



TOGETHER, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

North West Sustainability Report FY2023



Mayor's Note

In 2023, North West CDC has enhanced our programmes to better serve the essential needs of North West residents. Our assistance programmes continue to uplift beneficiaries in the North West in various ways, from urgent emergency relief to food assistance, student support to home expenses, among others. We also launched the North West Support Grant, providing a total of \$9.5million in grants for our 19 divisions to support all Singaporean households through the rising cost of living.

We achieved much through collaboration with stakeholders. With the generous support of our corporate partners, we successfully hit our fundraising targets at our annual Club-100 @ North West Charity Golf event.

On the healthy living front, the inaugural HealthierSG Festival @ North West saw over 6,000 residents coming together to participate in various sports try-outs and activities to adopt a healthier lifestyle together. On Green Living, the inaugural North West Sustainability Festival, held over 6 days, embodies our commitment in nurturing a green mindset and fostering behavioural change amongst our residents, through the various green workshops and educational activities.

In this multiracial society, we also embraced inclusivity through our Interfaith Network sessions to create platforms for individuals to build a deeper understanding of each other's religious practices and beliefs. Our achievements were made possible by our many passionate volunteers and supportive partners who have contributed their time and resources. Let us continue to build a Caring and Healthy North West community in 2024.

Alex Yam
Mayor of North West District

Key Highlights for FY2023

Programmes



25
Local
Assistance
Programmes

42,800
Beneficiaries



53
Community
Programmes

95,770
Number of
Participants

Partnerships



480
Partners
Engaged

132
New Partners

Interest Groups



334
Interest
Groups

78,056
Members

Volunteers



14,498
Volunteers



North West Student Wise Enrichment Programme

For the past 10 years, the North West Student Wise Enrichment Programme (SWEP) has been focusing on the developmental needs of students from less-privileged backgrounds, to help them grow to the fullest potential. The student beneficiaries are identified by primary schools in the North West District and are either beneficiaries of the Ministry of Education Financial Assistance Scheme, The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund and/or Student Care Financial Assistance.

Students will attend a series of workshops which complement the school curriculum, allows them to develop skills in financial literacy, social etiquette, communication and public speaking. They also attend motivational workshops to build confidence and improve their interpersonal skills in social settings.



"The highlight for me is the new Financial Literacy module, which taught me essential knowledge on how to manage my money better and also the importance of saving money for the future."

Nur Hazilah Sabihah, 10,
SWEP participant
Woodlands Ring Primary School



4 programmes under SWEP :



Basic Social Etiquette



Active Learner



Public Speaking



Financial Literacy

16 workshops conducted
in FY2023, with

244

graduates from
16 schools



Huggies Singapore Diaper Bank

@ North West



Huggies Singapore Diaper Bank @ North West provides temporary diaper assistance to low-income families. Eligible families may apply during the two application cycles each year, and will receive six packs of diapers for each child up to age 4.

"As 2 out of 4 of our children still use diapers, the programme helped cut down our monthly diaper expenses so we can have better and healthier food options for my children."

Teh Xin Ying, 27, Beneficiary

Assisted
947
beneficiaries with

5,682
diaper packs





Club-100 @ North West

Championed by a network of compassionate donors who simply want to do good and do more for the community, the Club-100 @ North West was enhanced to provide additional assistance to needy residents for a diverse range of essential needs, including:

700
Club-100 @ North
West members

Supports
36,000
beneficiaries in 2023

"With living costs on the rise, it's crucial to channel our efforts in providing meaningful assistance to residents who are in need. I'm glad to be part of this Giving Community."

Hooi Siew Hoong,
5-year Club-100
@ North West Donor



Coping with the
rising cost of living



Financial strain
of raising children



Essential
household expenses



Emergency
situations

HealthierSG Fest

@ North West

The inaugural HealthierSG Fest @ North West promotes healthy living and bonding in the North West. The two-day sports festival encourages the community to come together through various sports and activities such as family tele-matches, inclusive basketball, bouncy castle, sports competitions and try-outs for Healthy Living Clubs. Through these activities, individuals can embrace their differences, adopt a healthier lifestyle and celebrate an inclusive community, helping us build a caring and healthy North West District.



"The festival allowed me to try out different exercises and activities. I participated in the Fight-Do workout and also managed to experience how flipping tyres feels like. Regular exercises not only keeps me fit, I also feel refreshed and look younger!"

