform brings together the celebration of Chinese New Year and Hari Raya, reflecting our multi-culturalism and diversity, as well as our shared spirit of giving and community.
- 3 It's wonderful to see so many of you here today from all walks of life, who have come together this weekend to support families and seniors in need. Thank you for your generosity and commitment.
- 4 Community Chest channels funding to Social Service Agencies to deliver essential programmes that provide practical assistance, caregiving support, and social connection for families and seniors. These programmes help our service users regain stability, strengthen family relationships, and improve their overall quality of life. One such individual is Jazz, a stay-home mother who lost her husband unexpectedly to cancer in 2022. Left to manage all household responsibilities while grieving and caring for a son on the spectrum, Jazz found vital support at WiCare through professional counselling WiSHINE and the Rainbow programme. With this

support, she and her children felt less alone and were able to begin their healing journey.

- 5 Stories like Jazz' are made possible through the collective efforts of our corporate partners and the community. I would like to thank our co-organiser, Heartwarmers, and the more than 3,000 dedicated volunteers for their remarkable effort in packing close to 20,000 festive bags. Your hard work will bring warmth and joy to many families and seniors in need.
- 6 Social needs have become more complex over the years. To help families and seniors overcome financial and social challenges, we need to provide timely, coordinated, and sustained support for them to cope with daily living needs and to age with dignity.
- 7 Collaborations with corporates and the community help us to meet these growing needs. It is heartening to see more corporate partners committing to long-term giving as part of sustainable philanthropy. I would like to express our deep appreciation to Community Chest's volunteer partners, Standard Chartered Bank, who has been volunteering at Community Chest's Fu Dai and Habuan Harapan for 11 years, demonstrating remarkable consistency in their commitment to our community. We are also grateful to our steadfast partners such as PropNex Realty, Singapore Airlines, and Singapore Exchange Limited for journeying with us over the years.
- 8 We also warmly welcome new corporate partners joining us for the first time and committing to long-term giving, including Bitdeer, EU Holidays, PSA and RSM. Your partnership strengthens our ability to plan and provide more consistent support for families and seniors in need.
- 9 Thank you once again for rallying your friends, family, colleagues, and communities to support our cause. With NCSS' expanded role as sector developer, we ensure that our resources and donations are channelled to social service areas with the greatest needs. Your efforts make a real difference in building a caring and inclusive society.