*Eillron Goh,
North West FitnessX member*

6,000
participants

20
activities, sports try-outs
and competitions
over 2 days



North West Running Club

North West Running Club encourages residents to lead a healthy lifestyle and run together while building friendships. The club provides a platform for residents to keep fit through group running activities, and also organises running clinics for like-minded running enthusiasts to share tips and experiences, as well as learn from experts on running knowledge.



"As a leader for one of the North West Running Clubs, I believe running together helps to forge new friendships and create a sense of belonging. Organised events such as Running Clinic @ North West have been helpful for me to learn the proper techniques to practice active recovery."

Sharon Go,
North West Running Club Leader



380

Members

7

Running clubs

Milestone event:
Running Clinic @ North West 2024

120

Participants



North West Sustainability Festival

The inaugural North West Sustainability Festival is a dynamic showcase of green efforts, with workshops and activities to encourage participants to adopt eco-friendly practices at home.

With different sustainable activities, the festival aims to cultivate a green mindset within the North West community, educating residents on going green at home.

"Food rescue can make a positive impact in our community. I hope the participants will gain a greater understanding of the environmental and social effects of food wastage. The goal is to instill a green mindset and promote an eco-friendly lifestyle."

Raymond Ang,
North West District Councillor and
Green Champion, Founder of Zhenghua
Food Rescue programme



12,000

Participants
attended the festival

19

Workshops and activities
were conducted
across 6 days



Green Homes

@ North West

Green Homes @ North West encourages residents to practise green living at home through the use of energy and water efficient appliances, and eco-friendly practices. Applicants who fulfill the following criteria, will be awarded with grocery vouchers:



Have natural ventilation in common living space



Have a recyclable collection corner at home



Own an instantaneous water heater



Own an air-conditioner with 3-tick energy rating



Own a refrigerator with 3-tick energy rating



Own a television with 3-tick energy rating



Own a washing machine with 3-tick on water efficiency label

"The first step to sustainability was difficult but after we got used to the sustainable habits, it becomes part of our daily living."

Priya,
Green Homes @ North West
participant



186

Certified
green homes

168,939
kWh saved

69,425kg
Carbon savings from
energy consumption

770,700
Litres saved

1,108,517kg
Carbon savings from
water consumption



Learning Neighbourhood @ North West

SkillsFuture Advice workshops, blended with sector-specific or soft skills talks, provide residents with valuable insights and guidance on skills upgrading, keeping them updated on opportunities in emerging industries and in-demand skills.

The workshops are also featured at Learning Neighbourhood @ North West, a collaboration with Lifelong Learning Institute, to bring experiential learning opportunities, community-centric learning and job opportunities to the heartland.

121

Workshops

4,434

Participants

"The Learning Neighbourhood @ North West provided great insights for me. I attended a talk about early childhood education and found it extremely informative. I'm now aware of the different education providers and I also learn more about the government subsidies for various courses."

*Foo Hee Shen,
Learning Neighbourhood
participant*



SkillsFuture Festival @ North West

SkillsFuture Festival was organised to spread the message of the importance of career planning and skills upgrading, and to embrace lifelong learning through interactive and reflective activities. The festival offered residents a platform to discover the Care, Digital, and Green Economies, along with the jobs and skills opportunities available in these sectors for sign-ups.

1,000

Participants

4,100

Footfall

Interfaith Network

@ North West



Interfaith Network @ North West encourages faith institutions to host open houses for diverse religious communities to learn about one another's faith and build meaningful relationships.

Participants will learn about key tenets of the different faiths, values and belief systems, through a learning journey, dialogue session and engage in Q&A sessions with the religious leaders and key spokespersons.



"I think Interfaith Network @ North West is a great way for us to understand different religions. Singapore is a multiracial society and such understanding can reduce miscommunication and increase our bond between different racial groups. It was also eye-opening for me to visit a temple and church."

Mohamed Hendra, 15,
Secondary 3 student from
Marsiling Secondary School



3 Interfaith Network sessions
attended by

455

participants from **5** Secondary
Schools and **2** IHLs

Hosted by **5** Religious organisations:

Hong Tho Bilw Temple
Shang Di Miao Chai Kong Temple
New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
BW Monastery
Holy Tree Sri Balasubramaniam Temple

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Guided by the Sustainable Singapore Blueprint (SSB) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from United Nations' (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the North West Sustainability Plan 2030 extends beyond green living to promote sustainability in all forms throughout the North West District through the adoption of eight UN SDGs.



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